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AND GOD'S DEFENDER.

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Devoted to Teaching the New Discovery and Founding the Church of Humanity.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Christian Educator and God's Defender will try to be true to its name. It will try to represent the noble purposes, objects, faith and hope of the Church of Humanity.

Those who graduate in the knowledge of God by affirming their belief that he is a myth and apply for membership in the Church constitute the Church of Humanity.

Until enough members can be collected to justify organization and the election and support of officers I will temporarily assume the duties and title of International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

When enough members are secured to support a National Instructor without being a burden on them, one will be secured to do field work for the Church.

For the present our united energies will be directed to gathering the graduates in the knowledge of God into the Church. To this labor of love we will bend all our energies, and I hereby appoint each member of the Church of Humanity a committee of one in his or her locality to make diligent inquiry for those who are nearest ready to graduate in the knowledge of God and call their attention to this Church, what it stands for and represents, its objects and aims and place in their hands copies of this paper, which, for the present, will be the official organ of the Church of Humanity.

Ask them to unite with us and add their number and influence to this great undertaking for the cause of humanity, progress and civilization.

W. H. KERR.

Wanted.

Fifty financial pillars for the Christian Educator and God's Defender.

Will you be one of them?

This is not a big task I am asking you to do. We are not wanting money but subscribers. We must have more subscribers or suspend. As publishers we are shut out of the U. S. mails until we get more subscribers.

Help us in and save us for the good work we are doing.

You can do this by the following plan:

Date subscriptions to 10 of your relatives and friends one year $2.50. Take a bundle of 10 yourself for free distribution one year, $2.00. Total $4.50.

Do this and it will give us access to the mails as publishers and save this much needed EDUCATOR. Demonstrate to other churches that we too will work and sacrifice for the cause we love and they will stop taxing us.

Demonstrate to the politicians that we have the ability to organize and they will not treat us with contempt.

Demonstrate to our mothers, brothers and sisters that we too believe something strong enough to win support of our pocketbooks they will respect our belief.

Let us not fail in this good work for want of this much support.

Send in the orders for these papers before January 20th if possible.

A list of the financial pillars will be given in the February number.

The Christian Educator and God's Defender is the official representative of the Church of Humanity. It is read by preachers and members of all churches. It seeks to eliminate hatred and abuse in religion and anti-religious discussions. It's mission is to teach the people the truth about God and defend those who learn it. It seeks to build up the Church of Humanity for a refuge and church home for both preacher and lay members who out-grow in wisdom the creeds and teachings of other churches. It's usefulness is only limited by its circulation.

It in turn must depend on the Church of Humanity for its main support and circulation.

It will try to merit this support in the gallant, honorable defense of its members.

The International Lessons should be read by the people of every creed.

This paper should be taken in connection with religious and free-thought papers.

I donate the C. E. and G. D. to a number of relatives and friends. If after you read a few issues you do not wish it sent to you, please notify me and your name will be checked off the list.

CHICAGO'S GREAT HOLOCAUST.

Iroquois Theatre Burned—Out of 1300 Men, Women and Children, Dead 582; Missing 385; Injured 130.

In behalf of the church I sent the following expression of sympathy to Mayor Harrison:

The Church of Humanity extends through you its deep sympathy to all your people who are mourning the loss of loved ones in the great calamity that has befallen your city. W. H. KERR, Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

The truth that God is a myth has been brought home to the people of Chicago with dreadful emphatic force. Had he been a real being how easily he could have prevented it, or had he not have done so what a wicked, heartless being he would have been. In view of this catastrophe he would not be worth to any one of our race, the paper his name is written on

Had God been a real being as the clergy describe him to be with foreknowledge of events and power to communicate with us he would have been an accessory before the fact and guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. In that case he should be condemned by mass meetings of the mourners as a public enemy and hanged in effigy.

Not one of the mourners should ever again worship or pretend to love him; they should never again give one penny to have him proclaimed their father, savior, protector or friend.

A God who could look with complacency upon this holocaust with power to have prevented it would be a fiend and the worst enemy our race could possibly have and be deserving of nothing but universal condemnation.

But thanks to our progression and civilization we now know God to be a myth and absolutely blameless for inaction in the rescue of humanity from such infernos.

We should all rejoice that God's true nature is discovered so we will not blame him for our misfortunes.

It would be an awful example to set the earthly fathers in disregard for their childrens' lives had not our heavenly father been discovered to be a myth. To deny that God is a myth and represent him as infinitely more kind, loving, sympathetic and watchful over us as his children than our earthly father is a libel on paternal love and a blasphemy on the name of father.

No matter what apologies and excuses other churches present in God's defense at the graves of these helpless victims of the flames, they are only the repetition of absurd nonsense handed down to us from an age of ignorance, idolatry and superstition and are as worthless as they are untrue.

The Church of Humanity proclaims the truth that God is a myth and that is ample and the only vindication possible to be given in God's defense that completely exhonorates him.

Join the Church of Humanity.

Subscribe for the Christian Educator and God's Defender.

The Church of Humanity is getting in position to save children from idolatry.

Hundreds of christians are watching us to see if we have the ability to organize.

If we can organize the Church of Humanity, the value of that object lesson to the christians will be beyond computation.

If a child is taught that God is a myth it will grow up to be just as good a citizen as the child that has idolatry imposed on it.

The members of the Church of Humanity are not subjects for conversion to the worship of myths named God, Christ, Holy Ghost, etc.

Music lessons for your children costs you from 50c to $1.00 a lesson. I offer to give them 24 lessons in the knowledge of God for 25c, any one of which is worth more to them than all the music lessons they can take.

Unbounded Enthusiasm and Inspiration.

I wish I had a square yard of space in which to spread before you just a sample of the letters of cheer and encouragement that have reached us in the last few weeks from nearly every state in the union. It would do your heart good to read them. Why, even Alice, the baby of the office, not six years old has caught the inspiration from these letters and works like a little beaver at folding the papers preparatory for wrapping.

One of the most important keys to success is to so build the Church of Humanity as to provide work that our women and children can do. Then in a very few years we will have just as enthusiastic workers as are those of any other church.

Join the Church of Humanity today.

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understand the relation of these things to what she teaches? She surely does not or she would not be engaged in teaching that there is a real God who loves us, for these records flatly contradict it. I call the special attention of the christian mothers, if any there be who hate the Church of Humanity, to the two little girls, Katherine and Mildred, who were burned to death. A God who would not care for these poor little children would not care for yours or mine. It is impossible that a God could care for them in another world, if there was such place, who did not care for them in this world. It is utterly impossible that a God could care for their souls, if they had such things, whatever they are, who could not care for their bodies. It would be utterly impossible for these little girls to suffer more in hell, no matter what or where you think it is, than they did when burning to death. Dear mothers! there is not a member of the Church of Humanity who would not have saved those little girls had it been in their power to do so.

Why then should you hate those who have the will but not the power, and love God who you believe has the power but not the will? In the presence of these poor little charred bodies the glorification of God is only the rehearsal of meaningless fable, and altogether out of line with the intelligence of our age.

The Church of Humanity will not be deceived by an organized system of apologetics, hyperbole and sophistry to bolster up the idols of decaying mythologies.

The theory that the bodies of these little girls were not them and not worth saving or caring for is not tenable. They and their bodies are identical, the same as the horse or tree.

In the presence of these little bodies no excuses can save God from utter contempt and hatred, but the truth. And by the side of these little bodies the Church of Humanity proclaims the truth and offers the only explanation that exonerates and defends God against the accusation of being a living reality with ample powers to have saved these little children from their sad fate.

God is a myth like Santa Claus. If you believe this affirmation of the Church of Humanity you are ready to graduate in the knowledge of God and I urge you to apply at once for a certificate of graduation and membership in the Church of Humanity. Fill out the following blank application and return it to me. I will then record it in the Book of Life and send you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Nationality..... Language .....

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Bible Lesson.

No. 1.

(By The International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.)

It is useless to read the bible for the purpose of judging of its truthfulness, unless one is mentally free to weigh its statements correctly and base his or her judgment thereon without fear of punishment or hope of reward.

A decision obtained under duress is not worthy the paper it is written on. A decision rendered under the influence of a bribe is equally worthless.

If you believe there is a real God who will torture you in a lake of fire if you fail to render a decision in accordance with some one else's, it is not necessary to read the bible at all since you know in advance what your decision must be and that what you read must have no effect on it.

Were you accused of stealing a horse and the plaintiff held the judge over a vat of boiling oil with the threat of dropping him in if he did not convict you, you would want to appeal from a conviction rendered against you under such circumstances.

Your decision that God is a real being and will send you to hell and every one else who fails to believe so, is worthless since you are coerced.

In the horse stealing case if the plaintiff offered the judge a fine house and lot for convicting you would you think your conviction fair and just?

If you believe God is a real being and that he will greatly reward you for thus believing, your belief is worthless since you are bribed. In the study of God both fear of punishment and hope of reward must be eliminated in order to arrive at a true decision free from bias.

In order to free ourselves from the fear of punishment and hope of reward from God in the study of his nature as portrayed in the bible it is very necessary to first understand what Gods are—their nature and power to harm or reward.

This preliminary preparation for the study of God's character must of necessity be presented by an instructor who understands the subject to be taught. Therefore our first lesson will be a preliminary one and consist of explaining what Gods are and why they are worshiped—the word Gods include the christian's God.

CATECHISM FOR BEGINNERS.

What are Gods?

Gods are real or imaginary objects to which have been attributed imaginary powers and attributes.

Why are Gods worshiped, feared or loved?

Because of those ficticious powers, man has attributed to them.

What real objects have been worshiped as Gods?

The sun, fire, crocodile, white elephant, sacred ox, man, trees, volcanoes and perhaps most every thing at some time has been worshiped by some people.

What imaginary objects have been worshiped?

God, Holy Ghost and the Gods that some of the days and planets are named for and many others.

Why are not all these Gods still worshiped?

Because the people have learned the true nature of some of them.

What have they learned that causes them to discontinue worshiping Gods?

They learned that these Gods did not possess the powers attributed to them.

When will the people cease worshiping God?

As soon as they learn he is not a real being, but that he and all powers attributed to him are fictitious.

Can God harm anyone?

No! He is a myth like Santa Claus and can harm no one.

Can God bless and help anyone?

No, a myth can do nothing for us.

Did not God create man in his image?

No, man created God in man's image.

In the image of what kind of a man was God created?

Man created God mostly in the image of a very bad man.

What are some of the qualities or nature of a bad man that were given to God?

Man endowed God with self-conceit, egotism, secrecy, sensuality, cruelty, wickedness, vindictiveness, pitylessness, madness, passionate, unrelenting, vanity.

How many Gods has man created?

Man has created hundreds of Gods.

How are Gods created?

Man creates Gods by attributing to real or imaginary objects powers and qualities they do not have.

Why were Gods created?

In man's ignorance of the causes of phenomena surrounded him he created gods to account for them.

Who are the principal creators of God?

The man who pretend or imagine they have communication with God and then report what God told them.

By what names do we know these men?

Saviors, prophets, saints, revelators, priests and preachers.

Name a few of the most famous ones with the Christians.

Abaham, Moses, Jesus, John the Revelator, Peter and Paul.

Who are the lesser but perhaps more efficient creators of God?

Parents, nurses, Sunday School teachers.

How do they create God?

They create God in the minds of children by describing him and telling what he wants them to do and what not to do and the rewards for obedience to his commands and punishment for disobedience.

Every one who tells anything about him that represents him as being a real being to that extent are helping to create him just as Santa Claus is created in the minds of children.

Is God made by man in the same way he makes Santa Claus?

God is made by man just as he makes Santa Claus, but God is a much older myth and some of the fables told about him by the ancients in oral traditions were in the course of time reduced to manuscript form with other legions and current history of the people mixed with it.

Later some of these manuscri were collected and put in one book which we know as the Bible.

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We are now prepared to begin the study of God as he is portrayed in the bible and measure him correctly without the least fear of him harming us or the possibility of him giving us a bribe.

W. H. KERR.

There are many states not yet represented in the church. Who will be the first to represent them?

The graduates in the knowledge of God have not the least desire to rob, murder and commit suicide as the clergy predicted the people would do if they ever learned that God is a myth.

An Introduction.

Introducing the Church of Humanity to the clergy:

I take great pleasure in introducing to the clergy the members of the Church of Humanity.

I know you will be pleased to make their acquaintance and surprised at their high moral character and ideals.

You have been greatly misinformed as to the desires, wishes, purposes, hopes and faith of these people.

Laboring under this erroneous impression, or misinformation, people of your profession have for ages unmercifully abused, slandered, vilified, persecuted, prosecuted and tortured people of this belief.

They in turn, driven to desperation, at to them, apparently wilful refusal to try to understand them, have retaliated to some extent in like manner.

We are all glad to know we live in a happier age and that we can now apply civilized humane, honorable methods of procedure on both sides.

If we cannot all see alike we recognize our limitations and envionments and inability to learn it all and look with benign toleration on those who are honestly striving to know the truth though they arrive at an opposite conclusion.

When you understand these people and the honest efforts they have made to learn the truth you will never again abuse them if you have done so in the past.

A very large part of the duties of this little messenger is to acquaint you with these people so you will understand the humane treatment they deserve at your hands.

Now listen while I read from The Book of Life the record of honorable occupations: Doctor, farmer, miner, scholar, housekeeping, magnetic healer, writer, real estate, carpenter, florist.

Are these the occupations of the "low" and the "vile"? Are these the occupations of the "totally depraved" of the "slums" and the "gutters" as those of your profession have generally represented them to be? I read again from The Book of Life the records of their previous church affiliations:

Roman Catholic, Lutheran, none, Baptist, German Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian.

Are these the people from "benighted heathen lands who never heard the story of Christ and Him crucified" as those of your profession have claimed they are who disbelieved the story?

Let us read from the record their nationality: American, French, German, Norwegian, Belgian, Danish. This record shows they were well favored with opportunities for learning the stories christianity has to tell.

What then is the reason they do not believe all its stories? I will inform you.

They are representatives of that large class of intelligent citizens of these countries who wish to know the truth about God. Having found it they are not willing to hide it by putting it under a bushel and pretending they do not know where it is for fear of abuse from those who have not found it.

While on their knees praying for God to reveal himself to them and give them wisdom they hardly expected to have it fed to them with a spoon so they looked around some and investigated for themselves, thinking that was the only way to get their prayers answered.

In their search for truth they did not confine themselves to hearing the same story over and over, but read and listened to what others had to say who claimed the stories to be fabulous. From these they learned how geography, astronomy, geology and other sciences contradicted the christians stories rehearsed in the Bible and behind the pulpit.

They found the claims of these sciences could be demonstrated and proven to a great extent.

To this evidence they added to their own observations and experiences.

Like honorable judges, free from the fear of harm or hope of a bribe, they decided in accordance with the preponderance of evidence.

Is not this a just and praiseworthy course to pursue in seeking truth?

These people are not Atheists, infidels or Agnostics but graduates in the knowledge of God and where they graduate from christian churches, as a majority of these have done, they are christian graduates in the knowledge of God. By these designations you will know them. They are forming a union or society under the appropriate name, Church of Humanity, for the purpose of getting in position to hire instructors to teach what they have learned about God, that he is a myth like Santa Claus. This teaching is to be conducted on a high moral plane, free from abuse the same as the sciences are now taught. This church is designed when organized, to furnish society for their children, free from the worship of God, where they will be taught good morals and good manners.

You will recognize first, that they are in no manner responsible for God being a myth. Second, that they were within their rights and duties in learning that truth. Third, that it is perfectly legitimate to organize for the purpose of teaching it.

Now all I ask of you in behalf of these people is that you extend to them the same treatment, consideration and respect you ask for yourselves.

W. H KERR.

Monthly Report of the Progress of the Church of Humanity.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life to date, 14.

Number of states represented by membership, 7.

Kansas 7, Iowa 1, Illinois 1, Indiana 1, Kentucky 1, Missouri 1, Idaho 1, Oklahoma 1.

Number of occupations represented 10.

Doctors 1, Farmers 3, Writer and real estate 1, Magnetic Healer 1, Housekeeping 1, Student 1, Miner 1, Florist 1, Carpenter 1, School 3.

Number of males 10. Number of females 4.

Nationalities represented by the graduates 6.

American 9, Norwegian 1, Belgian 1, Danish 1, French 1, German 1.

Number of Christian Churches represented by the graduates 6.

Roman Catholic 2, Lutheran 2, Methodist Episcopal 1, Presbyterian 1, Baptist 1, German Lutheran 1. No previous church affiliations 6.

W. H. KERR,
Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

UNITE! UNITE!!

[PETITION TO THE EDITORS OF THE FREE-THOUGHT PRESS.]

We the undersigned members and friends of the Church of Humanity, readers of Freethought papers and desiring a union of the readers of all those papers under the name of the Church of Humanity, respectfully petition you to publish the monthly report of the Church of Humanity, the International Lesson and the subjoined blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity from the Christian Educator and God's Defender that your readers may know where and how they can unite in one society and that you encourage them to do so.

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I especially request all members and friends of the Church of Humanity to paste the above petition to a sheet of paper and get all the signers you possibly can to it. Then copy the names to eight petitions and mark them "Duplicate" and send one to the editor of each of the following papers: Truth Seeker, New York City; Boston Investigator, Boston, Mass.; The Liberal Review, 420 East 9th st., Kansas City, Mo.; Searchlight, Waco, Texas; Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, California; Higher Science, Los Angeles, California; Peoples Press, Chicago, Ill.; Open Court, Chicago, Ill.

We want the Church of Humanity to grow and the readers of all these papers should stand up together and be counted in the Church.

The editors will surely heed the petition of many of their readers to aid them in organization. Organization will give us power, influence and respectability. Let us organize to teach truth the same as the christians do to teach errors. How can truth compete with error if not given the same advantages? How can converts to truth do as much for it if not given the same opportunities the converts to errors have of aiding the cause they believe in?

Without organization how can converts to truth hire Instructors to represent and defend them against unjust abuse and misrepresentation? There must be many thousands who have learned that God is a myth, but nobody knows how many, who or where they are for lack of organization.

Let us stand up and be counted, then organize and go to work in a systematic way to win converts and help the christians gain the victory over idolatry. Let us have union, organization and progression. Let our slogan be UNITE! UNITE!

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The Church of Humanity.

Fifty per cent increase in the first month. Nothing like it in the annals of church founding since the dawn of history. This is at the rate of six hundred per cent a year. No other church nor all of them combined can make a showing anything like it.

It is because the Church of Humanity is on the right road that leads our race out of the wilderness of mythology and into the bright clearing of universal truth and peace. Business men are joining the Church of Humanity. Educators are joining the Church of Humanity. Professional men are joining the Church of Humanity. Laborers are joining the Church of Humanity. Scientists are joining the Church of Humanity. Inventors are joining the Church of Humanity. Men with energy and enterprise, with push and pluck, who keep step with the scientists, inventors and discoverers in all branches of knowledge are joining the Church of Humanity.

Men who wish the world to progress, who wish the world to be civilized, who wish to save their loved ones from idolatry, are joining the Church of Humanity. Men from the ranks of all other churches and from no church are joining the Church of Humanity, and you, with all your family should join the Church of Humanity at once. I would be glad to welcome you and them to membership in the church.

W. H. KERR

The Plan for Founding the Church of Humanity Further Outlined.

As soon as there are a sufficient number of members, say 1,000, enrolled in the Book of Life to support a National Instructor, without it being a burden, one will be secured, from among the membership, for the United States to do the field work for the church. It will be his duty to organize and establish local church societies for the members wherever there are members enough in one locality to desire it and maintain it when established.

Whenever any one state has enough church members to maintain a State Instructor one will be provided in the same way and for the same purpose, for the state.

Cities and counties will be provided in like manner with city and county instructors as the demand for them shall arise.

There will be secured for these Instructors, if possible, the same advantages the clergy have as to railroad fare, performing marriage ceremonies and giving public instruction at public expense.

These Instructors will conduct suitable burial services for the church members. They will help the needy with advice and material aid. They will build up the local societies by planning and conducting lecture courses on the various sciences. They will plan and conduct singing, reading and class exercises for the local talent.

As soon as the number and interests of the church require it a National Convention of the church will be called to perfect organization by adopting a constitution and rules, electing officers and incorporating.

For the present our united energies will be devoted to missionary work.

We must get the discovery that God is a ficticious being, before the people in an acceptable manner and in a way they can understand and accept it.

The members and friends of the Church of Humanity will donate this little church paper and other literature to their christian relatives, friends and neighbors that they may learn the truth about God and know what the Church of Humanity stands for.

W. H. KERR.

It is no Sin nor Crime.

To believe the truth about God.

To teach the truth about God.

To cease worshiping God.

To save the children from being scared with God.

To organize those who have learned the truth about God.

To save the people from idolatry

To try to get our friends and relatives to cease idolatry.

To try to save our children from idolatry.

To try to get our father and mother to cease idolatry.

To try to persuade the clergy to cease teaching idolatry.

To join the Church of Humanity

To subscribe for the C. E. & G. D.

To ask others to join and subscribe.

To donate subscriptions to your neighbors and relatives.

To help civilize the world.

The Church of Humanity Will Demonstrate That--

A person can be a good citizen without worshiping a myth.

A man can be a good husband without bowing to a myth.

A child can be good without being scared with a myth.

A woman can be a good wife without loving a myth.

A father can be good to his family without following the example of a myth.

And that the world can progress without the services of a myth.

Monthly Report of the Progress of The Church of Humanity.

Number of graduats in the knowledge of God enrolled in theBook of Life last month, 7. Total 21*.

New states represented 3, total 10. Kansas 2, Iowa 1, Utah 1, Alabama 1, Illinois 1, Arkansas 1.

Occupations represented: School Teacher 1, Physician and Druggist 1, gardener 1, photographer 1, retired farmer 1, editor and Notary Public 1.†

Males 7.

Nationality: American 5, German 1

Previous church affiliation: Methodist 1, Presbyterian 1, Missionary Baptist 1, none 2, Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1.

W. H. KERR.

The Financial Pillars of the C. E. & G. D.

When future generations read the history of the Church of Humanity they will find the credit for the success of the church largely due to the financial pillars who give their money and time to securing subscribers for the church paper.

Foremost among these they will find:

Dr. H. J. Chapman, Speed, Kas. 53. Dr. T. B. Englehart, Mt Clemens, Mich., 20. E. C. Crane, Ray, Kas., 20. J. B. Wise, Oklahoma City, Okla., 5. Frank Weller, Mitchell, S. D., 3.

Many have sent in two subscriptions. Some have sent in big lists of names with the money to pay for sample copies to them.

I thank all these people for their aid given to the church and to the paper. I request one and all who are the least bit interested to try to get subscribers for the paper. All who can should subscribe for their christian relatives, neighbors and friends. You should not expect christians to subscribe. If they read the papers it is all we should ask or expect of them until they recognize the good work we are doing then they will be among our most enthusiastic workers. Crowd the good work along. Let us see how many financial pillars we will have the pleasure of reporting next month.

Subscribe for ten of your christian friends, $2.50, take a bundle yourself for free distribution, $2.00 total $4.50 or get twenty subscribers for the C. E. & G. D. and be enrolled as a financial pillar for our church paper.

*The report is made out on the 20th of each month.

†One did not fill out his application in full

IF YOU LOVE your mother do not hire the clergy to scare her with a savage myth named God.

IF YOU LOVE your children decline to hire evangelists to scare them with a ficticious hell.

IF YOU LOVE your wife refuse to worship a God who is accused of treating women so shamefully and does not deny it.

IF YOU LOVE God quit accusing him of committing the wicked crimes charged to him by the bible writers for he is as innocent as Santa Claus.

IF YOU LOVE the priests and preachers join the Church of Humanity and help to free them from the dreadful mythology into which Moses and other prophets led our race.

Men put woman and children on their knees to worshiping idols and men must raise them up.

Keep the per cent of monthly increase in church membership up to the standard set by the first month.

Everybody dies without a God. The Church of Humanity is the only church that recognizes that fact.

No women or children joined the Church last month. Don't leave them behind praying to idols, take them with you into the Church of Humanity.

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BIBLE LESSON No. 2.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

It has been said, the germs of death and final disolution are present at birth. Let that be as it may. The creators of God incorporated in his make-up the mistakes that caused his final rejection, dissolution and consignment to the cemetery of the perished Gods.

We should shed no tears of grief for him. We should ever remember the tombstones of the perished Gods are mile stones on the road to civilization.

All Gods are idols and we cannot be fully civilized until we cease idolatry.

We are now in a fair way of making a start to get off our knees through an organized effort.

We were put on our knees to idols through organization and we must arise through organization. In our first lesson we learned what Gods are, why and how they are made, and why they are worshiped.

We are now prepared to examine the nature and attributes God's creators gave him, more critically. Since we know he cannot harm us we can apply the same freedom of thought to him that we would to any other object under examination.

These lessons are primarily intended to contrast the character God's creators gave him with that of a good man according to our best modern standard of goodness but I shall in this lesson digress to note some of the inconsistencies in the fable of creation as measured by the facts as we all know them to be.

Many educated preachers no doubt understand that the story of creation as given in the Bible is fiction but they are slow to acknowledge it and, so far as I know no church calls to account those preachers who still teach their congregations that the story is literally true.

The phenomenal growth which, I hope the Church of Humanity will make will give the priests and preachers courage to tell and teach their true convictions if those convictions do contradict their earlier teaching and their church creeds. If they are too far advanced for their congregations or their church creeds and catechisms we will welcome them to the Church of Humanity. There will be no danger of them out growing that church.

We study the Bible to learn how man created God and to get familiar with the bases for the stories that re-create God in the minds of children from generation to generation just as the creation of Santa Claus is perpetuated orally.

The Bible I use is the English authorized version.

Gen. 1: 1. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Christians teach that this creation was about 6,000 years ago and before that there was no time, space or matter. Chemists say matter can't be destroyed, it can only be changed to its original elements which always existed in some form.

There could have been no time when time was not, nor any place or time where space was not. Hence they always existed.

Verse 3. "And God said let there be light: and there was light.,'

Light is not a personality.

It has no ears to hear the voice of man. How then could it hear the voice of a myth.

Verse 4. "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."

It seems that God did not know just what he would get when he ordered light. It was some kind of a chance game. He was pleased with the prize he drew however.

One would think the light, when it came, would have banished the darkness, but it seems they just mixed up and God had to get a sieve or screen and divide them. Perhaps he put up a partition to keep them separated.

You will note that God worked in the dark while creating the heaven and the earth. The first time he ever had seen light was after he had ordered it in verse 3. "And God said let there be light: and there was light."

He seemed so well pleased with it that one is surprised he didn't think of ordering it the first thing he did, so he would not have to work in the dark so long. I think man's forethought has greatly improved since the time he created God, as any workman would now think of providing himself with light before he began his work. A novelist now would give his ficticious creation a light to begin with before he set him to work on such a big job as the creation of a heaven and earth.

You will note here that God's creators had not yet given him the peculiar nature of the fire-fly nor had they endowed him with phosphoresence that he might light his surroundings while at work. They gave him that nature long after he had all his work completed and did not really need it. But it was an inexcusable oversight in his creators to neglect giving him that quality at first.

Verse 5. "And God called the light, Day, and the darkness he called night."

Here you see the creators of God got ahead of their story and their fictitious workman. They have day and night, evening and morning before they had their workman create the sun, moon and stars.

We all know that the rotary motion of the earth causes day and night. Without the sun it would always be night but no human would be left alive every long to note the fact.

[CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH.]

Unite! Unite!!

Ten reasons why all editors of papers devoted wholly or in part to exposing the errors of the Christian religion should join the Church of Humanity and urge their readers to do so.

1. It is the only way in which the people can be rescued from idolatry.
2. It teaches the truth in a popular form
3. It saves all the gain made.
4. In union there is strength.
5. The power of numbers cannot be over estimated.
6. Membership in the church will prove to the christians that the editors believe themselves what they teach
7. They can then stop hacking the dead limbs of the tree of superstition and dig it up by the roots.
8. They can then stop haggling over minor points of differences and work in unison for the greater cause of pulling the people off their knees by their intellects.
9. In the Church of Humanity is the place for our women and children, but the men must lead the way.
10. The Church of Humanity is designed for saving the number, power and influence of the people you editors have freed from idolatry, will you not help to save your own harvest? If not, you have labored in vain and your good work is wasted in the death of the ones you saved. I ask all members and friends of the Church of Humanity to endorse these reasons, if they can, and mail them to an editor of the above class.

W. H. KERR.

International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

LESSON III.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

CONTINUED.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

This lesson will be devoted exclusively to a consideration of some of the phases and incidents of the burning of the Iroquois theatre in Chicago Dec. 30, in which about 600 lives were lost.

In behalf of the church I sent the following expression of sympathy to Mayor Harrison:

"The Church of Humanity extends through you its deep sympathy to all your people who are mourning the loss of loved ones in the great calamity that has befallen your city. W. H. KERR,
Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity."

In answer I received the following:

"W. H. Kerr,
Great Bend, Kan.

Dear sir:—Your letter of the 1st, extending on behalf of the Church of Humanity sympathy to our people in their great affliction, has been received. In the name of the city of Chicago, and of the families bereaved I thank you for your kindness.

Very truly yours,
CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor."

These thanks from the bereaved families I extend to each member of the Church of Humanity who sympathize with them, and I know they all do.

When the Church of Humanity gets strong enough numerically it will give material aid in such cases. All we can do now is to learn lessons from this sad event that will guide us to a true knowledge of man and God. We must ever remember that people in death's grip will become panic stricken and most of them will try to save themselves even at the expense of weaker ones.

Therefore all public buildings where crowds are expected should be constructed in harmony with this knowledge and no "if-the people don't-get-in-a-panic" allowed a hearing, for they will under such circumstances.

My special duty in these lessons is to point out the proof these calamities give that God is a myth.

No stronger evidence can be given, nor could there be, that he is a myth.

But this evidence is conclusive, and it only remains for us to comprehend it. The Church of Humanity recognizes the truth so plainly brought out, and is guided thereby. No member of this church will ever worship God or ask or expect anything, either good or evil, from him. They know a myth has no power to help or harm.

They believe their own eyes and ears though the mythologies of the ancients contradict them.

They know that the idle tales and fables, handed down to us through ages of heathenism and barbarism, about a God being in the skies who knows us and cares anything about us is absurd, and in proof that they are absurd I offer these few extracts from the accounts of the Iroquois theatre fire.

Chicago, Dec. 39 —Through the burning of the Iroquois theatre yesterday afternoon over 600 people lost their lives. The catastrophe was, in its loss of life, not only the most dreadful event in the necrology of Chicago, but one of the worst in the history of the United States and ranks with the great catastrophes of world history.

Those in the van, unable to keep their footing, fell headlong; those behind fell over their prostrate forms.

The scene was quickly transformed into a horror beyond words.

Women and children formed the bulk of the writhing mass and their shrieks of agony mingled with the groans of the dying and supplicating prayers.

Mothers seized the little ones and clung to them frantically, beseeching deaf ears to save them from their fate. But each individual in the doomed mass was helpless. In the last desperate hope many in the balcony climbed to the railing and leaped to the parquet, many feet below. Their mangled bodies were found later afterward when the smoke had cleared away and the firemen could grope their way with lanterns. To many in the balcony the choking smoke was kind, for it brought soothing death quicker.

The fight for life in the main exit of the balcony, where over a hundred bodies were piled up, was the fiercest in the charnel house. Here were found the bodies of men, women, little boys and girls tangled indescribably. The clothes were torn completely away from some of the bodies. Here and there a jewelled hand protruded. All the faces were distorted. The charred bones of mothers and children were mingled.

In the balconies, scattered about the aisles and among the charred seats, were found many bodies. One mother, clasping her child, was found kneeling, as

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in prayer, with her back to the stage, from which had come the death dealing sheet of flame. She had sought to protect her child, but the little one was dead in her charred arms. Many bodies were nearest the front edge of the balcony, where they had succumbed after dashing into the very face of the flames to vainly seek safety by jumping.

There were scores of women and children in the heaps of dead, their clothing torn from their bodies and their arms strtched pitably toward the haven they sought.

Among the shining deeds of heroism which marked the Iroquois fire horror, that of a 17-year-old girl, Mary Donahoe, who lost her life in rescuing little children from the flames, stands forth as a most supremely beautiful exhibition of self-sacrifice.

This noble girl had every chance to escape from the dreadful death which claimed her, yet she chose to forget self in saving the lives of helpless children.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—N. M. Stark and L. J. Tuttle, who came to chicago Tuesday from Des Moines with their brides on their honeymoon trip, spent today searching the morgues for the bodies of their brides.

Dr. Charles S. Owens, of Wheaton, the only survivor of of a family party of 12 that perished in the Iroquois fire, died at the Chicago Homeopathic hospital on the following Friday. Though seriously injured at the fire, Dr. Owens' friends and the attendant physicians say that he died from a broken heart. In the fire perished Dr. Owens' wife and only child, his two sisters and their four children, his brother-in-law, and a friend of the family who had grown up with them from childhood.

Managers Davis and Powers were arrested at the instance of Mr. H. A. Hull, whose wife and three children met death in the fire.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the Post Office, living in the suberb of Irving Place, lost in the fire his entire family, consisting of his wife, two daughters and two sons.

A friend called Mr. Meeker up on the telephone at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked him if any of his family had gone to the theatre. He answered that so far as he knew none of them had left home. When he reached the house, however, he found only his mother-in-law there. "Where are Mabel and the children?"

"They have gone to the Iroquois theatre," was the reply.

"I dropped right down on my knees," said Mr. Meeker, "and prayed that God might spare them."

Later Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

Most horrible were the details of the identification of the headless body of Boyer Alexander, 8 years old. The lad's father, W. D. Alexander sought his son all night long. In the grey of the morning the headless body of the boy was identified by a watch, a birthday present from his father, found on the remains.

A pathetic scene attended the identification of Majorie Edwards, 14-year-old of Clinton, Ia., by her father, who recognized her by a sample of the cloth of her skirt which he carried in his pocket.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Bishop Samuel Fallows was among the hundreds of persons who rushed to the rescue when the cry of fire swept through the streets.

The bishop rushed through the dense smoke of the darkened auditorium of the theatre to the top gallery and assisted in carrying out the victims.

Bishop Fallows said last night:

"God forbid that I ever again see such a heartrending sight. I have been in wars and upon the bloody fields of battle, but never before have I witnessed anything half so grewsome."

When the Rev. F. O'Brien of the Holy Name Cathedral learned of the fire and heard that so many were dying, he rushed into the old Tremont House, which is now converted into the Northwestern University law school, into which many victims had been taken, to administer the last sacrament to members of the Catholic church.

During the brief moment that the two priests with uplifted hands besought God to pardon all the frailties of his dying servants, the poor, mangled men and women who lay in dozens on the floor seemed to realize that they were face to face with the last scene in their lives.

Both clergymen administered absolution, remaining till the dead were removed to the morgues and the injured to various hospitals.

These accounts show plainly that there is no unseen power named God who knows or cares for any human being in any manner whatever. This is positive proof that God is a myth. That being we were taught to love, fear, praise and worship on account of his love for us, and his protecting, watchful care over us, is a myth and has not the least foundation in fact.

Note the supplications and prayers of the dying women and children as they stretch their arms appealingly to heaven. We can excuse the people from going to their aid when it only meant death to the rescuers, but we never could excuse a real God who could not be moved to pity by such a scene, and who was able to save them but would not.

We know we never will be in greater need of the services of a God than were those poor people and as no God came to their rescue we know none could come to ours so we will never ask one too.

Note the mother found dead on her knees, as if in prayer, with her dead child clasped in her charred arms. To affirm that God cares more for us than our parents do is a libel on that poor mother that should be resented by all right minded people. But when they learn that God is a myth no such untrue assertions will be made. No doubt scores of parents lost their lives trying to save their children. Miss Donahoe gave her life to save a few children. If the Christians must worship something I suggest they worship her. It can now be proven she was a reality and that she gave her life to save children from a real fire, and that she did save some. That would be much more sensible than to continue worshiping the mythical son of a myth God called Christ. Jesus as God or the son of God, with the powers attributed to him, deserves no pity much less worship, since he only committed suicide to appease his own anger against his children and it could only have been a make believe death and suffering. Jesus as a poor deluded man, under the hallucination that he was the son of God, and was crucified because he tried to reform the existing religion of his locality, deserves our pity and our thorough investigation of his claims the same as all reformers do whether they are mistaken or not. But we should not worship them.

The two brides from Des Moines who were killed should prove to all that marriages are not made in heaven or that God has anything to do with them.

How could God care who a girl married, or if she ever married, who could not care for her life?

Why impose upon your children these mistakes and having your daughters praying to God to provide them with husbands? And then imagine any one who presents himself is God's choice and she has to accept him and endure mental and physical slavery perhaps all her life because she supposed God selected him and there is no appeal from his selection.

Dr. Owens died from a broken heart. He had received injuries and was trampled down several times in trying to save his eight year-old son.

It is affirmed by worshipers that every one has something to be thankful for. What had Mr. Owens to be thankful for? Because it was no worse? How could it have been worse?

Were christian myths realities Satan could take that entire family to hell for all God would care.

A God who does not care for us in this life could not care for us in any other. The truth has dawned on us at last that God is a myth. All we have to do now is to get up off our knees and help others up.

Mr. Hull is going to have revenge on the guilty parties if possible for causing the loss of his wife and childred through neglect of the means of safety as provided by law.

Will Mr. Hull go right on thanking God daily for the manifold blessings he bestows on him? Will Mr. Hull repeat the silly sentence "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away and blessed be the name of the Lord" over his silent loved ones? Does Mr. Hull reallly want to go to that fabulous place named heaven and live with a myth God who is supposed by the christians to have been at the fire, seen and heard his loved ones beg him to aid them but he would not do it though he could have saved them easily?

A man who would want to do that would love the murderer of his family and would want to reward him by being his slave in the lowest meaning of that relation.

To a man who loves his family the worst hell he could be consigned to would be the worship of any being who could have saved his dear ones but would not.

Mr. Meeker "dropped right down on his knees and prayed that God might spare them" when he learned his family had gone to the ill-fated theatre. He could not have done a more foolish thing. But people will continue doing foolish things as long as they are taught to. It is our duty to cease paying teachers for teaching people to do foolish things.

In answer his God gave him a dead family. Is that the kind of an answer your Heavenly Father gives his loving, trusting children? A fiend incardnate could have done no worse.

Were I a swearing man and believed in God being a real being as most swearing men do, I would swear by the eternal progress of the human race God would never refuse a request from me.

With the knowledge of Mr. Meeker's answer I would never make a request of any God. I have sense enough to know that although my family are dearer to me they could not be dearer to God than Mr. Meeker's family.

No priest could ever extort money under the false pretext of saving me from the wrath of God. I would have sense enough to know if a God is unable to help his friends he is equally unable to harm his enemies if he had any.

Mr. Alexander had a sad experience. Were God a real being he could not care how you treated his son since he has not the least idea or comprehension of paternal love. That is clearly proven by his utter indifference to Mr. Alexander's feelings as he searches long in vain and is at last rewarded by a headless boy. But how could he care for Mr. Alexander's son? He did not care for his own reputed son Jesus, whom he allowed to die on the cross exclaiming, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

A God who cared nothing for the dying appeal of his own son could not care for yours or mine and could not care how any one else treated his son. In short a God who has no more feeling than that is a myth and is fully excusable for having no feeling.

It only remains to note the actions of the priests. In so far as they helped to save the living and carry out the dead, as Bishop Fallows did, their services are highly commendable. But think of O'Brien and Muldoon who "with uplifted hands besought God to pardon all the frailties of his dying servants." That would be like a man begging the murderer of his children to forgive their frailties and take care of them.

The stupidity of these priests is only equalled by their prytotypes of thousands of years ago when they told the sun and moon worshipers that their gods were mad at their conduct during eclipses and hid their faces until the faithful "dig up" for the priests aud thus satisfy the wrath of the gods. The priests of the long ago looked at the shadow of the earth on the moon but could not comprehend its meaning. Today the priests run against piles of evidence they can't climb over that God is a myth, but they are unable or wilfully refuse to comyrehend its meaning.

In the interest of progress, civilization, truth and humanity the time has now come when these false teachers, who cannot or will not learn the truth and teach it to our children, must be waved aside and those who can and will learn brought forward as teachers of our children.

If you, dear reader, can recognize the truth that this Chicago lesson proclaims I urge you to join the Church of Humanity at once.

Your number, example and influence are greatly needed to help the world progress to higher planes of civilization. Fill out the following blank and return it to me and receive a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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WANT COLUMN.

WANTED—One hundred thousand clergymen to learn that God is a myth like Santa Claus and then join the Church of Humanity and teach the people the truth.

WANTED—All the editors of papers devoted entirely or in part to freeing the people from superstition to join the Church of Humanity at once, and work together in a common cause for a definite object where results can be measured by numbers and saved for the cause of truth and progress.

WANTED—Orders for ten thousand copies of this little messenger for your christian neighbors and relatives.

WANTED—All the church members who have time to write letters, to write to editors whom you know do not indorse christianity and urge them to aid the Church of Humanity through the columns of their papers.

Break the News to Mother.

Break the good news to mother and father by donating the C. E. & G. D. to them. They should have a glimpse of the beautiful coming day. You should not let them fill idolator's graves if it can be avoided.

Prove to them that you love them as much as they do the Chinese or Africans. They give freely of their scanty means to save those people from idolatry as they believe. Now since we have learned that God is only an idol like those heathens worship, we should be home missionaries and save the ones we love most from idolatry first. Order a booklet, The most Marvelous discovery of this Age, sent to them as a news breaker.

We are no disgrace to our parents when we discard their out of date methods and adopt the latest improved in all branches of material progress. The farmers' sons who discard their father's old one-horse plows and methods surpass him in the production of corn and wheat, cattle and hogs. They are a credit to their father and he is proud of them. It is only the stupid or lazy who will not progress, but cling to the old methods. They are the ones who are a disgrace to their parents and are left in the rear as the progressive march triumphantly by. We can no longer kneel down by the side of our ancestors and worship with them the out-grown idols of mythologies.

We will join the procession that is bravely marching on to a better and happier day. Who have long since surpassed the man-made God in goodness, wisdom and power. We will use all honorable means to persuade our living ancestors to go with us as we ascend to a higher plane of civilization. This little messenger is a propaganda missionary for the purpose of breaking the news to father and mother, to grandpa and grandma. Then you who rejoice in your freedom from the fear of God and hell scatter it among them by the tens of thousands.

The Unkindest Cut of All.

When I handed the C. E. & G. D. to christian lady a few days ago she accused me of insincerity. She said down in my heart I believed in God's existence and would acknowledge him when I came to die, and would call on him for forgiveness.

Now I ought to know what I really believe to be true better than anyone else does. Some people profess to believe in and try to practice the "Golden Rule" which is stated in various ways by different people and is equally believed in and practiced by those of no religion. It was a rule of conduct applied, as it is today, with a limited meaning, before systems of mythologies were promulgated, and will be broadened and more generally practiced when all idolatry on this planet has ceased.

Here is the way it is stated by various religions and people.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.—Christianity.

The true rule in business is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by their own.—Hindoo.

He sought for others the good he desired for himself. Let him pass on.—Egygtian.

Do as you would be done by.—Persian.

One should seek for others the happiness one desires for oneself.—Buddhist.

What you would not wish done to yourself do not unto others.—Chinese.

Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.—Mohammedan."

Measured by the rule in any of its various forms, did this lady treat me right in charging me with insincerity? Would she like to have the charge of hypocrisy, deceit and dishonesty applied to her profession of belief in God's existence?

I am trying to do all I can for the Church of Humanity. I give my time and services free and what money I can spare. This ought to convince any one of my sincerity especially since I gave up farming where I was in a position to make from $3,000 to $5,000 a year with average crops and prices, to devote my time to teaching the discovery that God is a myth. I may not have the ability to do enough for the Church of Humanity to prove to worshipers that I thoroughly believe what I teach to be true, but I will do all I can to prove to them that I really and truly know that God is only a myth. With this object in view I subscribed to the following affirmation, "and this is all under the pains and penalties of perjury."

"I, W. H Kerr, being of sound mind and body, and having diligently sought for the truth concerning God's nature by reading and hearing all the evidence pro and con that came within my reach, and trying to weigh correctly my own observations and experiences in the balance of my best judgment, do declare under affirmation that God is a myth and not a a real living being.

W. H. KERR.

In the presence of E. E. Wallace

{SEAL} Subscribed and affirmed before me this 20th day of January, 1904.

J. H. JENNISON, Notary Public.
My commission expires Oct 9, 1904."

Timely Warning.

I warn all worshipers to not allow the clergy to cause a panic among them, if they should attempt it, by telling them the Church of Humanity will drag them or any one else down to hell.

The best assurance you can be given that there is not the least danger of it is the fact that the members of the Church of Humanity teach their own children what they teach worshipers. They love their children and are more concerned about their welfare than any priest or preacher can possibly be about that of their congregations.

They know what they are teaching and know thoroughly and positively that no one is endangering himself to hell-fire by accepting the teachings of the Church of Humanity.

They are sure of their position, they know that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fictitious beings; that heaven and hell are myths, and that the resurrection is a delusion. They have every particle of evidence the clergy have to the contrary, and they have considered it as thoroughly as they have.

They have also examined the evidence the clergy ruled out and would not examine.

Therein lies their advantages over the clergy for rendering a true decision.

If six jurymen would leave the courtroom after hearing one side of a case and the other six remained and heard the other side the latter six would be more competent to render a correct verdict than the former.

The Church of Humanity has heard and considered the evidence on both sides and does not hesitate to render the above decision.

The Church of Humanity is just as anxious as any other church that the people should be happy contented, prosperous and peaceful.

The Church of Humanity is as anxious as any church that the people should be sober, honest, truthful, industrious and progressive.

The only difference is that the Church of Humanity has learned a few more facts in nature than the other churches have.

The members, before they joined the Church of Humanity, and while most of them were members of other churches, learned that those churches were mistaken and were founded upon errors. Hence they are uniting in the Church of Humanity for the purpose of adding those new found truths to the teaching of the church and eliminating the errors of the other churches.

They seek to bring church teaching up-to-date and put it in accord with the progress the people have made in other branches of knowledge. They will retain every thing that is true and good in all the other churches and only discard the untrue.

They realize that these new found truths cannot be taught by any of the existing churches, since the people cannot all learn them at once. There must be a special church founded through which they can be taught and to which the people can come from all other churches as soon as they learn these truths.

Hence there is not the least danger of retrogression, chaos or disorder.

Instead it is progression, evolution and civilization. It will eliminate religious wars between the adherents of the various religions of the world and make for universal peace and unity of our race.

Therefore no one should allow himself to be frightened by any member of the clergy who may fear the loss of his occupation.

Neither should the clergy fear the loss of their occupation for it will not be abolished but only changed to suit new found facts.

Their profession is to teach the people the truth about God. There is a demand now in the Church of Humanity for a hundred thousand of them to become Instructors and teach the people the truth that God is a myth like Santa Claus.

Join the Church of Humanity.

In a very few illustrations you can demonstrate to a child that God is a myth like Santa Claus. Then that child knows more about God than do the presidents of republics, the kings of kingdoms or the emperors of empires.

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The Church of Humanity.

TO THE MEMBERS:—There were six new members enrolled in the Book of Life last month. This showing is very gratifying indeed. As our members increase we should all help to push the propaganda work, and membership should increase in proportion. As a result of our united work our church paper will undoubtedly be admitted to the U. S. mails on equal terms with other church papers. Backed by the influence of even our small number my children have been excused from taking part in the religious exercises in our public schools. These are definite results to be proud of, and many times reward us for our labors so far. Singly I could have accomplished nothing, but backed by numbers in a church organization my protests are respected.

I urge all of you who have children attending school to have them join the Church of Humanity. That will put them on equal terms and respectability with other church members, and will compel school officers and teachers to be impartial. They will then be obliged to prohibit religious exercises in the schools or else allow our instructors to place their knowledge of God before the school children on equal terms with the teachers of idolatry.

We must take a back seat no longer, but push right to the front in active work. We have truth and right on our side and that should make us strong and brave.

The certificates will be printed and mailed to you next week I have placed the order for the best work of that kind that can be done in this town. It will be about eleven by nine inches, and suitable for framing. I have consulted the members in reach of me as to form and size of certificate. Perhaps when the church is formally organized an engraved certificate may be sustituted, but this will do for the present to let your neighbor know you have graduated in the knowledge of God and are members of the Church of Humanity.

Some of you perhaps are members of the American Secular Union and Free-thought Federation. That society expects to hold its annual convention at St. Louis sometime during the Fair. Every member of that society should also be a member of the Church of Humanity. Were we ready to organize it would be a good plan to call our convention to meet at the same place and time. I believe we should have at least 1,000 members before formal organization and incorporation. Can we get that number in time to call the organization convention before the Fair is over? I would like to have an expression of opinion from the members on these matters.

As we have reached one goal let us set stakes for two more. Let us see how soon we can get our membership up to 100, and the subscription of our paper to 1,000. Let us all pull together for these goals.

All the money I receive on subscriptions and membership fees will be used in the work for the church and paper as I do not need it to live on or as pay for my work. My books are open to inspection by any member of the church. I expect to turn the paper over to the church when I go back to the farm. Therefore do not hesitate to do your best to help the work along, as you are working for your own church and through it your own interests and not my living. When 100 members are enrolled I will publish the list. Let us all pull together for the goals—100 church members and 1,000 subscribers.

W. H. KERR.

Monthly Report of The Progress of The Church of Humanity.

Number of graduates in the knowedge of God enrolled in the Book of Life last month 6, total 27. Kansas 2, Oklahoma 1, West Virginia 1. Arkansas 1, Illinois 1.

New states represented 1; total 11.

Occupations represented: Book agent 1, proprietor of steam laundry 1, farming and merchandising 1, farmer 1, attending school 1, retired farmer 1.

Males 5, Females 1.

Nationality: American 5, Pennsylvania Dutch 1.

Previous church affiliation: Lutheran 1, Presbyterian 1, Methodist-Protestant 1, Methodist preacher 1, none 2.

The Financial Pillars of The C. E. and G. D.

Those deserving special mention this month for aiding in placing the C. E. & G. D. in the hands of the people by soliciting and donating subscriptions are:

James E. Mills, Dickens, Iowa, 10; Frank Weller, Mitchell, S. D., 10; W. W. Walcott, Lyons, Kans., 11; Alfred Davis, Mineral City, Okla., 4.

Many sent in orders for less than four subscriptions and for the booklets, to all of which we are thankful for their aid in extending the circulation of this litte missionary. I feel confident that the paper will now be admitted to second class postal privileges, and that is the first goal to be reached. This could only be accomplished through the aid of the church members.

This illustrates the power of people united working in unison for a definite result.

Although the church is not formally organized yet all the members can work in unison to accomplish results just the same. The number of these Financial Pillars should be increased to dozens. Each subscriber who is interested in placing the truth about God in the hands of the people should donate this little missionary a year to each of his neighbors and relatives. In doing so you will be home missionaries and aiding in promulgating the truth about God and at the same time building up the Church or Humanity.

Let me have a few dozen names to put in this report next month.

War.

War is race suicide. It, like idolatry, is a relic of heathenism. Our race lacks a great deal of being civilized as long as it practices either.

In the Russia-Japan war hundreds of thousands of our race will be intentionally murdered. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property destroyed. Hundreds of millions debts made. Then the parties will arbitrate and settle all their troubles in a sensible way.

What fools they are not to do that at first. Do mothers raise sons only for targets for cannon and disease microbes on a battle field?

Who could blame them for organizing a strike?

Our race was dying at the rate of 67 a minute. Was not that fast enough? Must we employ artificial means to help us out of life faster? A man is a tool to voluntarily offer himself as a target to be shot at.

A man is a murderer to voluntarily try to kill any one.

Is not this life worth living that so many voluntarily abandon it by the war path?

They never before in all past eternity had a life. They never again through all eternity will have another life.

In view of these facts is our life too long that we should shorten it? Should we not stay as long in thts beautiful world as possible?

We ought to have as much sense while living as when we are dead.

A dead Russian and a dead Japanese can lie peacefully in the same grave for ages. Why can't they live peacefully together a few years?

An Outrage.

Evidently believing the children attending the public schools of this city cannot imbibe idolatry fast enough by bible reading, devotional songs and prayers by the teachers, a band of the Salvation Army two men and four women, have been allowed to open the schools with their brand of religious exercises, religious songs, exhortations, and prayers. Do all the patrons of the schools approve of it? There are Jews, Catholics and some professed unbelievers in the Christian dogmas. Why not protest? The teachers have sent the scholars direct from the school to the church to hear the religious services of these salvationists.

If that is not exceeding their authority, what would be? I am not sending my children to school to learn idolatry.

If the teachers are unable to teach them truth I protest against them teaching them errors. I am taxed for school purposes $61 68 in this county. Must I pay teachers for teaching my children errors that I do not want them taught?

While my children are excused from praying yet they are compelled to attend this idolatrous performance and as that time is taken out of the school time, I am compelled to pay for it.

What is the remedy for this injustice? I can see none but the organization of a powerful church that will teach the people the truth. Then let every one who reads this paper and who does not want idolatry forced upon their children join the Church of Humanity and get their children to join too. It is the only way to save them.

No Wonder.

Our ancestors burned heretics, scientists and philosophers at the stake. They were in a panic. The priests told them that these people were dragging themand their families down to a lake of fire called hell. They were told that this fire would never cease nor burn out.

They were told they would not be allowed to die nor to get out.

They were told by the priests, whom they thought knew what they were talking about, that to listen to, harbor, or even allow these people to run at large would be to consign their souls to hell.

We have a vivid example of what people will do when in a panic at the thought of roasting only a few moments in the Iroquois theatre fire. What must have been the terrible panic our ancestors were in at the thought of roasting in a much worse place throughout eternity? If strong men will, when in a fire panic, trample to death women and babes what would they not do to a man when in a greater panic at the idea of being caught in a fire trap of infinitely greater torment and suffering. No wonder they tortured, imprisoned and burned heretics and thinkers. No wonder they extinguished every intellectual light, turned the wheels of progress backward and retrograded into universal mental stupidity, since

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International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

LESSON IV.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

God is an idol, a man-made deity. He is loved, feared and worshiped on the theory that he is not what he really is—a myth, but that he is a real being, wise enough to know us and our wants, and powerful enough to supply them.

These lessons will totally disprove that theory and demonstrate God's true nature by evidence all can understand and all have easy access to. When once God's true nature is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the people they will voluntary cease worshiping him. No one will knowingly worship a myth no matter how many may do so through ignorance of the fact that he is a myth. Nor will it make any difference how ferocious that myth is pictured to be, nor how liberal with bribes it is said to be.

When the people once learn God's nature they will know he is nothing but a man-made idol with which to scare people into doing wrong and they will then be neither scared nor bribed. It is all the same if the clergy say God will give me a warantee deed to the universe for doing so and so, or if they say he will boil me in a lake of fire for doing so and so. I know their promises and threats of God's favor or wrath are equally worthless Hence I am just as happy and contented whether I am to be boiled in a lake of fire by a myth, or am to me made ruler of a universe by a myth. I know a myth has no power to do either, nor has it the power to fill the promises or threats of the clergy. Hence I am absolutely indifferent to both. So is everyone who has graduated in the knowledge of God.

But we must not consider our duties done when we have graduated in the knowledge of God and freed ourselves from idolatry. Our duties and responsibilities have been greatly multiplied. We must help to free others. We must not be so contented and selfish with our freedom as to desire to retain a monopoly of it. We must do all we can to impart that knowledge and freedom to others. We can best do that through organization. Then all who are free from idolatry shouldjoin the Church of Humanity at once and help found that church through which organization alone can the truth be taught to the people. Let us not wait until the Japanese send missionaries to tell us our God is only an idol and that we are heathen idolaters.

Let those of our own people who have learned that fact be our missionaries and let them organize missions to free our people from idolatry. That can be done by building up the Church of Humanity and by collecting and distributing through it the evidence of God's non-existence to all our people. There is unlimited evidence all about us of God's non-existence, but it must be collected and put in form and shown to the people in a way they can recognize it as evidence. The best possible evidence for this purpose are the sad accidents that happen daily that blot out the lives of somebody's loved ones. We can easily recognize by this evidence that no God was caring for or protecting them in any manner whatever.

By the application of a little reason to this knowledge we know that no God is caring for or protecting us since we know that we cannot be more worthy of care and protection than were those who perished and that it is only a question of a little time when we will meet the same fate as our loved ones, and that no amount of praying to or flattery of an idol can avert it a moment.

The following condensed accounts of disasters clearly prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that there was no such God as the Christians tell us about in reach of these localities at the time of these accidents.

Bloemfontein, Orange river Colony, Jan. 18.—About thirty persons were drowned and three hotels and 176 houses destroyed as the result of the bursting of a reservoir here yesterday. Hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless and destitute.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 9.—A passenger train on the Chinandiga Vieja railroad was derailed February 2 while passing over a high bridge and wrecked. Over twenty first-class passengers were killed and many others injured.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Fifty workmen were killed yesterday by the caving of an embankment on the Warsaw-Vienna railroad. In the course of their work the men dug into an old smelting works which had been buried beneath the line for thirty years. An explosion followed.

Berlin, Jan 26.—A landslide at Karrowitz, in Russian Silesia, today entombed thirty railway men. Ten corpses were recovered.

Licnoln, Neb, Jan. 29.—The total list of the dead and injured in the collision yesterday at Broken Bow, Neb., is four. Engineer McKinney, wh was pinioned under the engine, died this morning in agonizing pain. The rescuers were compelled to cut off the hand of the engineer in order to free the body.

Tuscaloosa, Ala, Jan. 22.—A disastrous tornado swept over Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants fifteen miles south of Tuscaloosa, early today and a as result thirty-seven persons were killed and more than 100 injured Every business house, with the exception of a small drug store was completely destroyed.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—The Hannibal accommodation on the Burlington road, due here at 8:30 o'clock last night, crashed into the rear end of the Denver express at Garden Creek tank, thirty-seven miles north of this city. In the wreck which followed four were killed, four seriously injured and seven badly injured.

Selina, O., Jan. 26.—Fire destroyed the farm house of Henry Frisinger last night and caused the loss of three lives Elnora, Georffe and Elva, children of the Frisinger family, perished, while Mr. and Mrs. Frisinger are in a critical condition from burns.

London, Feb., 5.—A dispatch to Dalzel's news agency from Amsterdam today stated a cable message was received from the island of Java reporting a fatal volcanic eruption. An entire town was swallowed up in the lava flow and hundreds of people were killed.

Victor, Colo., Jan 26.—One of the most frightful mining accidents in the history of the Cripple Creek district occurred this morning at the Stratton Independence mine, when fourteen men were instantly killed.

Ottowa, Ont., Feb. 9.—The Canadian Pacific Soo flyer, No. 7, from Montreal, is reported wrecked near here. Nineteen persons were killed and many were injured

Johnstown, Pa, Jan 21.—An immense steam pipe in No. 2 mill, Cambria Steel company, exploded about 1:30 this morning bringing down a large section of the roof. The woodwork at once took fire from the furnaces and burned fiercely. The number of dead is estimated at fourteen. The injured number twenty-five or more. Many are terribly scalded and cannot live.

Pittsburg, Pa, Jan. 26.—As a result of an explosion in the Harwick mine of the Allegheney Coal company at Cheswick yesterday between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways.

Monmouth Springs, Ark., Feb. 9.—As the result of a tornado thirty miles west of here many farm buildings were destroyed and three persons were killed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25.—The head of a child, apparently about a year old, which was carried into the home of August Barth, in Clayton avenue, late Saturday night, has revealed either a most brutal case of child murder, or the work of a vicious dog.

Parts of the flesh on the face had been eaten away, and the fact that the head was covered with blood suggests that life was yet in the body when found by dogs.

Mrs. Patsy Elyan, living on a plantation near Walterboro, S. C., went to the bedroom of her 17-year-old daughter Anita at 4 o'clock in the morning, and without apparent cause choked her to death. The mother denies the killing of her daughter, but says she has killed the devil, and that she did so at the command of Christ.

Mrs. Arthur Ograwall, thirty-four years old, of Oakland, N. J., was taken to the Bergen county jail, at Hackensack, Wednesday, charged with having decapitated her son Charles, four years old.

She betrays no consciousness of the terrible affair and does not seem to realize her part in it. Between a constant moaning, she at times asks sharply, "What would you have me do?" During one lucid interval only did she seem to understand what had occurred. Then she said, "God made me do it. I had to; I could not help it."

Is it possible for any one to read these daily accounts of continuous disasters and see no connection between them and the teachings of the clergy? Cannot all see clearly that these facts contradict every statement of the clergy in regard to a heavenly father who loves us and has power to protect us from harm? Cannot all see that these facts effectually disprove the theory that God is a real being? Cannot all comprehend the fact that no amount of piety, idolatrous mummery or heathenish debasement sycophantic adulation of a heathen God can influence any being to save or protect us from harm? What object then can we have in perpetuating heathenism? What use then is it to hire the clergy to ask any favors for us from a God that does not exist? Most all of the victims of these disasters believed God to be a real being. Most all of them prayed to him for protection. Most all of them hired the clergy to intercede for them and win God's favor and protection for them. What did it all amount to? It did not prolong the life of any a moment. They would have been just as successful in obtaining supernatural aid had they prayed to the sun, moon or Santa Claus.

Now I want all you people who have the moral courage to cease worshiping a God you know does not exist, to come forward and join the Church of Humanity. That church will give you an opportunity to help to free others from idolatry, and will defend you and your family from the abuse of the clergy by informing them why you have ceased the worship of God. I see quite a crowd of men, women and children coming from all other churches to join the Church of Humanity. As I hand each of you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and membership into the Church of Humanity please tell me briefly why you know God is a myth and your reason for longer refusing to worship him.

"I am a coal miner. I see in today's lesson that scores of my fellow miners have been killed in the explosion at Cheswick, Pa. I know of many such disasters I was personally acquainted with many of the victims. They were good honest Christians. Their wives and children prayed to God daily for his protecting, loving care to be extended over husband and father. They paid the clergy liberally for their prayers and supplications to God in their behalf. I know that those prayers and supplications were absolutely worthless and would have been just as effective for protection had they been addressed to a Chinese Joss. I know the clergy are mistaken when they tell us of a heavenly father who put the coal in the earth for our use, for if that was so he would not have put the deadly explosive elements with it, since he knew in advance the destruction of life and sorrow it would cause if he is a real being having foreknowledge of events as the clergy describe him to be. I would have been killed too, had I happened to have been in the mines at the time as I am no more worthy of the nonprotection of God than were the ones who were killed. I never again shall worship God, nor shall I ever pay one cent to the clergy for their services for they are receiving money under false pretense. I know that they have no power to influence God to save *us from destruction* in this life, hence I know they have no influence with God to persuade him to save us in any other life.

"The priest is powerless to persuade God to care for our bodies in this life, hence I know the priest has no power to persuade God to care for our souls in another world. Were there a God he would care for us without the intervention of a priest. As these disasters prove that no God cares anything about us, then God is a myth like Santa Claus and I want to be a member of the church that teaches the truth about God." I welcome you to the Church of Humanity. All the priests in the world cannot shake the force of your logic. Although a poor coal miner, you have graduated in the knowledge of God and know more about him than all the clergies of the world combined.

"I am a railroad man. I don't believe one word the preachers say when they tell us about a heavenly father who cares for a single human being. Thousands of my fellow workers are killed every year at their post of duty. Engineer McKinney, of the Broken Bow collision mentioned in today's lesson, is a victim that illustrates the dangers to which we are exposed. We have fog, washouts, fire, blizzards, and many other elements of danger to contend with that cannot always be provided against. What my friend, the miner, says about depending on God for aid has been tried by most all our people and found to be worthless. Like him we have come to the conclusion that the clergy are mistaken and no longer place any confidence in their teachings. We know that no God cares anything for a railroad man in this world. Hence we

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You have made a wise decision and I welcome you to fellowship in the Church of Humanity. The safety of your occupation, as also that of the miner, lies not in praying to a myth-God for protection from harm, but in organizing into unions to compel your employers to furnish every device of safety, inspection, regulation, rules &c. that will reduce the dangers to your lives to the lowest possible point.

"I am a farmer. I was taught by the preachers to thank and praise God for giving us good crops. I was taught that he sends the rain and sunshine for our special benefit snd that those of my occupation are his pets and that we should be exceptionally loud in our praise of him. I know the preachers are mistaken and that no God cares any more for us than he does for the people of other occupations. Sometimes we have good crops but they are not due to the pleasure of any God else he would always give us good crops since we as a class are always the same. If God ordered the rain and sunshine to make our crops he would protect them when made from destruction by the elements and insects. This he does not do. We have floods, droughts, tornadoes, hail, insects, frosts and many other things to destroy our crops, all of which proves clearly that no God has anything to do with ordering the weather to suit the crops. We are isolated and lonesome on the farm and must have some place to go to for amusement and recreation. Our families require it and the Christian churches are the only organizations that will provide entertainment. I know that God is a fabulous being and that the whole christian religion is founded on ancient mythologies. I will join the Church of Humanity with the hope that it will some day displace the churches that are teaching idolatry, and give our families a society free from the teaching of heathenism."

I welcome you to church membership and hope we will all live to see the day when the Church of Humanity will fulfill your most sanguine hopes.

Now let this little girl tell why she wishes to join the church.

"I am only 8 years old but I know God do s not care for children like my Sunday school teacher says he does. I read in your lesson today about the dogs killing a little baby a year old and carrying the head into a house. Now I believe there is no God or he would have cared for that baby. As he did not care for it he does not care for me or any other child. So I will join the Church of Humanity as I know God is like Santa Claus and not a real being."

Take this certificate. You have graduated in the knowledge of God. Although so young you are able to give the president of the United States lessons in logic when christianity is the subject under discussion. I hope to see you one day supercede your Sunday school teacher and, as an instructor, give truthful lessons about God to Sunday school classes under the auspices of the Church of Humanity.

"I am a mother and want to join the Church of Humanity because it is the only church that teaches the truth about God. I know God is not a real being at all. I know that all the prophets, priests and preachers either lied about having heard the voice of the Lord or were crazy when they had that hallucination. That fact is clearly proven by today's lesson. One mother choked her daughter to death in obedience to the command of Christ. Another mother decapitated her four year-old son because God made her do it. Now if God and Christ are real beings they are meaner than the devil for he has not been around ordering poor mothers to murder their children. If they are real beings and did not order those murders they are just as mean as if they really had done so for not coming to the rescue of the victims and dispelling the delusion under which the mothers were deceived.

"But it will be affirmed that these mothers were insane and we should therefore not believe them. If that is the right position to take then we should not believe Jesus' claim of being the son of God for he was only insane. We should not believe any of the bible stories where men were represented as having communication with God for they were only insane.

"We should not believe the priests and preachers when they affirm they were called of God to preach the gospel for they were only insane.

"Now I have as much sympathy for insane men as I have for insane women, and I believe all parties who believe they have been commanded by God or Christ to do anything should be put under guard until their sanity is restored. Insane preaching is undoubtedly responsible for these insane murders. I know that Christ and God are myths else they would not allow murders to be committed under the belief that they ordered them. I want to be a member of the church that teaches that truth."

And we are all glad to welcome you into the Church of Humanity. Your remarks are rather severe on the clergy but in view of these sad cases of murder your reasonings and conclusions may be justifiable. If all mothers were members of the Church of Humanity surely no one would have such a thought as murdering her children under the impression that Christ or God desired her to do so. Now I ask all who read this lesson, who know that God is a myth and who want an organization established to teach that fact to fill out the following blank application and return it to me, and get a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity.

Please don't fail to apply for membership now and give our members encouragement in this good work and encourage others to accept the truth and help to spread it.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Unite! Unite!!

The need of those who know God is a myth, and that the christian religion is founded on fables, is organized societies through which they can teach what they have learned about the fundamental claims on which the mythologies are based.

We must have more societies, more workers, more harmony more enthusiasm, more energy. We should join and help to build up all organizations whose object is to free the people from idolatry. we can't have too many such societies. The National Liberal Party and the American Secular Union and Free-thought Federation are national organizations for the purpose of checking as far as possible the enactment and enforcement of laws compelling the practice and support of idolatry.

These organizations have a laudable excuse for existence, and should be supported by membership and funds. There are a number of local societies with like objects. They are good as far as they go, and should be supported. They are not adapted to furnish society or entertainment for our women and children nor do they remove the cause that produce the effects they combat. The Church of Humanity is to fulfill both these objects, and therefore should be heartily supported by all the members of these other organizations and they should all join this church. This church is neither a christian church nor a religious church, but it is a church for all who have learned that the other churches are mistaken in their foundation teachings, and where the members can continue doing good with out being idolators or supporting idolatrous societies. The Humanitarian Sunday School suggested by Mrs. Eliza Mowry Bliven, of Brooklyn, Conn., and the Debating Societies, suggested by W. F. Jamieson, of Pentwater, Mich., should both be inaugurated and carried on under the auspices of the Church of Humanity. They both should help to found the Church of Humanity, and then under its patronage and support carry on their special lines of teaching. Both these people are outlining their plans in the Humanitarian Review published by Singleton W. Davis, at No. 852 east Lee street, Los Angeles, California. You would do well to send for the March No. of that magazine and see what these people propose doing. Let all editors, writers and speakers who are working in common to free the people from idolatry unite in a common society —the Church of Humanity—and then carry on their special lines of teaching in its name. We will then all draw support, influence and inspiration from our common protector, defender and patron.—the Church of Humanity. Unite! Unite!

Christians.

In your goodness of heart, and honesty of motives you have given freely of your money and time to teach the people to worship God. You have given away bibles, tracts and donated subscriptions of religious papers to non-christians and unbelievers in the hopes of converting them to a belief in christianity. You believe you are doing your duty, saving souls from a future state of misery, and aiding in civilizing the people. It is now positively known that God, Holy Ghost, Angels and Satan are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and the resurrection a delusion. Those who have learned these facts are joining the Church of Humanity. They cannot be christians longer and retain their self respect. They still retain their honesty, benevolence and desire to aid the people in learning the truth and promote civilization.

They will keep right on doing good. They found they were mistaken in what they had believed to be true of the teachings of christianity. These people are now donating their time and money to teach the people the truth as they did when christians. Therefore if you are a christian and are getting this little missionary without subscribing for it you will know that one of your friends or relatives who has retained his benovelence and desire to do good has donated it to you. I ask you to read it with that same thankfulness and interest you expect unbelievers to read the bibles, tracts &c. you donate to them

More Space.

I must throw much of my writing in the waste basket for want of space. I must return good articles sent me for want of space. I want to advertise all the papers and magazines that are helping to free the people from idolatry but can't for want of space. I want to advertise dozens of books, publish dozens of letters, give the church members a chance to be heard but must have more space. I want to double the size of the C. E. & G. D. but leave the price the same. I do not feel justified in doing this until I get at least 1000 subscribers. I will send some extra copies to the members and ask them to try to get subscribers. I will ask all the subscribers to donate a year's subscription to their neighbors and relatives no matter if they are christians. Christians love the truth and desire to know it as others do. We were all christians once. Push the sbscriptions to 1000.

BIBLE LESSON No. 2.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST MONTH.]

V. 6. "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Here God's creators would not let the elements obey the voice of their character as light had done so they put him to work to make what they wanted.

V. 7. "And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters above the firmament, and it was so."

V. 8. "And God called the firmament Heaven, and the evening and the morning were the second day." Here God's creators are still ahead of their story, having evening, morning and day without the requirements for them being created.

V. 9. "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so." Here God's creators allowed the elements to obey his voice again, and he didn't have to do any work at all. How kind in them.

V. 11. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth; and it was so." Here again God's creators were kind and did not require him to work. We used to feel very sorry for God having to work so hard on his creation job, but since we understand the ease with which it was done we have more sympathy for a poor wash woman who does more hard work each day of the week than God did in the entire six. One can almost believe he didn't really need a rest when Sunday came.

V. 12. "And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind; and God saw that it was good." Here again God's creators got ahead of their story a few hundred millions of years. They have vegetation in all its luxurious perfection without the conditions which would permit of vegetable life. They have not yet had their workman create the sun. Every educated person knows that without the sun vegetation would be impossible.

V. 13. "And the evening and the mornig were the third day." No sun, moon or stars yet. What a botch job God's creators are making of him!

V. 14. "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for sigus, and for seasons, and for days and years." Here again the creators of God would not let the commands of their creation be obeyed by nothing and they put him to work gathering up a lot of nothing and making it obey his orders as is shown in verse sixteen. But why should they put their workman to all that bother? They already had regular days and nights and a summer season at least. Was not that enough?

V. 16. "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also." This work was entirely useless, as the creators of God were getting along all right without them and had everything necessary for engaging in business, and in fact, had raised a crop of grass and fruit without them. And this is the kind of a text book some would like to put in our schools along with geography, geology and astronomy! "He made the stars also" seems to have been an after thought stuck in that was not deemed worthy of mention at first.

Perhaps some other God makers claimed the stars as the product of their God, or some inquisitive listener asked the tale-teller the question: "Who made the stars?" Then they too, had to be attached somewhere to the story so as to claim everything in sight as the work of their God.

It is rather strange though that God's creators kept his attention engaged in the creation of the sun, moon and earth all week and only allowed him a spare moment to create the other planets and stars. It is also strange that they allowed him five days in which to create the earth and set it up in business, and only one, the fourth, in which to create all the rest of the heavenly bodies and "set them in the firmament of heaven, to give light upon the earth."

The only explanation is that these God creators did not know what they were talking about. But as we know better than they did the extent and comparative greatness of the heavenly bodies, and of the dependence of animal and vegetable life upon the sun, and their order of appearance upon the earth, we should no longer teach our children these idle tales as truth though they be found in the bible.

Here is a table showing the relative size of the sun and planets to the earth by comparison of diameters in miles, and relative distance of the planets from the sun.

Names of the Planets	Distances from the Sun in Miles.	Diameter in Miles
Sun		886,5000
Mercury	36,000,000	3,000
Venus	67,200,000	7,700
Earth	92,879,000	7,900
Mars	141,500,000	4,230
Jupiter	483,000,000	86,500
Saturn	886,000,000	32,000
Uranus	1,800,000,000	32,000
Neptune	2,800,000,000	35,000

The sun's bulk is about 1,300,000 times that of the earth.

Around the planets revolve satelites or moons. Jupiter has five. God's creators knew nothing of them or they would have said "he made the asteroids also." These bodies are all included in the solar system. You see their combined bulk is many millions of times greater than the earth. The entire solar system is as a drop of water to a bucket full when compared with the magnitude and number of stars in the known universe. And the known universe compared with the unknown may be as a drop of water compared to the ocean. Since space and time or duration must be without limitations, non-creatable and indestructible.

You will note here how inconsistant it was in God's creators to keep him five days making and ordering ready made things of earth and only allowed him one day in which to make the sun, moon and stars.

You people who can understand these lessons should join the Church of Humanity at once. That very action on your part will aid others to understand them.

The need of a church that will teach the people the truth about the bible and God is imperative. Why continue longer to impose these bible stories on our children as truth? What good can come of it? Here is a statement from Professor Delitzsch of Berlin, urging the teaching of the truth about the bible stories to the children in the schools.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Professor Delitzsch of "Babel and Bible" fame has again come to the front with elaborate objections to the present methods of imparting religious instruction in the schools. He says:

"The findings in recent excavations in Mesopotamia should be put before school boys and girls They should not be brought up in ignorance of the results of late investigations into the history of religion.

"Children should be taught that in Genesis there are two different accounts of the creation, and that both are the outcome of Babylonian myths.

"About the flood they should be taught that the biblical narrative is also a vestige of ancient Babylonian folklore.

"These ancient ages should be dug out of the scripture books and given to the scholars at school or explained. If they are not, a day will come when the grown up man will throw them all over and more besides which he should retain.

"I am opposed to having school boys and girls taught that the narrative about the world being made in seven days is true, or that there is any veracity in the statements that man was made of clay, that life was breathed into his nose, and that woman was made of a man's rib. I object to the tales about the ten patriarchs, about the summits of the highest mountains being covered deep with deluge water, and about the ark of Noah.

"Only truth and the whole truth can make one free."

But how can we expect the truth about the Bible to be taught to the school children when the teachers themselves do not know it? When the School Board, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Principal of Schools and teachers all believe these silly Bible stories to be actually true, how in the name of reason can they be expected to teach the truth about them?

While nearly all the parents believe these stories to be the words of God and therefore true, they would not allow a teacher to teach their children the truth about the Bible if they did know it.

Yet the time will surely come when the teachers of our children will be required to teach the truth about God in the public schools. It will be a recognized branch of a common school education and teachers will be required to graduate in that branch of knowledge the same as in other branches they are required to teach.

They will not teach the Bible stories about a God creating the earth as true but will teach how God is created by man.

That is the work now for the Church of Humanity to do.

The truth about God must befirst taught by private and corporate enterprise before it can be taught in the public schools. A large proportion of the parents and teachers must be taught it before they will allow it to be taught in school to their children.

All these who do not wish their children taught idolatry in the public schools should join the Church of Humanity at once and make a united protest against it that will be heeded.

Christians would unite and fight to a finish any school board or teacher that taught their children to worship a Chinese Goss. Now a Chinese Goss is just as respectable and as worthy of worship as the Christian's God. We who have learned that God is only a man-made idol should unite in the Church of Humanity and protest as vigorously against the teaching of idolatry to our children in public schools where they are compelled to go as would the Christians were the worship of any other idol taught.

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to even think was to endanger them to the furies of hell or of the inquisition. No wonder the priests reaped a harvest of wealth and universal power while the peasantry reaped a harvest of suffering and death.

When our ancestors got thoroughly panic stricken by the priests' discription of hell they demanded of the priests protection from the teaching of those who they were told were endangering them to hell.

They willingly aided the priests in running down all reformers, singling out all scientists, philosophers and inventors, except inventors of instruments of torture for hereties.

They kept this up for a thousand years, which is known as the dark ages, until hell on earth became so much more terrible than any description of a future hell the priests could conjure up that the people through choice began to prefer the future hell to the one the churches were making on earth.

You will remember it is only a little more than three hundred years, February 16, 1600, Bruno was burned at Rome by the church for teaching that there are other worlds than this; that many of the ststrs are suns around which planets revolve and that this earth rotated. Today the churches could not execute their own members and clergy for such beliefs, for they nearly all believe as Bruno did on those *matters*.

Many Christians believe Satan a fabulous being, hell a myth and the bodily resurrection at a great judgment day a delusion. God and heaven are as fictitious as Satan and hell.

It only remains for the people to recognize that fact and change the teaching to agree with it to bring the churches up to date.

When we recognize what a marvelous advancement the people have made in the last hundred year in their efforts to free themselves from idolatry we contemplate with rapturous delight the beautiful dawn of the coming day when the love for the idols of mythology will be transferred to humanity.

Every Christian must be from Missouri for they have to be shown. It is the duty of the Church of Humanity to show them.

The Christians are unbelievers of the truth and infidels to facts. We must organize and send out instructors to convert them.

How nice it would be if we were numerous enough to establish Sunday Schools in reach of each of our members this spring. Let us all work with that object in view and be ready to begin such schools next spring.

The International Lessons are beginning to bear fruit. Some are sending in clippings of disasters showing they are learning where to look for evidence of God being a myth.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is to be an international society of those who have learned that God is a myth like Santa Claus. The objects are to teach that fact in a systematic way and prove it to others that the world may be freed from idolatry. We wish to retain all the good, the true and the moral teachings of other churches and eliminate the errors of the ancients. We wish good society for our children, free from the worship of a poor, deluded Jew by the name of Jesus who died nearly two thousand years ago. We believe in treating the living Jews right, but not in worshiping dead ones. We want an up-to-date church that will not make idolaters of the seventy children born to our race every minute, but will teach them modern, known facts. One that will teach them that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths, and the resurrection on a great judgment day a delusion. We want our children to know the truth as we know it. We want them to remain free from idolatry and to establish a church through which they can help free others. We are not organized yet, but are preparing to do so when we get enough members. We have twenty-seven members enrolled on the book of life. To them have been sent certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God. They are life members and founders of the Church of Humanity. If you do not worship an idol named God you are eligible to membership in this church and I invite you to fill out the application blank on third page and forward to me, on receipt of which I shall forward you a certificate. Be one of the founders of this modern church.

W. H. KERR.

Let us Teach The Christian Editors

While we are collecting the required number of church members necessary to organize the Church of Humanity let us keep at some kind of good work within our reach. I have a list of 1000 religious publications in the United States. These are published in the interest of the different religious sects and leading denominations. Ninety-eight of them have a subscription list of over 5000 each; 140 over 10,000 each; 51 over 25,000 each; 23 over 50,000 each; 10 over 100,000 each; 11 over 200,000 each, and one each of three, five and seven hundred thousand. These 238 publications have over 9,000,000 circulation. Allowing 4,000 for an average circulation of the remaining 762 publications they have a total circulation of over twelve million. Some editors estimate five readers to each subscriber. If that rate holds good these religious publications reach more than sixty million readers. Now my plan is to donate the C. E. & G. D. to these 1,000 editors for one year. It will cost $250 to do that. Can we raise that amount by donations? I will pledge $25 on this educational fund how much will you pledge?

We never can win against the powerful odds against us unless we donate time and money freely to our cause. While Christians donate hundreds of millions of dollars to make idolaters of the seventy children born each minute we should give a few dollars to save them from idolatry. Many of these editors will read our church paper. It will modify their views and help to liberalize their teaching. They will make comments on our paper and church. That will bring them to the attention of thousands and they will want to know more about us. Just send in a pledge for the amount you will give when the full amount is pledged.

Nearly all the Christians say those who do not worship God are stingy, selfish, miserly and ungenerous. Let us prove to them they are mistaken by doing kind and generous acts. Let us prove to them that we will open our hearts and our pocket books in aid of a good cause.

By teaching these 1,000 editors we can indirectly reach the sixty million of their readers. These editors will get a year's teaching for a donation of only 25c for each one. Let us pledge this amount at once and begin sending the papers to them at once. "Many hands make light work." Let us chip in and raise the funds. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether and it will be a light task. Let us try to make the world better by having lived in it. Let us have some object to work and live for and life will be more pleasant. I will double the size of our church paper if you will be generous enough to donate it to these 1,000 editors.

Following Mother's Teachings.

In a letter from mother a few days ago is the following extract: "I don't understand you when you say 'God's Defender' for you say there is no God. If you thought that you had to believe that why did not you keep it to yourself? If you would edit a good paper I would want it, for I believe there is a God."

Now mother I shall answer you publicly, that others may see how they can follow their mother's teaching and at the same time teach the truth that God is a myth.

You forget that we belong to a progressive race; that some of the things believed in today are found to be mistakes tomorrow; what are only untruths today tomorrow may be lies; what are untruths for one generation may be unexcusable lies for the next generation. You will note the difference between an untruth and a lie. All lies are untruths, but untruths are not lies. Lies are untruths told knowingly. Untruths are lies told unknowingly.

You can teach that God is a real being without lying because you dont know any better; it would be an untruth though. If I taught that God was a real being I would be a deliberate liar, deceiver and hypocrite. Now I still think that teaching was good and have no desire to depart from it. Were I to teach my children that God is a real being I would be violating all your moral teachings. You taught us it was wrong to worship idols, but right to worship God. Of course you thought God was a real being. Now I have discovered that he is only an idol. I am following your own teachings in refusing to worship an idol. Had you have known that God was a fictitious being you would have taught us to not worship him. You do not understand how I can defend God when there is no God. Well, there is no God, yet the bible writers, prophets, priests, preachers and millions of writers accuse him of all the crimes in the category of crimes. Do not I defend him by proving him innocent of the crimes charged to him? When I prove him to be a myth, which he is, does not that exhonerate him? When a child gets hurt by a toy it thinks Santa Claus gave it and blames Santa for bringing such a bad toy would it not be defending Santa to teach the child that Santa is a myth, and therefore had nothing to do with bringing the toy? Well, just so in regard to God. Every calamity is laid to him. Now I prove him to be a myth, hence he is not guilty. Is not that a perfect defense to make for God? Who will accuse God of crime, or of bringing calamity upon them when they are once taught that he is a fabulous being?

You think if I would edit a good paper you would like it much better. Now, is not a paper in which the truths about God are taught a good paper? You seem to chide me for following your own teachings about always telling the truth. Or did you mean the truth about everything except God? Or did you mean that if any one found out that Christianity was mistaken in any of its teachings he should not let any one else know it and pretend that he did not either? Would not that be hypocracy and deceit? I did not understand that you taught us that such was right. I guess I will still follow your teaching as I understood it—that it is wrong to be a hypocrite and a deceiver.

Your question why I did not keep my discovery to myself is partly answered by the above—I could not and follow your teaching as I understood it. You taught us it was wrong to be idolaters, hypocrites, liars and deceivers, and that it is right to be truthful, honest and sincere, and to protect the weak, the widows and orphans from being imposed upon. You taught that it was right to help to free people from idolatry.

Of course you never suspected that God was only an idol and that Christians are only idolaters. But as I have learned that fact I cannot remain silent and yet follow your teaching.

Would you have me, after learning that God is a myth, play the hypocrite and lead my children in the worship of an idol? Or would you have me just remain silent like a numbskull, while others who will not or cannot learn the truth, make idolaters of them? Must I remain silent as a mummy while the clergy from behind a million pulpits pour forth their torrents of abuse, misrepresentations and epithets on me? Must I stare at panic-stricken evangelists likea sphynx while they recite in frenzy the horrors of hell-fire from which they are trying to save me? Must I in silence hear them teach my children that they care more for them than I do; that they are saving them from a life eternal in a lake of fire while I am trying to drag them into it? Have I no right to tell why I do not worship God, and thereby save myself from abuse by good people who misunderstood my reasons and thought I was actuated by wickedness? Must I stand silently by and see green goods and gold bricks in the shape of heavenly mansions, robes, harps and crowns unloaded on unsuspecting widows and orphans? It makes no difference if the venders know they are worthless or not. If I know they are worthless I am a self-condemned criminal if I let the fraud go unchallenged. I am a two-fold criminal if I aid and abet the deception. It would be a crime against our race against posterity, against science and civilization for me or any one else to aid in perpetuating the worship of a God whom we know to be a fictitious being.

When I had an opportunity to use a better plow than my father taught me to use did I disgrace him by adopting the latest improved plow? To discard the cradle and dropper for the header and selfbinders was not a discredit to father. He would have used those harvesters had they been invented in his day. If you knew what I do about God you would not worship him either, neither would you keep it to yourself. You would want to help free others. You know the Gods the Orients worship are idols and yet you will not keep it to yourself. You give money freely to hire missionaries to go there and tell them so. Should not missionary work, like charity, begin

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DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

LESSON IV.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

As the Russia-Japanese war is formost in the minds of the reading public at present I shall devote this lesson to a consideration of some of the religious aspects of that war.

God is known to be a myth, therefore religion, worship and idolatry are synonymous terms.

War and worship are twin relics of heathenism. Where worship is practiced you will generally find war practiced or advocated, and preparations being made for it. The more devout the worshipers are the more intense is their desire to murder some one under the name of war; and as worshiping stimulates the war desire the practice of war intensifies the religious devotions. Then to some extent they act and react on each other until they are almost interchangable terms in many cases. To go to war in the interest of a God for the purpose of compelling others to worship him is considered by many to be the highest form of devotion one can bestow on his God.

God in turn is expected to aid his worshipers on the battlefield and give them the victory. War used to be a test of the relative merits of the various Gods, and a God who allowed his worshipers to be defeated was not so powerful as the God of the victors. Hence the worship of the God of the victors was required of the vanquished if any were left alive. Therefore the God worshiped by the most bloodthirsty warriors became as great as their conquered territory expanded. The various Gods became great and then small as the nations backing them rose and fell.

In this war the Czar of Russia is the head of the orthodox or Greek church, which is a branch of Christianity and numbers about 96,016,000 adherents, of which 73,310,000 are Russians. There are in Russia 9,600,000 Catholics, 3,400,000 Protestants, and 3,000,000 Mohammedans.

The Japanese believe in Shintoism and Buddahism, two of the religious sects of eastern Asia.

According to the World's Almanac Buddahism has 147,000,000 followers and Shintoism 14,000,000.

Webster's dictionary says Booda in eastern Asia is a general name for the divinity. Webster's dictionary says: "Boodahism, n. A system of religion in eastern Asia, embraced by more than one-third of the human race. It teaches that at distant intervals a Booda or divinity appears to restore the world from a state of ignorance and decay and then sinks into a state of entire non-existence—or rather, perhaps, of bare existence, without attributes, action or consciousness.

This state called Nervana, or Nicban, is regarded as the ultimate supreme good, and highest reward of virtue among men.

Four Boodas have thus appeared in the world and passed into Nervina, the last of whom, Gaudama, became incarnate about 500 years before Christ. From his death, 543 B. C., many thousand year, will elapse before the appearance of another; so that the system, in the meantime, is practically one of pure atheism. The objects of worship, until another Booda appears, are the relics and images of Gaudama."

However, they must believe in the ability of Booda to wake up long enough to help lick the Russians, as the following news clipping would indicate:

Tokio, March 21.—Many peculiar ceremonies have been performed in Japan within the past two weeks in view of the entering of the empire into a struggle for existence. It is the greatest crisis the nation has ever seen and, of course, with the peculiar religion and customs, ceremonies which seem very strange to the western mind are being performed on every side.

Tokio is a city of temples. There are thousands of shrines where the devotees of Shintoism and Buddhism pay their devotions to their god. Both these religious sects are very devout and the Japanese never think of entering into any serious undertaking without consulting the gods and offering to them prayers for success. The present great crisis has therefore made the temples and shrines all the more popular and they are crowded continually with devout worshipers, while every available place in them is covered with fluttering paper prayers.

Now this is what the Christians call heathen Japan. In the last few years this little oriental nation has been ransacking the entire world for the good things thereof. They imported and adopted most every thing in all the world they found to be better than what they already had. Machinery of all kinds, railroads, steam boats, electric lights, telegraph, telephones, big guns and battle ships, and things too numerous to mention. But they didn't import your Jesus. Can you explain why? I can, they had a better one. Their Gaudama who lived 500 years before Christ was born taught a better system of ethics; they had no use for an inferior teacher. Had your Jesus been superior to Gaudama you would not have had even the trouble of sending him there by missionaries. They would have taken him along home and set him up in business saving souls. The wisest of these Japanese know that it is not the Gods that protect a nation, but that it is the big guns and battle ships that protect a nation's Gods. So they took the guns and battle ships—not for the purpose of forcing their Gods upon Christian nations, but to prevent those nations from forcing their inferior Gods upon them. The following little clipping will indicate what Japan can expect if Russia wins:

Rome, Feb. 15.—Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, had a long interview with M. Gonbastoff, the Russian minister, today to ascertain what assistance the Vatican diplomats abroad can give to Russia in exchange for the protection and tolerance of the Catholic missions wherever the Russian supremacy is established in the far east.

We will return again to Christian Russia and see if her religious behavior is in any way superior to that of heathen Japan. The czar concludes his declaration of war of Feb. 10th, in this way:

"After receipt of this information we ordered our governor to reply with arms. We hereby make known our decision, in firm trust in the help of the Almighty and in assurance of the unanimous readiness of our true subjects to stand with us in defense of our fatherland.

"We call the blessing of the Lord upon our brave army and fleet."

(Signed.) NICHOLAS.

Christians generally ask God, sayin: "And lead us not into temptation," but when they want to murder some of God's children, as they suppose, they are heartless enough to ask God to help them in their devlish work.

What would you think of a family of children quarreling among themselves to the point of murder and then each party beg their father to aid them in murdering the others? And what would you think of a father who would aid either faction to murder the other when he could easily stop the fuss? But this Christian czar has no sympathy for a heavenly father's feelings, and urges him to assist this murderous mob. Why don't he invoke the aid of the devil? I thought it was his duty not God's, to aid people in such devlish wickedness. Is the devil to have nothing to do any more? Is God going to be made to do all the dirty work from now on? They used to give the devil a chance once in a while to lead the people into wickedness. Is murder any more respectable when done under God's leadership than under the devil's? The czar evidently thinks God is more able and willing to kill, so he invokes his aid. Before he would draw the sword he first went to the ancient monastery at Troitzko, near Moscow, to invoke the divine blessing of God on the murderous war he was about to engage in.

The accounts say an intensely religious spirit pervaded the entire assembly in the church of the winter palace where the czar with all his household and high officials assembled to beg heaven's blessings upon the enterprise of murdering their brothers to which the nation was committed.

With unprecedented fervor they implored God to give victory to the Russian arms. Then the court chaplain sprinkled the czar with holy water from the chalice and presented him with a crucifix which the czar fervently kissed.

Were you not afraid of the Russian God more than you are of the Japanese God you would clearly see that the Russians are as heathenish as the Japanese. That their religious ceremonies are just as ridiculous and worthless, so far as getting help from a myth named God is concerned.

Since these idolaters have so much confidence in the power of their God and in their ability to work him why did they not work him sooner and have him prevent hostilities? Isn't it a fact that all idolaters, including the Christians, implore God more fervently to help them murder somebody than they do to help them be peaceful? Some Heathens have no use for a God that won't murder some of his children at his request.

We will now hear what Paul Kruger has to say of his God from whom he expected ample aid in his scrap with the English:

Nice, March 5.—"I believe there is no longer justice in God or man," exclaimed Paul Kruger, formerly the president of the Transvaal, when he was told that Dr. Jameson had been appointed Premier of Cape Colony.

"This is too much. It is incredible," the aged man added, rising from his chair and extending his hands heavenward.

Mr. Kruger has never lost a grain of the bitterness stirred in him by the daring raid led by Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal during the early '90s. Among his close friends he has always maintained that he made a grave error in dealing too leniently with Jameson and John Hayes Hammond, the latter of whom also figured prominently in the raid. He thinks he should have hanged them both. Mr. Kruger has always regarded them as the archo-conspirators under Cecil Rhodes, and says that in any other country in the world they would have paid the penalty with their lives.

Here is this poor old Christian heathen charging God with injustice. He thinks God took the side of the strong against the weak, of the rich against the poor, of the wrong against the right, and so he has come to the conclusion there is no longer justice in God. The truth has never entered his thick skull that God is a myth like Santa Claus. If that fact ever dawns upon him he will withdraw his charge of injustice. No longer justice in God! He talks as if there had been sometime. Had he placed in the scales of justice the accounts of God's doings he read of in his bible he would have learned that long ago. But it makes a difference with some heathens whose ox is gored. Well he is much brighter than most idolaters or he would have seen God's justice in his defeat when the preachers explained to him that "God knows what is best" for him, that "he doeth all things well;" that "he will take care of the widows and the orphans." This untrue statement generally reconciles heathens to their idols and their confidence in them is not shaken by defeat. About the only way to kreak a heathen from worshiping his idol is to break his neck.

It is safe to predict that the defeated nation in this contest will continue to worship their same old idols unless forced to abandon it at the point of the bayonet by the conquerors.

Russians are sure God is more powerful than Booda and if they can, by excessive flattery, induce him to aid them in the combat they will win. Now, Christians, what kind of an opinion would you have of your God if he can be induced by Russian coaxing to murder the Japanese? Are they not his children too according to your belief?

Why should you insist on anyone worshiping or desiring to live with such a being? Can't you see clearly that this Russian God is just as much of a myth as is the Booda of the Japanese? If the worship of Booda constitutes idolatry the worship of God surely does also. If you can comprehend the fact that God is only the name of a myth it is your duty to join the Church of Humanity and thereby let others know that you recognize that truth. By so doing you will help to found a church that will teach the truth about God and save some of the children from idolatry. Let us begin now to build this church home for our children. It is the only way they can be saved from idolatry. They must be raised in this church or a very few of them will ever know the truth about God. If you wish to be one of the founders of a modern, up-to-date church, fill out the following blank and send it to me and get a certificate of life membership by return mail: (on following page).

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Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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An Open Letter.

Great Bend, Kan., Mar. 24, '04.

Mr. L. K. Washburn,
Editor Boston Investigator:

Friend:—I have just received 2 numbers of the Investigator which I suppose you sent me. I have written you several times, sent money for advertising and asked you to exchange papers with me, but got no reply. So I began to think the old Investigator had suspended. I am glad it is still alive and doing business at the old stand. Many years ago when Mr. Mendum and Mr. Seaver were the editors, I got few sample copies of it. I think I have had a few copies of it since young Mendum and yourself took charge, but none for years

I know the reason you did not answer me is that you disapprove of the work I am trying to do. You do not want your readers and the readers of similar papers to unite in a society. You do not want any one, or any number of your readers to aid you in freeing our race from idolatry. That looks like you are afraid of it being done too soon and you would be thrown out of a job.

Now my editorial brother I beg of you to have no fears of that whatever. There will be a billion idolaters on their knees worshiping the idols of mythologies when you and I are forgotten dust. I beg of you to form a union, or rather help to, of the editorial brethren who are trying to free the people from idolatry by all uniting in the Church of Humanity. After that let us editors, from Boston to San-Francisco, have a special union of our own for the object of companionship and to plan a campaign of education wherein we can work to the best advantage and for the greatest possible results.

Let us work in unison for definite results. Let us pull together. Let us decide what we want done, how to do it, when and where. Let us have a common object in view, and all work in harmony to accomplish it. Why should we be actuated by supreme selfishness Why should we bring our cause into disrepute and nullify our good work by criticism of each other and trying to do each other harm, and then glory in the failure or suspension of a paper or magazine of our class?

Look at the Salvation Army, Mormons, Dowie, Catholics and most all the protestant sects, how they are increasing in numbers, wealth and influence.

Where, O where are our societies, our teachers, our schools and colleges that teach the people that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and that the resurrection on a great judgment day is a delusion?

I see that the Investigator is in its seventy-third year. Where, O where are its converts? Has it made any in all that long time? My Christian mother never heard of any one that dis-believes a word of the bible except Tom Payne, Ingersoll, and myself. My Christian brothers and sisters never heard of any either with the above exceptions. I want my relatives and friends to know that I am not the only person that knows that God is only a myth like Santa Claus.

If you have made any converts to truth, or saved any of the seventy children born every minute from idolatry please trot them out. I want to know their name and address so I can tell my folks of the good news.

On my desk are following papers and magazines and the number of years they have been fighting the Christian superstition and trying to free the people from idolatry;

Truth Seeker 31 years; Torch of Reason 7; Blue Grass Blade 13; Humanitarian Review 2; Liberal Review 1; Higher Science 4; The Examiner 4; The Search Light 4; Free Thought Magazine 21.

While some of these have not been long in the field, yet others that had been, have suspended.

There are many more engaged wholly or partially in this work and have been for years. Very few Christians know of the existence of these papers. They don't know of any converts made by these papers. They don't know of any children being saved from idolatry by these teachers. What a shame!

All other classes of teachers provide a society into which their converts, or scholars can go when they have learned their lesson or graduated. Where they can be counted, trained for teachers, allowed to work, allowed to pay for the work of others.

Every political teacher represents a party and works for its interest. Every priest or preacher represents some organization and works for its interest. They are all building up something. They have some object in view—something to work for. Will you remain the only class of teachers who never, never build? Will you be forever content to make a feeble effort at tearing down what others have builded and put no society in its place? If you tear down the society of falsehood should you not build up the society of truth at the same time? When a farmer's old house is no longer fit to live in he builds a better one before he destroys entirely the old one. You may content yourself with the idea that you are giving truth in the place of error. Truth is not society. It requires society organization through which to teach the truth. Do you imagine the other societies, organized to teach errors, are going to teach your truth? They are not organized for that purpose. As well expect the republican party to teach socialism through its press and lecture bureau. Can't you see the road to success is to build a society of your converts or graduates? That organization would go on growing by winning converts and by the natural increase of the members, thus breaking the endless chain of idolatry, as it is perpetuated by teaching from parent to child. That would form a counter endless chain that would be sure to win eventually. As it is, what few converts you make, if any, just drop out or stay out of the churches until they die. They are not missed. No one knows the true cause why they act so. There is no society for them that represents and defends them, or through which they can defend themselves or pay for their defense by able advocates.

The Salvation Army recruits right from the slums of our large cities, who never saw or heard of any of your papers, who never heard of Ingersoll or Paine, or of any objections to idolatry and sometimes hardly able to read, come around with drum and banjo and promptly gather the children of these, your converts, into the folds of idolatry. They become working and paying members right from the start. Money is given them by their father that should go to the cause you represent. You taught them to be a "Liberal." This money is given to some organization to hire an evangelist to tell these children that their father is an imp of Satan, hell bent and hell bound, that he never has a kind thought, and that he wants to see his children go to hell. How long will you continue to discourage your readers in organizing a society for themselves, but teach them to be liberal and give all their spare money to the support of idolatrous societies which curse them? Our wives and children must have society, some place to go to. If we do not provide it for them idolaters will, and that partly with our money, then sneer at us for not building anything to benefit society.

In the name of common sense let us build! Therefore unite! unite!

W. H. KERR.

The Educational Fund.

The Christian Educator is in the field to educate the christians. With the exception of the clergy no class of Christians need educating in the truth about God more than the editors of religious papers, and nowhere can the teaching do more good according to numbers. The Church of Humanity can place their educational paper in the hands of 1000 of these religious editors one year for $250. That will give them twenty-four lessons for a fraction over one cent a lesson.

I am only asking for pledges now for the amount you will give if the full amount can be raised.

Please send in by return mail a pledge for the amount you will give for this fund, be it ever so small. Amount pledged to date:

W. H. Kerr, $25; Charles Long, Payson, Utah, $5; Emil Frederick, Mt. Sterling, Ky., $10; J. Bertaux, Rich Hill, Mo., $1; Moses White, Newhope, Ark., $10. Total $51.

Some Don'ts.

Don't worship a couple of dead Jews named Jesus and Mary.

Don't worship a bug-a-boo named Jehovah, with which Moses scared the Israelites into obeying him.

Don't send missionaries to the Chinese to tell them they are heathens for worshiping their ancestors until christians stop worshiping dead Jews.

Don't laugh at the Japanese for asking the advice of their dead ancestors on the war until you have stopped asking a dead Jew, named Jesus, to do things for you.

Don,t give a penny to christian churches unless you want to have idolatry perpetuated.

Don't send your children to christian Sunday schools unless you want them taught to worship idols.

Don't hesitate to join the Church of Humanity as soon as you comprehend the good work for humanity we are doing.

For the Educational Fund.

Extracts from letters bearing hope and cheer from the founders of the Church of Humanity:

Mount Sterling, Ky.

Brother W. H. Kerr * * * I will contribute $5 now and that amount after three months. I am in the best of hope that our philanthropic enterprise will be a success—it is in my judgment the best and noblest work we can bestow upon mankind. I hope and trust that later generations will bless us for the sacrifices we now offer for them. * * *

Yours in human confidence,
Emile Frederick.

Payson, Utah.

Brother Kerr:—I will pledge $5 for the fund. It looks to me as though our cause ought to gather strength fast. We have truth on our side and should win. * * *

Charles Long, 83 years old.

Newhope, Ark.

W. H. Kerr, International Instructor, Church of Humanity, Sir:—In reply to yours of the 28th, ult., will say that I will pledge $10 as donation to send the Christian Educator and God's defender to the editors of those religious papers you speak of.

What I want is religious freedom, and I think it is the duty of every member of the Church of Humanity to contribute liberally for that purpose.

Hoping that you may succeed in raising the funds necessary to forward The Educator to the 1000 religious editors mentioned in your letter. I am as ever, a friend to justice,

Moses White.

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BIBLE LESSON
No. 3.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Many Christians think the reason that others do not believe every statement in the bible to be true is that they never read it. Now the fact is that those who most seriously object to having the bible taught as a book containing nothing but truth, are the ones who do read the bible with the best understanding.

They know the primary assertions of the bible upon which the Christian religion, and some other religions, rest are untrue because they are self-evident falsehoods when compared with the facts in nature that we can all know and understand.

Christianity is based on the belief that Jesus was the son of a God and that story is based on the belief that there is a God and that the exploits of that God as recorded in the bible are true. If those stories are untrue then Christtanity has no excuse for existence. If God, the creator, is simply a character of fiction his son would be of like creation. Owing then to the importance of the creation story, as being the greatest exploit God's creators attribute to him, I shall devote more time to it than at first contemplated. I want all to know why the members of the Church of Humanity know the story of the creation is untrue. I want all to understand that it is their best judgment, based on a preponderance of evidence and sound conclusions, and not on a wicked nature as the clergy teach. Hence I am anxious for all Christians to study our methods of reasoning and the evidence on which our judgment is based, that they may not judge us erroneously and do both themslves and us a great injustice. No Christian should desire to accuse any one unjustly of having a wicked nature or of trying to drag to eternal torture their dearest friends and relatives. I want all to understand that we are just as afraid of fire as are the Christians and would run as fast and try as hard to keep out of it as any of them. We would do many times more to save ourselves and our children from being thrown into a lake of fire, or hell, than any Christian would do for us, since we would be the ones to suffer. The idea that the clergy or any number of Christians care more for the suffering of our bodies or our souls, if we had any, than we do is preposterous. The reasons then that we do not fear hell is that we have learned that there is no such place, no God to put us there and that wewill be dead, hence could not suffer or care where we were. These are three reasons that justify us in having that apparent carelessness or indifference about hell that astonishes the Christians and which they erroneously attribute to wickedness. We know that the story of the creation is a fable, but we must explain how we know it to be such in order to teach others how to arrive at the same conclusions and join our church. We want others to believe as we do so they will not abuse us for our acquired knowledge nor try to make our children idolaters. We want all to know that God is a myth and hence is not guilty of the wickedness attributed to him. We want none to regard him as an ideal of goodness to be emulated. We want none to condemn him as a criminal when they outgrow the wicked nature his creators gave him. I presume all my readers have bibles. If not they should get one and read the story of the creation again. Then read my comments and conclusions and judge for themselves if the deductions are justifiable.

Gen. 1, v. 17. "And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth.

V. 18 And to rule ever the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

V. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

Now in the last six verses is recorded the work of the fourth day which included everything in the universe except the earth and its inhabitants. In the light of present knowledge this is by far the greatest day's work ever done by man or attributed to any of his fictitious characters. Here is a novel character named God, created in the likeness of the novelist, with the novelist's size, form, sex, passions, ignorance and all, doing this mighty day's work in twenty-four hours. We will give him credit for working the full twenty-four hours and then marvel at his ability to complete it in that time. No wonder ignorant slaves bow with reverence to such a mighty workman. No wonder that ignoramuses sit gapping with open mouth astonishment as they eagerly listen to the clergy reherse this wonderful day's work.

While verses 14 and 15 would indicate that God's creators had just intended to let their fictitious workman remain on earth and just order the heavenly bodies ready made and placed. Yet in verses 16 and 17 they had him make and place them. In this creation story there seems to be two methods of creation adopted by the novelist; one by simply ordering things and one by making them. Things are produced by both methods and sometimes the first method seems to fail then the other is used. The latter method had to be finally adopted to accomplish the desired result in the fourth day's work. Let us contemplate the magnitude of that day's work for a while. Remember God was still in the likeness of the novelist, same size and of similar substance. He stood upon the earth while he made up the suns, planets, satelites ond asteroids out of nothing and toted them off to their respective places.

In the last lesson we found the sun to be 886,500 miles in diameter and nearly 1,300,000 times larger than the earth. What do you think of that for a load for a God who was only in his infancy and no larger than an ordinary man, to pack on his shoulders so far? The wonder is that this little earth didn't break down under the weight. Then God had to throw the sun out to its place, or else just step off the earth and run out 92,897,000 miles in space to place it, and just think how fast he would have to run.

Now if he traveled with the velocity of light it would take 16 minutes and 36 seconds to make the round trip. That would require him to travel only 186,330 miles per second, or equal to seven and one half times around the earth per second. No wonder the poor idolaters are struck with amazement at the gait God can work and travel. Now this illustration does not do him justice as to his industry that day. That day "he made the stars also." There are many millions of stars many of them are millions of times larger than the sun and millions of times farther away. Some of the stars are larger than the entire solar system, and to them the sun is as a mustard seed to a wagon wheel.

We have found that light travels 186,330 miles per second and reaches us from the sun in eight minutes and eighteen seconds. Traveling at the same rate it requires the following time for light to reach us from the stars:

STARS	YEARS	STARS	YEARS
Centauri	36	Procyon	27
Cygni	68	Arcturus	28
Sirius	15	Pole Star	45
Cassiopeiæ	17	Pegasi	60
Vega	23	Capella	71
Draconis	26		

You see by these few samples of God's energy on the fourth day that he had no time to fool along at light's gait. He would have to go a few billion times faster in order to get his day's work done. It begins to look like he would need a rest before Sunday came and he ought to have laid off on the fifth day. Now our pity is aroused for God's stupidity. He should have made the heavenly bodies very much smaller and then left them very much nearer the earth. They would then have had the same effect, since they were only made to give light upon earth, to rule over the day and night and to divide the light from the darkness." How much sympathy should a man get who wished to thread a needle and instead of lighting a lamp and hanging it close to his work would dig a thousand tons of coal and pack it off twenty miles from his place of business and set it on fire so he could see to work? He certainly should have all the sympathy that we owe the insane. Of course God wasn't to blame, the novelist made him do it. Neither is the novelist to blame; he had no idea of the magnitude of the task assigned his character for a day's work. We are the insane ones who need the sympathy if we believe the story to be literally true. I am aware of the fact that many of the brightest of the Christians and clergy have come to the rescue of this story teller and elongated the seven days, except Sunday, the rest day, into indefinite periods of time. That is the unwarranted device of infidels and unbelievers in the bible story to keep the wool pulled over the eyes of stupidity that began to take an occasional peep at geology and astronomy. No statement could have made the story plainer than it is to mean days as we know them of 24 hours each. My ancestors murdered such people as these, who wickedly tampered with the word of God by trying to change its plain meaning to suit the facts of science as they were discovered from century to century. Did not God himself dictate the story? Who else was there to take notes on those days? Ought not God to know better than anyone else what he did and how long it had taken him? The wicked though most intelligent of the clergy are to be found in nearly all sects, who imagine themselves capable of improving the bible by changing its meaning. Now to change its meaning amounts to unbelief and they are leading us all to perdition, except the Salvation army, Holy Rollers, Jumpers and some fossils in all Christian churches who have never heard of any of the sciences, higher critics or evolution, or else are unable to comprehend their meaning. Why, if this heresy about the days of the creation being long periods of time is allowed to be promulgated it is only a question of time when it will dawn on the idolaters that the seventh day was of lack duration and may be any length from one billion to a billion billion years. They will then claim that God is still in retirement resting and it is on that account that the Church of Humanity is unable to find Him.

Subscribe for this paper if you want to help to start a campaign of education to free the people from idolatry.

Join the Church of Humanity if you wish to help found a church that will teach the truth about God.

If you get a sample copy of this issue it is an invitation to subscribe for it and you should do so today as you may never get another.

The church members should have their certificates framed and hang them in a conspicuous place. Let your light shine.

The truth that God is a myth is easily taught and quickly learned by those who have not become panic stricken by the priest's cry of fire! fire!!

The children who are taught the truth about Santa Claus from the first are just as good children as are those who are deceived for a while. Just so they will be if taught that God is a myth from the first.

The Twentieth Century has got a little start of the Church of Humanity but by hard work and liberal donations we will catch up.

Through the International Lessons I hope to transfer the love worshipers have for idols to humanity.

Through the Bible Lessons I hope to win recognition for the superior goodness of man when compared with that attributed to God by his creators.

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at home? Should we not sweep our own door-steps first? Should we not get the mote out of our own eye first? Should people who live in glass houses throw stones? Is it not time to help other nations to free themselves from idolatry when the Americans are free?

If the Americans have not the intelligence to free themselves from idolatry what nation has?

Shall we wait until the Japanese send missionaries to free us? If we are the most intelligent people let us prove it by being the first nation to arise from our knees and cease worshiping the idols of ancient mythologies.

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THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR
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W. H. KERR, Editor and Publisher.

Devoted to Teaching the Discovery that God is a myth like Santa Claus and to Founding the Church of Humanity.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is the only church in existence that teaches the truth about God. It is the only church that will free the people from idolatry and keep them free. It is the only church that can save the children from being made idolators. It is the only church that is founded on scientific facts, that believes in science, that will promote science and welcomes the scientists to membership. It is the only church that is in a consistent, logical position to act as a missionary to all the world in freeing it from idolatry. It is growing slowly but surely. Just as sure as we belong to a progressive race this church is bound to win in time.

Other churches make idolators of the seventy children born to our race every minute. That does not promote progress or civilization. Other churches send out missionaries to induce worshipers to give up the worship of one idol, or set of idols,for another set. That does not in the least promote progress or civilization. It is just as heathenish to worship the Christian's idols as it is to worship the idols of any other creed. No body is made any wiser by changing from the worship of one idol to that of another. When the Church of Humanity gets able it will establish missions in all countries to free the people from the worship of myths.

If you would like to see our race progress join this church. If you think it wrong to worship dead Jews, or Holy Ghosts, or almighty bug-a-boos join the Church of Humanity and help to sweep these cow-webs of superstition from the human brain.

Monthly Report.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life since last report, 4; Kansas 1, Washington 1, California 1, Illinois 1. New states represented 1, total 13. Occupations represented: Publisher and labor agitator 1, editor 1, retired farmer 1. Males 4. Nationality: German-American 1, Norweigan 1, American 1, English 1. Previous church affiliations: Menonite 1, Lutheran 1, none 2. Total number of members of the Church of Humanity 31.

The Educational Fund.

Amount pledged on a fund of $250.00 to send the Christian Educator and God's Defender to 1,000 religious editors one year:

W H Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.,	$25
Emil Fredrick, Mt Sterling, Ky.,	10
Moses White, Newhope, Ark.,	10
Charles Long, Payson, Utah,	5
E E Wallace, Great Bend, Kan	5
John Bertaux, Rich Hill, Mo.,	1
E C Reichwald, Chicago, Ill ,	1
A Lutterman, Ackley, Iowa,	1
Total to date,	58

We will accept a pledge of any amount from any one for this fund who desires the truth about God taught to the people by the religious press. Perhaps even greater than the power of the clergy is the influence of the religious press to mold the religious opinions of the people. The clergy and the religious press are the two great causes of the perpetuation of idolatry in this age. They are the two primary sources from which flow the false teaching of our ignorant and barbarous ancestors.

We must bravely attack this vice of idolatry in its stronghold. We must martial our forces in battle array and bombard the enemy of truth, progress and civilization all along the line. I do not know the address of many clergymen, but I am donating this paper to all I know. All the members of the Church of Humanity should donate this little missionary to all the priests and preachers they know the address of. And all the subscribers should do likewise. I may be able later on to get a list of the clergy of the various denominations, so we can donate it to all of them. We must remember the idolators love their idols so well that they never will give one cent towards freeing themselves from the vice of worshiping dead Jews and an old scare-crow named God hatched out of the brain of heathens. We that are free must donate the evidence that has freed us to those who are not free from idolatory. They will thank us for our labors when they are free and will in turn help to free others. That will be our reward. I have a list of 1,000 editors of religious papers in the United States; these papers have in the aggregate around 12,000,000 subscribers, and perhaps 60,000,000 readers.

They pour forth torrents of false reasoning and sophistry why the people should become idolators and remain so. We can bombard this regiment of false teachers for a whole year with facts and evidence that will go a long ways to convince them that they are wrong in their teaching for only $250. To save the people from idolatry we must win over their teachers to the side of truth.

We have nearly one-fourth the amount pledged now. So chip in, readers, with your pledge for this fund all you can spare, if that is only a quarter.

Members of the Church of Humanity.

These have graduated in the knowledge of God and are enrolled in the Book of Life as life members and founders of the Ghurch of Humanity:

Dr M W Wilcox, Oklahoma City, Ok.
S F Weaver, Spurgeon, Ind
Elias Molee, 1223 J street, Tacoma, Wash
Emile Frederich, Mt Sterling, Ky.
W W Wallace, 5702 Ashland avenue, Chicago, Ill.
John Bertaux, Rich Hill, Mo.
P C Hansen, Greenleaf, Kansas.
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A Lutterman, Ackley, Iowa.
Dr H J Chapman, Speed, Kansas.
Charles Long, Payson, Utah.
James Beeson, Hytop, Ala.
E E Wallace, Great Bend, Kansas.
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J B Wise, 329 West Main street, Oklahoma City, Okla.
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Moses White, Newhope, Ark.
W W Walcott, Lyons, Kans.
J J Jones, Sailor Springs, Ill.
E Z Ernst, Olathe, Kansas.
I I Lynn, E 803 Baldwin avenue, Spokane, Wash.
Franklin H Heald, 219 Stimson block, Los Angeles Calif.
John S Holman, Pontiac, Ill.

These are the people who are on the highway of civilization. They have mentally outgrown idolatry. They will never desecrate the twentieth century by the worship of dead Jews. They will never disgrace themselves by bowing in abject fear of a Jewish bug-a-boo named God. They are happy in their freedom from superstition and will do all they can to free others from idolatry that they too can rejoice in the true knowledge of God.

There must be many more who are far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity. If you, reader, are one of them I shall be glad to welcome you to membership in the church. Fill out the blank application on another page and return it to me.

Superstition's Withering Blight.

Apparently intelligent men are still cringing cowards in the lowest depth of superstition. They dare not admit the noblest thoughts that knock on their brain for admission. They have a No. 8 brain, but it has been jammed into a No. 3 religious creed.

Sentinels have been put on guard to keep the brain from expanding, especially on matters pertaining to idolatry. These sentinels have guarded the religious ideas and idols with a devotion worthy of a nobler cause. These sentinels are, love for the idol, fear of the idol's punishment and hope of the idol's reward.

Here is an example how love, fear and hope zealously guards an idol enthroned in the brain of some men. I asked a man a few days ago for permission to send him my paper. He had heard of it and promptly replied: "No, I would be afraid God would strike me down for reading it."

Here was the sentinel "Fear" on guard and instantly did the duties the clergy put it there for when they enthroned an idol on this man's brain many years ago. Had he the mental power to place these sentinels in subjection to his will until he examined the evidence on which the clergy based their right to enthrone an arbitrary domineering idol on his intellect he would be making better use of that intellect. Now this man would be actually ashamed to say he was afraid of Santa Claus striking him down for listening to some one saying that Santa Claus is a myth. God being the name of a myth the same as is Santa Claus, therefore, he is no more dangerous or liable to strike any one down.

And how could this idol strike him down? With a sledge hammer? Who ever heard of a God being able to lift a sledge hammer?

With disease? Mercy! He can't prevent disease from striking down hundreds of his most devout worshipers every day. Therefore, he can't control diseases. Lightning? Why lightning often strikes his worshipers in the temples dedicated by loving devotion to his service. He can have no power over lightning. Fire? The dickens! Didn't you read of charred women and children on their knees with outstretched arms in snpplication to God for protection being found after the Iroquois theatre fire? Don't that and hundreds of other cases prove that no God can do anything with fire. Now, since we know that no God has any power to save his worshipers from destruction by the elements, he has no power to use those elements in "striking down" anybody. And again, if there was a God who made a business of "striking down" people for ruining his character, he would begin by "striking down" that man for accusing him of being mean enough to do such a thing.

Then he would turn his attention to the clergy and do a wholesale "striking down" business for accusing him of cursing snakes, cursing the ground, creating satan, establishing hell, deriding Adam, driving our ancestors away from the trees of knowledge and life, drowning a whole world, tormenting Job, helping to murder millions, giving wicked orders, hardening Pharaoh's heart, seducing a Jewish maiden, cursing a fig tree, stealing corn, stealing an ass and her colt. manufacturing wine, keeping company with magdalenes, overthrowing tables and choking other people's swine, etc. As no God is around "striking down" those who accuse him of all these crimes and vices; therefore, there is not the least danger of him "striking down" his defenders who declare him not guilty of the crimes charged. Any decent God would much rather be known as a myth like Santa Claus than to be thought guilty of those wicked crimes and vices.

Atraid God would strike him down! How ignorant he is of the true power of Gods. If he would tie a spider web to the smallest hair on his head and had all the Gods in the universe arrayed in one grand tug-of-war with the Christian's God as captain of the team, they could not break the web, much less be able to pull the hair out. Religious editors. preachers and priests cultivate, nourish and foster this idiotic fear of idols in order to keep them enthroned in the brain of man. Turn the electric light of the twentieth century intelligence on these Gods and Ghosts produced by heathen brains and they will vanish as does the spooks and goblins before the brilliant light of the rising sun.

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Help along the campaign of education all you possibly can.

Don't forget to send in your pledge to the Educational Fund.

As soon as you are convinced that God is a myth join the Church of Humanity.

You can't have a local church society until a few of your neighbors learn that God is a myth.

Help to teach the facts about God to the Christian teachers by contributing to the educational fund.

Not many Jews allow their children to worship dead Jews named Jesus and Mary. Then why should the rest of us require ours to?

If you want a local church society for your children donate this church missionary to your neighbors so they too can learn that God is a myth and join with you.

Do not refuse to join with us simply on account of the name "church" being given to the society. You do not hate the names John and William because some bearing those names are criminals.

If you get a sample copy of this paper and wish to aid us in our campaign of education send us a quarter for a year's subscription for yourself and a quarter for each of your relatives and neighbors whom you would like to have the paper sent to.

Kansas Still Ahead---Hurry Up Sister States.

Membership in the Church of Humanity by states:

Kansas	12
Illinois	4
Oklahoma	2
Iowa	2
Arkansas	2
Washington	2
Missouri	1
Indiana	1
Kentucky	1
Utah	1
Alabama	1
West Virginia	1
California	1

The C. E. & G. D. has subscribers in thirty states. All should be represented by membership in the Church of Humanity. Older states should try to rescue the place of honor at the head of the list from Kansas. Who will be the first to represent the other states? What state will be at the head of the list next month?

Send for Sample Copies.

Christians, here are some papers you would do well to read. The editors no doubt will be glad to send you a sample copy for examination. Pick out one or more of them and read them in connection with your religious paper and Bible. They will broaden your views of life, make you more tolerant, sympathetic and generous.

You may find in them the evidence that will prove to you that your religious ideas are wrong, that you have been taught mistakes. They may enable you to find the truth, and that is what you and I should desire.

Humanitarian Review, mo., Los Angeles, Calif.
The Searchlight, mo., Waco, Texas.
The Truth Seeker, w'kly, New York, N. Y.
Boston Investigator, w'kly, Boston, Mass.
*Higher Science, mo., Los Angeles, Calif.
Blue Grass Blade, w'kly, Lexington, Ky.
The Liberal Review, mo., Chicago, Ill.
Ingersoll Memorial Beacon, mo., Chicago, Ill.
* Member of the Church of Humanity.

UNITE! UNITE!

These Men Want an Organization.

GLEN RIDDLE, PA.

W. H. KERR,

Dear Sir:—The Christian Educator and other literature received.

After a perusal of the same I must say that the sublimity of your undertaking is positively astounding. Your idea comprehends both the negative and positive poles of Freethought, and embrases a movement that I have often hoped for, yearned for and imagined, but never expected to see realized even in embryo. Your project ought to have the support of all liberals if only as an experiment, and a recognition of the courage and intrepidity of its author.

I shall be glad to have you enroll me as a member of the Church of Humanity and will do what I can to assist.

Also enter my name as a subscriber to the Christian Educator and accept best wishes for your success from,

MILES KELLY.

MT. STERLING, KY.

Friend W. H. Kerr:—I pronounce you the champion religious inaugurator of modern times. You have done what I wanted to do for the last ten years, but circumstances prevented me from doing so. I therefore thank you from the bottom of my heart for your humane feelings and I feel confident that truth will triumph at last.

The certificate of membership you send out was a very wise step for you to take right at the outset. It commands respect from other organizations. I had mine framed and keep it exposed at my office, and you bet it creates curiosity and inquiry. There is not any day when people don't ask me about our principles and teachings, what authority we are governed by and so on. I tell them that in a short time we will have a Local Instructor in this town. * * * I am fifty-two years old and as I have been educated as a Roman priest for some length of time in France it gives me the advantage of knowing both sides of the Christian church if there be two sides.

I have declared the orthodox God of the Bible a myth for the last fifteen years, and argued with the clergy and have personally and through the Blue Grass Blade challenged them to open debate but without avail.

I can do no good in this line except by authority of the Church of Humanity, then I will begin having services regularly every Sunday morning. * * * Although I am a poor man I will do all I can for what I think is best for mankind, and you, friend Kerr, have come nearer to my ideas of right than any other human being. I have a wife and four children, all brought up with the principles of our church and, as I believe, there is not a happier family within a radius of ten thousand miles.

You may count them and some others as members of our church as soon as I can show authority. I believe that I am more anxious to have our church grow than brother Kerr himself. * * *

My family is as much respected as any priest or preacher in the land. I notice more and more that the people are gradually drifting towards rationalism. All that is necessary is authority from some organization to appear on the open field like other churches. * * *

The sooner we appoint Local Instructors the sooner we will be recognized and respected. * * * You are the very man we are looking to for advice. We must be brave, persevering and not afraid of the scorn of orthodox people. * * * Let us have one long, hard pull and we will get through the superstitious quagmire sooner than can reasonably be expected.

Yours for humanity's sake,

EMILE FREDRICH.

There are many men like these two in almost every county of the world who have learned the fact that God is a myth like Santa Claus. They are able and willing to organize into a society so that they could teach by that society's authority. This is just what the Church of Humanity is going to do. We must organize these people and put them to work teaching what they have learned about God to others. It is an absolute shame and disgrace that the ever increasing world of little children are allowed to be scared by the uninformed with fictitious Gods, devils and hells when so many educated people know these to be only phantoms of the mind handed down to us from a more ignorant age.

I invite all the Freethought editors of the United States to rally to the aid of this little band of their readers and converts who wish a universal organization of all those who are free from Idolatry. The readers of no one of these papers are numerous enough to form a strong organization. But the readers of all those papers organized into the Church of Humanity would at once command recognition and respect from politicians, legislators, judges and Christian societies. They would then be able to employ a full list of Instructors and keep them busy teaching the rising generation the truths about God that we have learned and thus save them from idolatry. EDITORS! why do you continue to refuse to help your readers to organize when you have their wishes so plainly expressed? Do you not want them to save their children from idolatry? The children can't read and understand your papers and books without teachers to explain to them any more than they could learn arithmetic by simply giving them a text book. We could teach our children to read and write at home but we all prefer to tax ourselves to employ teachers for that purpose. Just so in teaching the truths about God, satan, heaven, hell, etc. We would much rather tax ourselves to employ instructors to do that teaching. Singly we are not able to do that any more than we would be to employ teachers of the common school branches. United in a society we will be able to employ instructors to teach our children. One instructor can teach the children of a whole county, thereby making the expense very light to each. But when more people in a county want their children taught these truths than one instruotor can accommodate then local instructors would be supplied from the ranks of the local graduates. Many of these graduates would teach free of charge to Sunday School classes the same as the Christian Sunday School teachers do. We could then have regular society, uniform teaching and text books, and song books, and teachers trained especially for their duties of teaching. We never can have these without organization. Many of your readers want these; they are necessities for saving their children from idolatry. Then help them to UNITE! UNITE!

Locating the Guilty Parties.

Many deplore the perpetuation of idolatry in this wonderful age of progress and have tried to locate the blame for it.

Some say the clergy are to blame. Not so. They don't know any better. They never have learned that God is a myth. Others say the fault lies with the editors of religious publications. Wrong too. They do not know they are teaching errors.

It is also affirmed the parents are to blame. But how can they teach the truth to their children without having first learned it themselves?

Then the wise ones rise to explain that the desire to worship God or something is of pre-natal origin. Mistaken again. A child is no more born with the desire to worship God or any other myth than it is born with the desire and ability to read the Chinese alphabet without being taught. Do I know who the guilty parties are? Yes. You see there are very few who have really learned that God is a myth and—what! You have known it for twenty years! Have you spent all the time and money you possibly could in teaching that knowledge to others? Haven't done anything! You are the guilty man. You are the guilty woman. You are to blame for the perpetuation of idolatry.

I am the guilty man, and so is every man and woman who have learned that God is only a myth and are not doing all in their power to teach that truth to others. Those who know the truth are to blame for the perpetuation of errors and not those who do not know the truth.

To Authors.

It is not the intention to write a new literature, including text books and song books, for the Church of Humanity, but to adopt these from works now written. I invite authors of books, pamphlets, and leaflets suitable for text books and reading exercises for the church to submit a copy to me for inspection so I can make up a temporary list for church use. Some of the books may be suitable for adoption as they are, others may require revision to meet our needs.

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International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON V.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

Vivid evidence of the truth that God is a myth, as the Church of Humanity teaches, was given to the people of this city and vicinity last Saturday. This object lesson should remain indelibly impressed on the tablets of their memory so long as life shall last. About 1 o'clock on April 30, as I was walking in my garden, I saw a flash of lightning and heard the sharp report. In a few minutes came the announcement that a lady had been killed by that flash, only five blocks distant. She was sitting in a buggy with her eighteen year old daughter, having just driven in from the country to have a garment fitted that a lady in town was making for her. She was about fifty years of age and leaves a husband and five children, the oldest twenty and the youngest ten years of age, to mourn her sudden untimely death. None of the eleven Christian organizations of this city have the ability to interpret this phenomena of nature correctly. Neither has any branch or sect of Christianity the knowledge to do so. They have always taught that the lightning bolt was the special instrument with which a God struck down his enemies. By inculcating this idea they have succeeded in keeping themselves and everybody else they could influence in mortal fear of God. Influenced by their narrow creeds and wide ignorance they have thought their enemies and God's enemies to be one and the same identical parties. The clergy cannot comprehend the possibility of their God having enemies among their friends or of their enemies not being God's enemies also. They interpret God's enemies to be those who refuse to do what they say God requires of them.

And what each clergyman wants the people to do or not to do he says is God's wish, thus making his own wish and that of his God identical. Had the lightning struck down one of the seven joint keepers of this city or one of the twelve bad girls the preachers of this city had caused to be arrested near a neighboring town recently, the clergy could have seen clearly God's motives. They would have held this example up as a warning to others of God's way of dealing with violators of law and good morals. Had I been struck down the terrible example of God's wrath being visited on one who attempted to rescue him from charges of wickedness would have been heralded as a warning for others not to attempt it. And it might have scared people out of the undertaking for some time to come, as was David scared out of hauling God in an ox cart to his city, for three months, because God smote Uzzah for attempting to keep the cart from upsetting and spilling God out (See 2 Samuel 6). Nobody dared after Uzzah's experience to ever again try to keep an ox cart in which God was being transported, from upsetting. I digress here to warn the members that should I be struck down by lightning, or by any other cause, pay no attention to the clergy's declaration that it is a manifestation of the anger of a God, for they will be mistaken.

A myth can't get angry or molest anyone. Just elect one of your number International Instructor and go right on building up the Church of Humanity in which to teach coming generations the truth about God and thus save them from idolatry.

To continue: What excuse can the clergy give for their God striking down this woman with whose character and occupation they can find no fault? They can't see his reasons so clearly as they could have done in the other cases. They must be non-plussed. They may state that "God works in a mysterious way," "It is one of the mysteries of Godliness," "God's ways are not man's ways and are past finding out," "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away," "He doeth all things well," and "He knows what is best." None of these statements are satisfactory to the thoughtful man or woman. The fact remains, were God a real being, as the Christians represent him to be, having power over the elements and directing them, he would be a cold, premeditating murderer, utterly devoid of love, sympathy or care for any human being. A being to shun, despise and abhor as we would a human fiend.

The same afternoon a widow in this city got a phone message that her son in an adjoining county had been killed by lightning. "Mr. Compton was in the field plowing with a riding plow," says the Great Bend Rustler, "When the bolt struck he fell from the seat, and the hired man who was near by ran to the body. Death was instantaneous. Deceased was a man about 30 years old, sober and industrious and an exemplary citizen, and this sudden taking off of a life full of vigor and of promise is a terrible blow to the bereaved wife and mother."

Christians, are these two victims the kind of people your God hates and despises? Does your God take a delight in "striking down" such citizens? If he had power to prevent it he is just as wicked as though he did the "striking down." No right minded man or woman should desire to live with a murderous being in heaven or any other place, for he would be infinitely more wicked than the joint keepers or bad girls some preachers condemn.

The Church of Humanity has come to God's rescue and redeemed him from the crimes of commission and of omission charged to him by the Christian churches. That church declares him to be a myth like Santa Claus and as innocent of "striking down" anyone as Mary's little lamb. If you, reader, wish to be one of God's defenders and redeemers please fill out the following blank and return it to me today. You will be enrolled in the Book of Life as a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity and receive a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or St.....

State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

Outline Diagram for the Church of Humanity.

When we get members enough to build and support the Church of Humanity it will be constructed on the following plan:

MEMBERS

Local Instructors

City and Co. Instructors

State Instructors

National Instructors

International Instructor

The Church of Humanity

God is a Myth like Santa Claus

Scientific Truth

The affirmation that "God is a myth like Santa Claus" is based on Scientific Truth. The Church of Humanity is based on that affirmation. All members of the church will be graduates in the knowledge of God and, up to a limited number, founders of the Church of Humanity. The organization of the members into a society will constitute the church proper. All power and authority will be vested in the members. From their ranks all instructors will be selected. When the church is well established applicants for the position of instructors will be required to take special courses of study and training to prepare themselves for the duties of the office they aspire to, and as far as possible the different classes of instructors will be selected by election or appointment from the class below—promotion on the merit system for special abilities and fitness. Instructors of all classes will be expected to observe the common moralities and proprieties required of teachers in our common schools. Those who have advocated and taught through the press and on the rostrum the principles of the Church of Humanity are eligible to the office of instructor. Upon application for commission, with evidence of ability, I shall grant an Instructor's Commission for Local, County or State Instructor. All instructors will make reports to and be under the supervision of the next higher Instructor for that territory. If there be none higher they will make monthly reports to me and be under my supervision. Instructors will use the text books and song books adopted by the church. This list will be selected by a committee of Instructors later on. A few of the members, like Mr. Fredrich, are able to act as Local or County Instructors and begin holding public Sunday services. Those members who desire to teach should apply for an Instructor's Commission to empower them to do so. By virtue of my temporary office as International Instructor I can grant this power. My assumed office is based on my discovery that God is a myth like Santa Claus which gives me a natural right to teach it and to help to establish an organization through which that teaching can be perpetuated.

How to Decide.

In making up your mind whether to join the Church of Humanity or not you only have to decide on a very few points among which are:

Do you want your children to be worshipers of idols?

Do you want our race to remain in heathenism?

Will you do all you can to prevent the truth being taught to the people?

Do you believe the teaching of the mistakes of the ancients to be of more importance than the facts of the modern?

Do you believe the people should be kept in ignorance about God's nature?

If you can truthfully answer all these questions in the negative then join the Church or Humanity at once.

Every Body Redeemed.

According to an ancient fable, man committed an "original sin" by eating a forbidden apple which placed him and his posterity under condemnation of a myth named God. This myth is represented as committing the most henious crimes and winding up by redeeming man from "original sin" 4004 years afterwards by committing a crime for which negroes are burned.

Now comes the Church of Humanity 1904 years afterwards and redeems God from all "original" and other sins and gives him a clear bill of moral character, proving him to be absolutely guiltless of all crimes and vices charged to him. Arise! Rejoice! Herald the glad tidings!

God is Redeemed!

The Most Marvelous Discovery of this Age

By W. H. Kerr.

A booklet of 32 pages announcing the discovery that GOD is a MYTH like Santa Claus.

1 book 5c; 10 books 25c; 25 books 50c.

BIBLE LESSON No. 4.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

A majority of the people wish to know the truth about God. No one will worship him when they know he is a fictitious personage like Santa Claus. It is a fact that he is a fabulous being, a man-made character of the imagination.

It will require many schools, colleges and instructors devoted exclusively to teaching that fact before the people generally can be convinced of it. On account of previous false teaching people will be slow to accept the real truth about God.

All worshipers can easily learn that a large majority of themselves are mistaken in their ideas of God and that fact alone should make them suspicious of their own religious teaching. There are according to the New York World encyclopedia for 1904, nine different religious creeds as follows:

Creeds	No. of followers
Christianity	477,080,158
Confucianism	256,000,000
Hindooism	190,000,000
Mohamedanism	176,834,372
Buddhism	147,900,000
Polytheism	117,681,669
Taoism	43,000,000
Shintoism	14,000,000
Judiaism	7,186,000

Here is a total of 1,428,682,209 worshipers. I can prove by their own testimony, if you value that worth anything, that they are all mistaken and are only idolators.

The followers of any eight of these creeds will agree with me that the followers of the other creed are mistaken.

The followers of each creed are not agreed among themselves that they are right. Take, for instance, Christianity. According to the same authority it is sub-divided into eight churches as follows:

Churches	No. of followers
Catholic church	230,866,533
Protestant churches	143,237,625
Orthodox Greek church	98,016,000
Church of Abyssinia	3,000,000
Armenian church	1,690,000
Coptic church	120,000
Nestorians	80,000
Jacobites	70,000

Now I can call any seven of these churches as witnesses and prove by them that the other one is mistaken. And so I could prove by a majority of the christians, if their testimony on this subject was worth anything, that they are all on the broad road to hell.

The followers of each of these eight church disagree among themselves as to the true road to their fictitious heaven and are again subdivided into numerous sects aggregating hundreds. Ninety-nine hundredths of these religious sects will agree with me in the affirmation that they are all mistaken in some of their teachings. Each creed, church and sect thinks all the rest are wrong.

This should cause each to review the foundations of their own faith through fear that they also may be wrong. They have the assurance of all the other creeds that they are wrong.

It must forever remain an unalienable right for each church, sect, individual and generation to review the evidence on which its religion rests. This right carries with it the duty to reject one or all religions if the evidence is insufficient to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the truth of the alleged facts. We should be just as quick to condemn and reject our own beliefs if found to be wrong as we are those of others. We should also be just as impartial and critical in the examination of the foundations of our own religious creed as we are the creed of others.

To do this we must banish prejudice, fear of punishment and hope of reward. Then we are free to search for truth and to accept it wherever found. With this preparation and object in view we are ready to proceed with the study of our bible, and learn how primative man created a fictitious character named God and made him responsible for the phenomena of nature he could not understand. And finally how he bowed down and worshiped this creature of his own imagination.

God's creators over-worked him on the fourth day and so we are not surprised that he did a very light day's work, comparatively, on the next day.

He was only required to create the birds and fish on the fifth day. The heavist work was the creation of "great whales."—Gen. 1:

20. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21. And God created great whales, and every creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

It does seem that every adult able to read, would have the intelligence to know that this creation story is a work of fiction. To try to prove it to be such ought to be superfluous. It is certainly an indication of inferior intelligence or else unexcusable indifference to truth for any adult to teach this story as being true. When we critically examine this story and compare its assertions with known facts it proves itself untrue. People believe this story was told by a God. It is told in the third person, as "and God said," "and God created," "and God blessed." Had the one who is represented as doing the work told the story he would have said: "I said," "I created," "I blessed." God's creators represent him as talking and giving orders to all objects, animal, vegetable and mineral. They are represented as understanding him and in some cases obeying. As God is a myth he cannot talk. No one ever heard him talk.

We have the evidence of some crazy peoble to the contrary but we just feel sorry for them and promptly put them in an asylnm when they get a command from God to kill some one. A man must learn a language before he can understand it. In this creation story all things are represented as understanding the language of this myth named God.

Christians, read the above Bible quotations again. You see this story is told by the story teller. It makes no pretence or claim that God wrote it or dictated it. The claim that the story teller was inspired by a God was set up later by the priests to scare people into believing it. They attached a penalty for desbelieving the story to be true and a reward for believing it.

Those penalties and rewards to be received in another world are as fictitious as the God is and will be unceremoniously waved aside while we examine the story on its merits. As a work of fiction to amuse people who have nothing else to do but while away the time reading novels, this story of creation may be interesting. But as a story to be taught to our children as being true it is simply nonsense.

This creation story is claimed by the Christians to have been written by Moses whom they say was born 2433 years after the alleged creation

This story could not have been handed down by tradition because man was not created then according to it. No legiondary story can be relied on as being true when preserved just orally for only a small fraction of that time. Had the story of creation been true this creator would have put it all in a book at the time had he wished man to know it.

It makes no difference to us who wrote the story, when or where. We know it is untrue from its nature.

We know that seas are not living organisms. They have no ears to hear any command, hence they did not bring forth living creatures at a command, We know that fish and fowls could not understand commands to be "fruitful and multiply." If this story was found incorporated with the "Fables of Æsop" or "Grimes' Eairy Tales" all would recognize it as a fable. And were those books of fable incorporated in the bible most Christians would believe them to be true stories.

Now we should all understand that the truth of a story does not depend on the name of the book in which it is found.

No one will lose a moment of happiness if taught from early childhood that this creation story is only a fable. If you do not wish your children taught this creation story as being true it is your duty to join the Church of Humanity and help to found a society that will teach them the truth.

It is the only way to save them from being scared or bribed by the other churches into believing it.

Idolatry Warps Judicial Minds.

In a test case the supreme court of Kansas says: "A public school teacher who, for the purpose of quieting the pupils, and preparing them for their regular studies, repeats the Lord's prayer and the twenty-third psalm as a morning exercise, without comment or remark, in which none of the pupils are required to participate is not conducting a form of religious worship or teaching sectarian or religious doctrine."

A clause in the state constitution reads: "Nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship." what is the use of having constitutions to protect our children from enforced idolatry, and their parents from being forced to pay for it, if they can be overruled by idolatrous judges? It might be reasonable be supposed that men intelligent enough to occupy the supreme bench would be a little in advance of the ignorant masses and would be able to lead and direct them in the right way. But here we have the fact brought home to us that these supposed brightest minds are not one fraction of a degree in advance of the lowest strata of ignoramuses in religious ideas.

Instead of deciding according to the constitution, truth and justice, and thereby aiding to check the perpetuation of idolatry through the public schools, they have rendered a decision in accordance with the desires of the most ignorant of their constituents. In matters idolatrous these judges tag around after the most ignorant under the belief that the majority must always be right and the majority will tag oround after these judges under the impression that they are wiser than they and should be followed. Hence they all go forward in a circle and make no intellectual progress. Were these judges not afraid of a myth named God striking them down and some ignoramus blowing them up so that they would be free to bring their judicial minds to bear on this question as on other questions, in which no idolatry was involved, they would not hand down such a decision—such a contradiction of facts. Now the facts are Christianity is a religion and the Christians, as a whole, are only a religious sect. The Christian religion consists in worshiping a particular God in special ways, praying to and praising him in song being the most common ways.

Hence repeating a prayer in reverential atitude supposed to be particularly pleasing to God by the Christians is the rankest kind of religious worship *and* sectarianism.

The twenty-third psalm is a Jewish sacred hymn of praise to God and also constitutes worship when so used.

These judges would undoubtedly reverse their decision were a parallel case taken to them wherein any other religion was taught in like manner in the schools "without comment or remark."

When the teachers request the children to arise and stand with bowed heads during the reciting of a prayer, as they do in this city, it constitutes enforced participation in practical religicus worship of a sectarian God. The only remedy I know of to cure this heathen practice is the truth about God taught to the people.

When a large portion of the people know that God is only the name of a myth like Santa Claus then, and not until then, will this idolatry in the schools cease. Ghosts, Satan and hell are not taught in our public schools even "without comment or remark" "for the purpose of quieting the pupils, and preparing them for their regular studies."

The school board, teachers and many of the parents have learned that they are fabulous things and don't want the children quieted with any such stuff. Well they must learn now that God and heaven are just as fictitious as the other fellows and place. They can, by a little thinking, select something more appropriate to use "for the purpose of quieting the pupils, and preparing them for their regular studies" than begging of a heathen idol, and reading a pack of lies to them.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is the visible working manifestation of the evolution of the Christian churches. It anticipates the progress of even the most advanced denominations by at least a thousand years.

It is the ripened fruit of the scientific investigation of the foundation principles of Christianity and all religious creeds.

It brings to the common people these results, and teaches them to know and understand them.

It is organizing to teach the truths brought to light in a systematic way and give the people society free from idolatry.

It is the patron of the scientist, the leader of church evolution, the hope of our race, and truth is its guiding star.

It will dethrone the devil, quench the flames of hell and liberate all its prisoners.

It will reduce a tyrant in the skies to a harmless myth, free all his slaves, throw wide the doors of convents, monasteries, nunneries, and make of their inmates the builders of happy homes, and establish heaven on earth.

As the advance waves of the tide are beaten back by adverse winds, so, too, may the vanguards of the Church of Humanity struggle and fall by the wayside. But the gathering, oncoming, irresistable forces of civilization will crowd this church forward to that success where the vanquished will rejoice in its victory.

Then rally to the support of this heroic band who are so nobly holding aloft and defending the banner of science, progress and civilization. They are founding a church for the future mental home to which your posterity as well as theirs can anchor their faith and hope; where they can have personal teaching given them from text-books to prove to them that God, Devil and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and the resurrection a delusion. This will save them from the worship of dead Jews, the fear of a myth in the skies and the dread of hell.

If you value these conditions worth anything to your posterity join the Church of Humanity and thereby become one of its founders. Your posterity will be proud to point out your name and number in the Book of Life.

Monthly Report.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life since last report, 5; Kansas, 2; Pennsylvania, 1; Maryland, 1; Illinois, 1; new states represented, 2; total, 15. Occupations represented: Mill and grain, 1; merchant, 1; piano tuner, 1; farmer, 1. Males, 5. Nationality: French, English, American. Previous church affiliations: Baptist, 1; none, 3. Total enrollment in the Church of Humanity, 36.

Kansas Still Ahead—Hurry Up Sister States.

Membership in the Church of Humanity by states:

Kansas	14
Illinois	5
Oklahoma	2
Iowa	2
Arkansas	2
Washington	2
Missouri	1
Indiana	1
Kentucky	1
Utah	1
Alabama	1
West Virginia	1
California	1
Pennsylvania	1
Maryland	1

The Church of Humanity had one red-letter day this month by receiving two applicants for membership on one day. The enthusiasm at our office ebbs and flows with the tide of applications for membership and the orders for our church paper. Keep the high tide of enthusiasm up at the office by sending in applications for membership and orders for the little missionary. Give us more red-letter days. There are a number of subscribers that should send in their applications for membership in the church. They are free from the worship of dead Jews and Jewish idols. If they have children, they have no assurance that they will be free from idolatry. They have no teachers to give them lessons in a systematic orderly way. They have no society but what is contaminated with idolatry. Ninety-nine chances to one they will be made idolaters by the other churches. They will worship the God you know to be nothing but a fabulous being. They will worship a dead Jew, believing him to be a God or the son of one when you know he was only a poor deluded man. If you care enough about your children to save them from that idolatry, and I think you do, you will join with us an help to build up a society that will make them free and keep them free from such heathenism and provide them with good society free from idolatry. If you, reader, are one of these people who are ready to graduate in the knowledge of God, I urge you to join with us in the Church of Humanity, and that church will do all in its power to save your children from idolatry.

The Educational Fund.

Amount pledged on a fund of $250.00 to send the Christian Educator and God's Defender to 1,000 religious editors one year:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.	$25
Emil Fredrick, Mt. Sterling, Ky.	10
Moses White, Newhope, Ark.	10
Charles Long, Payson, Utah	5
E. E. Wallace, Great Bend, Kan.	5
John Bertaux, Rich Hill, Mo.	1
E. C. Reichwald, Chicago, Ill.	1
A. Lutterman, Ackley, Iowa	1
Elias Molee, Tacoma, Wash.	1
James E. Mizzles, Newhope, Ark.	5
Total to date	$64

This fund should be pledged by our members and friends to the full amount as soon as possible. I urge all who have not pledged something to this fund to do so if possible before the next issue.

There are several reasons for raising this fund that more than justifies it. First, by having 1,000 more copies paid for, I can send out 1,000 more sample copies, as the postal laws will allow me to send an equal number of sample copies that I have of paid for copies, but no more at second class rates of postage. Besides the $25 that I donate to the fund I will send out 1,000 sample copies of each issue. That would mean 12,000 sample copies sent out in a year to 12,000 different people. That would be calling the attention of lots of people to our church and the truths it represents. When I am willing to do so much for the Church of Humanity, can't you do your part manfully without so much urging?

Second, when the amount is raised I shall write special articles and comments to the editors of religious papers, mark them and stamp the paper "Marked copy" to call their attention to it. This will pave the way for the establishment of the Church of Humanity by letting the Christian teachers know in advance that we are not going to indorse or sanction crimes or vices, but that we will teach morality without idolatry; that we will retain all the good and true teaching of the other churches and only eliminate the untrue by proving it to be untrue.

Third, those who are free from idolatry should contribute to this fund so we can place the teaching of our church before the teachers of other churches and thus help them to see their mistakes by pointing them out. In this way we may win some of them over to our church and they would then be our best teachers, having had experience in teaching and familiarity with the subjects.

Our line of proceedure is to organize those who are free from idolatry and teach those who are not free. If you are in sympathy with this plan send in your pledge to the Educational Fund and let us begin teaching this large, influential class of 1,000 editors of religious papers.

A Word to the Octogenarian's.

A few men over eighty years of age have written to me saying they knew there was no God before I was born. These men should join the Church of Humanity at once and let the world know what they know, and not keep their light hid under a bushel until they die. Christians tell me they never heard of any one who did not believe there was a God. I want them to know there are lots of people who know it.

Send in your application for membership so I can tell them how many there are who have learned that God is a myth. You have put in many years of study and spent many dollars for books and papers in learning that truth. Now that you have learned it give it to the world that others may be influenced add put on the right road to the true knowledge of God by your example.

Life is very uncertain for all of us, but after one reaches the eigtieth mile post they cannot reasonably expect to stay with us many years longer. You are living without a God, just as all are doing, but, unlike millions of people who have been taught falsely, you know it, while they do not. You know that you came into life without the assistance of a God and will go out of life without a God to interfere in any way.

You have lived without a God and have demonstrated that fact to Christians who know you. You should also demonstrate to them that you can die without a God or a belief in the existence of one. You can do this more effectively by becoming a member of the Church of Humanity. Many Christians believe it to be possible for some to live without a God, but impossible to die without a belief in a God. It must be demonstrated to them by actual examples that people can die with the same knowledge they lived by.

People do not disbelieve their arithmetic, geography or algebra when they come to die. There is no reason why they should disbelieve what they learned about God while in the vigor of mental and physical life.

We want you to be numbered with the founders of the Church of Humanity—a church founded by those who have learned what you have learned about God; a church that will give practical examples and illustrations of how to live and how to die with the knowledge that God is a myth like Santa Claus.

You are not too old to do more good in the world. The greatest good you can possibly do is to help to free the people from idolatry. You can do this most effectively by helping to found the Church of Humanity through which the truth about God can be taught to the people when the founders are laid to rest. Let your light shine that others may be guided

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If you want a local organization of the Church of Humanity, you must first win some of your neighbors to believe in it by donating C. E. to them.

You should love your Christian neighbors as much as they do the "heathen Chinese," and if you do you will donate your church missionary to them.

If you want me to teach your Christian neighbors the truths our church is based on, you must donate the church paper to them. It is the only way I can reach them.

Most people will not believe anything unless they know others believe it, hence the importance of joining the church when you have learned that it teaches truth.

People cannot join the Church of Humanity until they believe what that church teaches. Help the church to put that teaching in the hands of the people by donating to the Educational Fund.

Twenty-five cents for twenty-four lessons in the knowledge of God is the cheapest teaching you could wish for on such an important subject. See to it that you furnish this teaching to your neighbors. At least donate them a term of 24 lessons.

For every yearly subscription you donate to a Christian neighbor I can send out twelve sample copies, hence the importance of the donations on your part. Don't let the papers pile up here in the office when such a small outlay on your part will enable me to distribute them.

In making up your mind whether to aid the Church of Humanity or not, there is only one primary question to answer, viz: Do you want your children taught the truth about God? If you do, then you should join the church at once and give it all the aid you possibly can.

Three Cheers for Colorado.

Just received the application for membership in the Church of Humanity of a lady in Colorado, the first one to represent that state in our church. That is very encouraging. We want the ladies to help the men in founding this church. We want them to see to it that it started right.

All the great churches of the world have been founded by men and they are all wrong-founded on mistaken conceptions. They were based on visionary dreams of spooks in the skies by prophets and saviors.

We want the ladies to be equally represented with the men in founding this church. It needs their self-sacrificing devotion in its service just as other churches do. When it is well established, the women and children can take charge of it and do the most of the church work, as they do in other churches.

We give a hearty welcome to the women.

You can't have a local church society until you get some of your neighbors to join in with you. They can't do that until they learn the truths you have learned. They can't learn those truths without a teacher. Then it is your duty to supply them with that teaching. The best, cheapest and easiest way for you to furnish it to them is to send me their address and 25c, and the C. E. & G. D. will do the rest.

Stop Deceiving the Children.

A course of illustrated temperance lectures, given in a church here, represents the Christian's fictitious God and his supposed laws, given in the bible, as forbidding the use of intoxicating drinks. The practice of idolatry is urged on the children as being the only thing that can save them from becoming patrons of the saloons and from wrecking homes and filling drunkard's graves.

Both of these representations are absolutely false. We believe these idolatrous teachers know them to be so, but are deliberately misrepresenting facts in the interests of their idolatry.

Here is where their God and bible approves of, and even commands, the use of intoxicating drinks:

"He [God] causeth the grass to grow for the cattle. * * * And wine that maketh glad the heart of man." (Ps. 104: 14, 15.)

"Wine which cheereth God and man." (Jud. 9: 13.)

"They shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof." (Amos 9: 14.)

"Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works." (Eccles. 9: 7.)

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake." (1 Tim. 5: 23.)

"Thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink." (Deut. 14: 26.)

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." (Prov. 31: 6, 7.)

"In the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the Lord for a drink offering." (Num. 28: 7.)

"The Son of Man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber." (Luke 7: 34.)

Many more quotations could be given from "God's word" showing that both he and his son were fond of intoxicating drinks; that he commands us to drink wine and "strong drink" and to give it to others. These commands are just as imperative as any in the bible. That some of us do not like to obey them makes no difference. Were the Christian's fables true we would be consigned to hell as quickly for disobeying these commands as for disobeying any others in the bible.

When children are taught that the only reasons for refusing to drink intoxicants are to please God and escape hell they find out later that those reasons are not well founded on truth. They find by reading the bible that God sanctions and commands the use of "strong drink." Then they will say, as I have often heard Christians say, that God will not punish anyone for doing what he himself does. And why should he, if he is a perfect example of goodness?

They will be taught also by the clergy and the bible that "Jesus paid it all," and is able to pay a lot more; hence, they are free to draw on Jesus, as on a bank account, for wild oats seed.

They will also observe later in life that the best informed Christians don't believe in the existence of hell, anyway. And even if there was a hell, they will be informed by the clergy that they can commit any and all crimes with impunity and at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute they can swing right into the arms of Jesus, as did the Chicago barn bandits, Marx and Vandine, on April 22. From the pearly gates of glory these wretches can make faces at their eight victims writhing in hell, who, unlike themselves, were not given time for the services of priests to steer their souls for heaven.

The other representation, that none but non-Christians are drunkards and joint keepers, are equally false.

The Church of Humanity teaches total abstinence from intoxicants. Not because any myth, God or bible commands the use of it or condemns it, but because it is best for one's self, for home and state, for mother, sweetheart, wife and children.

First Semi-Annual Report of the Church of Humanity.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life, as life members and founders of the Church of Humanity, 37.

States and territories represented, 16. Kansas, 14; Illinois, 5; Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Washington, 2 each; Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Utah, Alabama, West Virginia, California, Pennsylvania and Colorado, 1 each.

Occupations represented: Doctor, 1; farmers, 4; writer, 1; magnetic healer, 1; housekeepers, 2; student, 1; miner, 1; florist, 1; carpenter, 1; attending school, 4; school teacher, 1; physician and druggist, 1; gardener, 1; photographer, 1; editor, 2; retired farmers, 3; book agent, 1; proprietor of a steam laundry, 1; farming and merchandising, 1; publisher and labor agitator, 1; mill and grain, 1; merchant, 1; piano tuner, 1.

Nationalities represented: United States, 23; Norway, 2; Belgium, 1; Denmark, 1; France, 2; Germany, 3; England, 2.

Previous church connections: Catholic, 2; Lutheran, 3; Methodist Episcopal, 2; Presbyterian, 2; Baptist, 2; German Lutheran, 1; Missionary Baptist, 1; no previous church connection, 14.

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A Modern Isabella of Spain.

The hundred dollars I donated to the Church of Humanity at first, being exhausted, I asked Mrs. Kerr, when she joined the church, if she thought I had better suspend church work when the $100.00 and all I had taken in on subscriptions and certificate fees were used up in the church work. Without hesitation, she replied: "Just put in a hundred dollars of my money."

It has often been observed that the women were the mainstays of the Christian churches. This begins to indicate they will be the main props of the Church of Humanity as soon as they understand the objects it is designed for and that its teachings are true. I am confident, though, that the men will have to found the church if it is ever done; then the women will come forward and perpetuate it by the loving devotion of free, self-sacrificing labor they bestow on other churches. And thus, as Queen Isabella came to the aid of Columbus and enabled him to make a discovery in the physical world, does a woman come forward to aid the Church of Humanity in promulgating a great discovery in the mental world.

Hurrah for Kentucky!

Hold the fort! Reinforcements are coming! Brothers and sisters, congratulate Mr. Emil Fredrich of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He is the first one to apply for and receive an Instructor's Commission from our church. He unfurls the banner of the Church of Humanity to the balmy breezes of Kentucky and enlists in its service. Long may that banner wave in triumph over the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

The Church of Humanity is to be congratulated on having such an able Instructor in its service. The seeds of truth will be sown in the Blue Grass state. In time they will germinate and ripen into an increased membership for the church. We hope success will crown his labors. He has enlisted to work in the front ranks of the forces making for the evolution of the churches and the highest form of civilization. I welcome Brother Fredrich as a colaborer in the service of the Church of Humanity.

For every false prophet we take out from under the churches we will put in their places ten true scientists.

A Word to the Octogenarians.

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thereby. Don't be ashamed that you have learned the truth about God or to let others know that you have learned it. Don't be ashamed to help what you can to free the world from idolatry. Add your name, your number, your influence and your example to the Church of Humanity. Be one of its founders and I shall be glad to welcome you to membership and forward to you a nice certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

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Every member should send me a class of 40 scholars. Don't neglect it. Send them today.

To save your own children from idolatry you must also save your neighbor's children from idolatry.

The people pay many millions of dollars annually to be taught the truth about God. When they learn that the Church of Humanity is the only church that knows what the truth is, then it will be employed to do the teaching.

The Right Kind of Missionary Work.

Like a teacher in an empty school house I can do nothing without the aid of those who wish me to teach in sending me scholars. The postal rules permits me to send only three sample copies a year to one person, but they permit parties to subscribe for papers for others. Under this rule any person can donate this little educational sheet to all their friends, relatives and neighbors. Unlike the teacher confined to a school room I can teach 10,000 scholars as easily as I can 50. So the size of my school is limited only by the number of scholars sent me by friends who wish them taught the principals of the church of Humanity. The members of the church do not wish to be isolated but wish others to learn what they have learned so they will help them to organize and maintain a local church organization. Here is a sample of their missionary work:

"Dear Sir—Inclosed please find money order for $9, for educational fund as pledged, $5, for subscription for 40 neighbors as per offer $4. Addresses inclosed. Yours for the good of the cause. CHAS. LONG,

Payson, Utah."

"Brother Kerr—Although but having very little money to spare at present I accept your offer and inclose 40 names and $4, besides $1 for the Educational Fund. Your earnest determination and straight convincing logic besides the much more than ordinary unselfish generosity of your noble wife, caused me to come to the conclusion that something had to be done, even if money is ever so scarce.

Yours truly,

P. C. HANSEN,

Greenleaf, Kans."

I hope all the members of the Church of Humanity will follow the noble example of these brothers and send in the address of 40 of their best neighbors so I can educate them in the principles of our church.

International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON VIII.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

I had hoped there would be no more great disasters and I would devote this lesson to comments on additional sad details of the Slocum disaster. As horrible as that event was other disasters of equal power to prove God a myth continues to happen.

I have no help to point out to the people the inconsistency of these events with the popular belief in the existence of a loving heavenly father and his son Jesus who is believed to care for people and to have ample power to save them from harm.

A card from an ex-publisher of a religious paper explains the reason for the Slocum disaster. He says: "The Slocum disaster was a divine permission; for God needed those people in heaven." What a savage monster this man pictures God to be! Running a lot of innocent Sunday school children, women and babes into a trap and roasting them to death in order to get them to live with him in heaven. Revolting! Horrid!

Monstrous! What language could express the wickedness of God were that affirmation true? What rational parent would want his children to live with such a being? What sane person would want to love or be loved by such a savage? All the savage murders committed by men would be tame affairs compared with the brutality of God.

No wonder men who believed in such a God were once savages. The wonder is they are not all savages still. Well most of them are to a great extent and will remain so as long as they hold such a savage God up as a perfect model to be imitated by man. Here is an item that illustrates the brutality of those who love and worship this savage monster, and who think they are doing what is pleasing to him and earning a home with him in heaven:

"Constantinople, Aug. 8.—(S. M. T. Cable.)—The Armenian Patriarch has ordered Archbishop Saragian of the Armenian church in America to head a mission to the powers urging them to interfere in the name of humanity and put an end to the continual massacres of Armenians in Turkey.

The archbishop will present proofs that in the past four months 8,400 Armenians have been massacred, including 3,000 children. The mission will take a special petition to President Roosevelt.

The Armenians are Christians who have been taught that God loves and cares for them. Can you believe that such a God exists? Does not the above item prove clearly he is a myth? Or is he a real being aiding the Mohamedans to murder the Christians because he "needs those people in heaven?" Who then should try to thwart his plans?

"Manila, July 13.—(S. M. T. Cable)—Two hundred lives were lost and $2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by a cloud-burst, which swept San Juan Del Monte. The cloud-burst came after a twenty-hours' heavy rain, which amounted to seventeen inches."

The clergy and religious papers teach that God makes it rain.

Did God drown those Filipinos because he "needed those people in heaven?" The United States paid $2.50 a head for those people. What right had God to them?

Will they be sent to the American colony in the New Jerusalen Flats, or to the Spanish colony, or will they be allowed to establish a colony of their own? To establish a precedent for the guidance of the United States in this matter Mr. W. S. Weller of Chicago, may please answer since he knows so much about God's business.

"A single vessel of the Spanish fleet sunk at Manila, when raised, presented the ghastly spectacle of 80 skeletons."

When people are civilized they will quit worshiping a God of war and then they will cease warring. The truth that God is a myth and that death ends all our life forever, taught to the people, will bring that happy result about. Then join the Church of Humanity and aid in teaching truth to the people.

Each of Dewey's battle-ships had on board a chaplain whose special duty it was to beg God's aid in murdering those Spanish soldiers. Some Christian savages believed God answered their prayers and sent those soldiers to the bottom of the sea and their souls to hell because Spain treated the Cubans so brutally. But according to Mr. Weller's knowledge of God's motives it "was a divine permission, for God needed those people in heaven." Or did he, Mr. Weller, need those people in hell? Please inform us which. Brutal God! Savage Christians! Ignorant Weller!

The bodies of thirty men who had perished in the Nevada desert from thirst and hunger were lately found by a party of surveyors.

The bodies were found in groups of fours or half a doven and in some instances were torn and half eaten by coyotes and buzzards."

With this evidence before them Christian teachers continue to declare that God never did and never will let anybody starve to death.

Why, this savage God will murder people by every conceivable method when he "needed those people in heaven." Was it not as brutal in God to murder those people for their s uls as for Indians to murder them for their scalps or for robbers to murdhem for their money?

"London, July 3.—More than 700 Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York, together with Capt. Gundell and most of the crew of the Scandinavian-American liner Norge undoubtedly lost their lives in the foundering of the vessel in the North Sea on June 28."

God just "needed those people in heaven" and so his wholesale slaughter of his children goes on, and all are glad that he loves them so well.

"St. Louis, July 3.—At least twenty persons met death tonight and twoscore were injured in the wreck of train No. 11, on the Wabash railroad, near Litchfield, Ill."

God must think the end justifies the means so when he "needed those people in heaven," he simply ditched them.

"Pueblo, Aug. 8.—Plunging through a bridge into a creek, near Pinon, Col., three crowded cars and engine of the Mo. Pacific Flyer, it is estimated, carried 122 persons or more to death last evening.

"Whether the engine and the torrent of water from the cloudburst struck the bridge simultaneously or the torrent had already undermined the structure or previously washed it away is not known."

God is full of resources but when he needs people in heaven on short notice one of his favorite methods in securing them is to ditch a passenger train. You know God makes it rain, for the clergy and the religious press tells you so, and you know it is their duty to keep posted on what God does, how he does it and his reason for doing it.

Well they tell us he "needed those people in heaven." What was easier than to burst a cloud just ahead of the train and knock the bridge out? That settles it and all are happy. Who cares what method God uses if he only gets 'em?

Oh, joy! Shout, "Glory to God in the highest" you Christian people!

Set apart a day to be devoted to praising God for his "divine permission" of another wreck whereby he secured a lot more Sunday school children for heaven.

Chicago, July 13.—An excursion train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which was hurrying back to the city with one thousand of the merrymakers of the Doremus Chapel (Congregational) Sunday-school on board, crashed into a freight train between Chicago Heights and Glenwood at 7 p. m. tonight. Twenty-four persons were killed and fifty injured. Among the dead many women and children.

The first two cars, where the greatest carnage took place, were packed with children. They had organized a little choir and were singing hymns joyously."

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—(Jesus.)

"Of the eighty injured, sixty are children."

Why did he not take them to heaven with the rest, Mr. Weller? Were they not just as ready and as worthy? Did God not need them in heaven? Then why did he make a pass at them and bruise up their little bodies if he did not need them?

"Then ensued a scene of panic and death. Women and childred, injured and dying, screamed in terror. Many were pinioned beneath wreckage in the first two coaches. Fully 600 women and children, weeping hysterically, surrounded the rescuers."

God was right there killing those people for their souls, according to the wise(?) teachers, just as an Indian would kill them for their scalps. Why did he not speak out and tell the poor scared women and children what he was murdering them for and allay their fright?

"Twenty-four dead bodies were beside the track, and ten of the injured were said to have received mortal hurts."

I thought some clergyman or the editor of some religious paper who knew all about God said he was humane. Then why did he not kill these little ones out right and put them out of their suffering so long as he needed them in heaven? I think that is a case for the officers of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children to look into.

"Whole families were wiped out in the disaster. Charles Stewart, his wife and child, were among the first victims taken from the wreck.

Edward Ecklund, his wife and two children composed another family that perished in the wreck.

Responsibility for the disaster has yet to be fixed."

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It is easy to locate the responsibility for the disaster. Just ask Mr. Weller or most any clergyman or editor of a religious paper. They will promptly inform you that "God needed those people in heaven." And you have been taught that he is all-powerful and can do as he pleases, no one can prevent him. So don't lay the blame on the innocent officials or employes of the road. Some Christians used to be under the impression that the object in bestowing unlimited love, praise and flattery on God was to induce him to make their lives long and prosperous on earth. But it now seems some of them know his special blessing for those who love him most is to murder them for their souls.

Perhaps after all the Christians are doing God a great injustice by teaching that he sent the flood to drown a world, and fire and brimstone to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because they were wicked and he hated them. Perhaps they were exceptionally good and "God needed those people in heaven."

Well, my Christian friends, the ideas of the existence of a God, heaven, hell and immortality are simply ancient fables and mistakes handed down to us by our ignorant ancestors of the long ago. Let us discard them as we do the old methods of agriculture, transportation and commerce. We live in the twentieth century, let us adopt the twentieth century knowledge of those matters.

What are the facts? Why don't you know them? Well then I shall tell you. God is only the name of a myth the same as Santa Claus. Heaven and hell are fabulous places like the fountain of perpetual youth. Immortality is a supposed attribute we do not possess.

Death is complete and perpetual so far as our individual life is concerned. These are the inexorable truths of nature. Our likes and dislikes are powerless to change them. Since they are true we are glad we know them. Their teaching and acceptance by the world will make it happier and better. Religions, hatred and wars will pass away as these truths are recognized and accepted. Then help to make the world wiser and better by ceasing to pay teachers for perpetuating errors and join the Church of Humanity and aid in the promulgation of truth. Fill out the following blank and return it to me and I shall forward you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and a life membership in, and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity. A church that defends God against the wicked accusation of murdering children for their souls. This church recognizes and proves him to be a myth. The only vindication and exhonoration possible to be made for God. Then unite with God's defenders and aid in the good work.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or St.....

State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

Want Column.

WANTED—All editors in sympathy with our educational movement to reproduce the International Lesson of this number in their respective publications.

WANTED—A class of 1,000 clergymen to give lessons to in the knowledge of God. Send in the addresses of all you know with 10c each for a year's instruction.

WANTED—Each member of the church to send me a class of 40 of their best neighbors and $4 for a year's teaching in the knowledge of God.

BIBLE LESSON No. 6.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

THE IGNORANCE AND SUPERSTITION OF GOD'S CREATORS REVEALED.

God's creators reveal their ignorance and superstition in the creation of God and bring themselves and their myth into contempt.

Wise people who have given the creation story due consideration no longer believe it to be the words of a God or a revelation from any unseen being but recognize it as an attempt

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Enterprising Missionaries.

The members of the Church of Humanity have given me a class of 900 editors of religious publications to instruct in the true knowledge of God. I am proud of such a magnificent class of highly educated influential men and women. I dare say no other teacher in the whole world has a class of equal power and influence.

If I can succeed in teaching them the truths on which the Church of Humanity is based, and I am confident I can, they will then teach those truths to their 50,000,000 of readers. That will unify their now discordant, contradictory teaching and be a long step in the evolution of the world's ideas of God and the banishment forever of idolatry. I am proud of the members for their liberality and enterprise in donating the teaching of this great class.

Bushels of Reading Free!

For 10c (silver) we will ask 150 publishers to send you sample copies; for 20c, 300, International Subscription Agency, Dept. 300 San Diego, Cal.

Unite Unite.

The result of the unorganization of those who are not Christians are vividly reflected in a paragraph in the July number of the Humanitarian Review of Los Angeles, Cal. Here it is: "W. S. Bell, the widely-known Freethought lecturer, has recently removed from Denver to Los Angeles where he has decided to make his home. Mr. Bell made a call at this office a few days ago, and he informed me that the demand for lectures where an admittance fee is demanded has declined to zero, and he, like the other old-time itinerants, Dr. York, Prof. Jamieson and many others once popular and successful, is not now in the lecture field. It is too bad that these men who devoted the best days of their manhood to such a noble work are now, at the approach of old age, forced to seek new and unfamiliar vocations for earning a livelihood." The enforced idleness of these men is positively the result of their own teaching.

In all their writings and lectures they held the Christians up to the scorn ridicule and contempt of all for their stupidity in being led by the nose by the clergy and hiring them to do their thinking for them.

They waxed eloquent on the duty of every man with brains to do his own thinking and not to follow any one.

Their audiences simply took them at their word and are now doing their own thinking. They do not wish to be as silly as the Christians are and hire Messrs Bell, York and Jamieson to do their thinking for them. These men and others like them have simply lectured themselves out of a job. Yet they continually boast of their superior intelligence over the clergy. But you never knew a priest or preacher to knock himself out of a job in tnat way. So in the matter of holding a job and making business for themselves prosperous, we must admit the clergy have the most intelligence after all.

Freethought lecturers and editors throw a wet, frozen blanket, as it were, over every attempt to organize—the very thing that is needed to give permanent employment and support to both classes of teachers. The very name "Freethought" would disintegrate any society and their continual teaching that every one should do his own thinking and let every body else think as he pleases will knock the support from under every Freethought lecturer and journal in the field if their own teaching is followed. What use has any one for the services of a lecturer whose main theme is, "let every one do his own thinking." How can one ask a neighbor to subscribe for a Freethought paper that tells him it is more of his business what others think and believe, and a man is a fool for allowing others to do his thinking for him. Of course any one who is not a Freethought lecturer or editor can see it is just as foolish to allow them to do one's thinking as it is to allow the clergy to do it. Then they are ready to drop both the lecturer and the paper.

I am doing my level best to organize the readers and hearers of that class of journals and lecturers so we could give them steady employment in their chosen profession at good wages through the power of organized numbers. What strange fatality causes them to try to block my efforts and refuse the slightest aid? Jealousy? Stupid mortals! They have lectured themselves out of an audience and are jealous of one of their pupils least he gets a hearing. Do they not know that in this beautiful and all most unoccupied field of teaching there is room for half a million instructors?

For thirty years I patiently waited and longed for one of these lecturers or editors to organize their hearers and readers so I could contribute to their support while they gave me and my family and neighbors regular lectures and a local society similar to what the Christians had.

While I was unable to support one of them myself, yet I would have gladly given $10, then $25, $50, $100, $500, and finally $1,000 a year to their support as my income from the farm increased.

I wanted some society like my Christian neighbors had, teaching truths I could indorse and help to support and teach to a Sunday school class if necessary. Although I would prefer to pay some one else for doing the teaching, just as I do in the common school branches. With all my effort to persuade editors of Freethought papers to aid me in organizing their readers into a society they seem to prefer to discourage the work of organization and to follow the Freethought lectures to the wall for lack of support. While I am trying so hard to build up a church organization through which Mr. Jamieson could be given renumerative work as an instructor he is writing an article on "Should Freethinkers Join Church" for the September Humanitarian Review. Perhaps he will make the Church of Humanity his target and discourage all he can in joining it and working for it. I hope I am mistaken in this prediction and that he will give the movement his hearty approval. Let all parents who wish their children to know the truth about God rally to the support of the Church of Humanity Let the little band of 48 remain faithful and all others who are in sympathy with our heroic work join at once and help us to gain the numbers that will make us popular and respected as much as any church is, and enable us to hire teachers for our children at reasonable wages.

Remember the Slocum and unite in the Church of Humanity.

The sooner you send me a class of 40 of your nighbors to be educated in the knowledge of God the sooner they will be able to graduate and join the church.

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The Educational Fund.

again. While I donate my services and time to teaching what we have learned about God to those who have not learned it, all the members will be expected to donate money to pay for the printing and mailing this little missionary to the Christians free of cost to them. So I expected a hearty response from the members to every call for aid in educating the Christians.

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of the ancients to account for a first cause of the existence of things. It was fixed up by perhaps the smartest of the people of some prehistoric tribe as answers to the questions of the masses who wished to know more of their environments. And while the story in many forms has been believed in by many people for thousands of years yet it has always carried within its makup the evidence of its untruthfulness. And now many of the people are intelligent enough to compare known facts with the statements made in the story and have no difficutly in classifying it as fiction.

To contemplate for a few minutes the unreasonable acts and words attributed to God by his creators will convince any one, who is unafraid of him, of his origin in fiction.

Gen. II. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

In these five verses is revealed much of the ignorance of God's creators and also much of their cunning in the art of strategy by having their character deliberately set a trap in which to catch man and give it an excuse for punishing him. In V. 9, you will observe, the story teller believed in such a thing as a tree of life and that the eating of its fruit would enable one to live forever. Nobody believes in the existence of such a tree now.

The "fountain of perpetual youth" fable is a paralle story told by the Indians and Ponce de Leon, Spanish governor of Porto Rico in 1513, went on a fool's errand in search of it.

No intelligent person believes in the "tree of life" or "fountain of perpetual youth" fables now.

The original God creators also believed in the existence of a tree of knowledge of good and evil, and that if one ate of its fruit he would become wise. No body believes in the existence of such a tree now. This all proves the ignorance and superstition of the God creators who evidently thought knowledge of good and evil could be obtained by eating the fruit of a special tree.

Let us now turn our attention to the fiction-made God. Other churches teaches that this is a real live character and that this story is a true account of his actions and words.

Were that teaching true these verses would prove him to be a fool and a knave—a fool for not creating man wise in the first place or else for not commanding him to eat exclusive ly of the tree of knowledge of good and evil until he could get along without his aid, and a knave for setting the tree-traps in the garden when he knew the man would be caught by them. The churches that teach that God is a real being and that these verses are true make him out to be a very wicked, deceitful, revengeful, ignorant being, utterly devoid of good sense and good qualities. To hold this fiction-made character up as a real being, a Heavenly Father, a perfect ideal of wisdom and goodness and a perfect model for earthly parents to emulate in the treatment of their children tends to keep man from advancing in goodness and civilization. Tell me the number of respectable husbands and fathers in your city, county or state and that will be the number of earthly fathers in that territory who are almost infinitely wiser, better and more worthy of emulation than this God is represented to be by these verses.

Then why should the clergy continually abuse the best specimens of noble manhood and hold them up to perpetual scorn, ridicule and contempt as totally deprived beings and use all their words of commendation and praise in eulogizing this fiction-made God?

What earthly father would deny his children the knowledge of good and evil that would enable them to choose one and avoid the other What father would be jealous of his children acquiring knowledge and prohibit it under penalty of death?

What father would deliberately set poisoned fruit before his children and tell them to not eat it or they would surely die the same day, before the children had learned it was wrong to disobey or what dying meant.

Would he be a good father if he did when, he knew all the time the child would eat it?

God's creators in these verses make their character out the most wicked scoundrel that could be conceived of, compared with which the combined wickedness of the human race during its entire existence pales into insignificance. And other churches fasten this crime of all crimes on God by teaching that he is a real being and that this is a true account of his doings.

Were the teaching of other churches true, verse 9 would make this God directly responsible for all the crimes, suffering, sorrow and misery of our race during its entire existence. Here this character is represented as deliberately laying the foundations of hell on earth and any other hell idolators of earth think exists.

He plans to entrap his innocent mud man and through him you and I and all our race. By God's diabolical work in verse 9 he is directly responsible for all the sin, suffering, sorrow and death of all our race and also for his own suffering and disgraceful crucifixtion on a cross. A thousand million lectures could be given on the wickedness and foolishness of the God for placing the tree of life and the tree of knowledge in the garden with this mud man without exhausting the subject.

Of what use were these trees only to ensnare man?

If the eating of their fruit gave wisdom and perpetual life why did not this God let the mud man have all he could digest of it? Mercy! If I knew of two such trees I would give all my earthly possession and interest in heaven for them. I know that some Christians need knowledge bad enough to rent me some ground to plant them on for a share of the fruit. I would have my children eat of that fruit every day. It would beat sending them to school to gain knowledge and employing doctors to keep them alive. I could exchange the apples from the tree of knowledge for the millions of dollars paid to teachers as most parents, and children too, would prefer eating an apple and becoming instantly possessed of all knowledge than to put in a dozen years at school gaining just a little. I could sell the apples from the tree of life to the Christians for the billions of dollars they give to the clergy, for most of them would prefer to just live on here than to run the risk of getting to heaven through dying. But what's the use to speculate on what could be made from a couple of such trees. I would take a bite myself from an apple of the tree of knowledge, then I would have sense enough to give them free to all.

Had God been a real being as other churches say he is instead of only a novel character as the Church of Humanity know him to be he would have eaten an apple himself from the tree of knowledge of good and evil before he put the mud man in with it. Then he would have recognized the evil of such a wicked plot and would have given it up.

He would have forseen the evil it would bring on his mud man and himself and would have refrained for his own sake if not for the man's. He would have been enabled to forsee his mud man eating the apple, the rage it put him in, the banishment of his mud man and mud-rib woman, the misery and wickedness of the descendants of the mud pair: the necessity of drowning nearly all of them, the re-peopling of the world from the same stock without any improvement: the necessity of destroying Sodom and Gomrorrah; the necessity of taking special charge of a few and making pets of them and aiding them to slaughter all their male neighbors and establishing a kingdom on the spoils of wars of extermination, only to be later on in turn overthrown by those who were suppposed to be the enemies of God and his pets. He would have foreseen himself, or his son Jesus, nailed to a cross; the uselessness of the sacrifice, the world drenched with the blood of religious wars; the horrors of the inquisition; the world lit up with the lurid light of burning victims of religious hatred; the sufferings of all the wars, of all the famine, of all the pestilence, of all the floods, of the fires, of all the misery, suffering, sorrow and death for all time, then he would have left the tree of knowledge, or else the mud man, out of the garden and not allowed him to get sight of it. Or better still he would not have forbidden the eating of its fruit. Churches, clergy, christians can you understand what an infinite fiend you are making of this man-made God by declaring it to be a real being and these five verses of the bible a true account of its work and words? By so teaching you make it a devil of devils, a fiend of fiends whose extreme wickedness amounts to extreme madness or insanity. The devils and all their works in heaven, earth and hell are included, but only form a very small fraction of the work of this supreme original devil whose works recorded by these five verses laid the foundation of all the suffering of all the ages. You make him a fiend that should be shunned, detested and despised by every living creature.

No words are adequate to describe the deliberate wickedness and fiendish cruelty of God were he a real being as you claim and this bible story told the truth about him.

But arise! rejoice! herald the glad tidings of the dawning of the better day. Proclaim to all the word that the great discovery that God is a harmless innocent myth like Santa Claus is at last positively made. Tell all the world of God's Defender, backed by the Church of Humanity, that from now on will stand up for God and defend him against the wicked charges of other churches and the bible. God's true defenders are gaining in numbers every month. Their time and their money are freely given in God's defense. The misrepresentations of other churches and the Bible will go unchallenged no longer. God being a myth is unable to defend himself against the cruel charge of creating a mud man and placing him in a pen with a very tempting tree of knowledge and forbidding him to eat of its fruit. What a wicked charge for people claiming to be good to make against a poor helpless innocent myth named God. Why, bless their dull, stupid, simple-minded craniums, they never smelled an apple from the tree of knowledge or they would have known all along that this creation story was only a fable. Less than half-witted people have searched half of Asia and part of Europe and Africa for the garden of Eden when they should have known all the time that it, with the trees of life and of knowledge, mud man, God and every thing else connected with it were only fancies of the mind of the God-creator or fabulist.

The plain honest truth is all that need to be taught in order to raise a world from its knees, free it of idolatry and place it on a higher plane of civilization.

The plain honest trutn is all that need to be taught about God in order to make a perfect vindication and defense for him. It is the only defense possible to make for God. The truth is all I want, it is good enough for me, it is good enough for every member of the Church of Humanity. Is it not good enough for you Christians? What more do you want? To have God abused, misrepresented, lied about? The truth will make you free from idolatry, the fear of a man-made God and a man-made hell. It reveals God in his true nature—a harmless innocent novel character instead of being the arch-enemy of our race as the misrepresentations of other churches make him to be.

Then join the Church of Humanity and be numbered with God's true defenders. Add your influence, number and aid to the side of truth. Help to move the world along to higher planes of civilization. Help to rescue God from the infamy of the garden of Eden plot, where other churches make him the author of all the woes of our race. If you are able to recognize the truth fill out the blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity and return it to me and I shall be glad to welcome you to membership and shall forward you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity and one of its founders.

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Church of Humanity.

Christians are learning slowly, but surely, that their beloved Heavenly Father is a fabulous being, and their Savior, Jesus, was only a poor, deluded Jew, who died nearly two thousand years ago and is still dead, and will remain so. As they learn these facts all the honest ones must leave their Christian churches, as they would be self-condemned hypocrites to remain in them and help to pay for teaching they knew to be untrue. The Christian churches have taught them from childhood to be honest and truthful. To follow that teaching which they still believe in there is no honorable course left them but to resign their membership in their respective Christian churches.

They were taught to learn all they could about God and try to know Him better. By following these injunctions their investigations lead them to the evidence that proved Him to be a myth like Santa Claus, having no real existence whatever. They were taught not to lie or deceive, by the churches, and as they believe that teaching should be followed as well as preached, they are compelled to resign, since they are unable to make their churches accept and teach the truths they found in their investigations. They want society for their children where they can be taught the results of their patient investigation. Therefore, they are uniting with others who made investigations into the claims of Christianity and found the same truths. They call this union of investigators the Church of Humanity, and they invite all investigators who found the same results to unite with them and help to establish a system of teaching that will facilitate the labor of others in their investigations and recognition of the truths when found.

BIBLE LESSON No. 7.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

God's Creators Make a Grave Mistake In Not Creating a Mrs. God.

There is no God. Therefore the bible could not have been dictated by one. Every word of it was written by man and carries that evidence in its make-up. Therefore, it is not wise to worship it or to believe any statements in it that are contradicted by known facts.

Every story in it that cannot be substantiated by outside evidence must be treated as we would any work of fiction. God is the fiction-made hero of the creation story, as he is of many other bible stories. God is simply the name given the leading character by the novelist, and he was created in the same way other novel heroes and heroines are created. But we should no longer worship this creation of the fabulist nor reverence the fable, and it is our duty to teach our children not to do so.

It is the object of these lessons to teach Christians how to apply logical reasoning to the bible stories, that they may be enabled thereby to recognize the fact that they are the work of fabulists. I can only give enough comments on the bible's statements in these short lessons to indicate the way of making reasonable criticisms thereon. The reader can, of course, extend the line of criticism indefinitely in various directions.

Gen. 2:18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Who wrote this verse? The fabulist. Did God dictate it? No. the fabulist put the words in the mouth of the leading character, God. Would a real live character have talked to himself in that way? No. Just to let you see how foolish this God would have been were he a real being, let the clergy try to answer these questions:

How did this confirmed bachelor-God know it was not good for man to be alone?

Was it not good for himself to be alone?

Was man not created in his image?

Why did he not create man so it would be good for him to be alone, like God? He was not created like God, after all. But he was not alone. Did he not have God, who was his image, for a companion?

Did Adam make any complaint? Did he demand a "help meet?" If he was satisfied why was not God? Did he not foresee the trouble he was making for Adam and himself when he thought of creating a woman? Did he foresee the necessity of raising a son to be crucified on a cross if he persisted?

If he did, why was he so wicked as to carry out his wicked plot against the mud man? Why did he not make a "help meet" for himself when he knew he must have a son to sacrifice on a cross to appease his anger at the posterity of the woman he was planning to make? If he knew his half-breed son was to be so much better and smarter than Adam's children why did he not make a Mrs. God in place of a Mrs. Adam and give our race a better parentage to start with?

When the clergy answer these questions to the satisfaction of the Church of Humanity most any member of it can give them a few hundred more just as good.

19. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

It is very foolish, indeed, for any one to teach that the names of animals were given them by this mud man, Adam, one of the fabulous characters of this creation fable. No one should believe it true, and a little reflection will cause all Christians to disbelieve it. If it is a sin to deliberately teach children lies, as the clergy claim it is, then the clergy and all Christian parents who teach these verses as truth are guilty of the sin of inexcusable lying, for they can have no excuse for not knowing them to be false. Here are a few of the reasons by which anyone can know them to be untrue:

1. The task was too great for any one man to accomplish. The scientists have seen and classified 380,000 species of animal life—animals, birds, fish, and insects. To just name this number at the rate of four per minute and put in twelve hours a day would take almost seven years.

2. No man could remember them all, much less be able to teach them orally to his children. Remember the fabulist had not given the mud-man a pencil and tablet to write them down.

3. All living things could not be brought together in one climate as it would be too cold for some or too hot for others.

4. Forms of life are still being discovered from time to time and names are given them.

5. The different languages have different names for the same animal, and it is not stated in what language Adam spoke, if in any one. Take, for instance, the name "mule." English, mule; [Sp. and It. mulo; L., mulus; Sax., mui; D., muil or muilezel; G., mouleseel; Sw., mulasne; Dan., mule; Fr., id; Arm., mules; Ir., muile; W. mul]. Many more languages and dialects give the mule more names. Then, again, it is a mongrel, a cross between two other species, as many more animals are known to be, and could not have been created by a God by his mud process.

All Christians ought to be able to see by these explanations that the animal-naming fete of a mud man is a little piece of fiction, and that he could have had no more to do with it than with the naming of races, tribes and nationalities of men, or with the names of rivers, mountains, trees, herbs, flowers and vegetables.

What about the animals and man and woman God created in the first chapter? Were not those animals as good as these mud animals of the second chapter? Would not that woman do for a "help meet" for this mud man, Adam? Had God forgotten her?

21. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Were it not for the army of misguided teachers telling the people that these verses are true and that they will go to hell if they disbelieve them, all would be ashamed to let it be known that they believed them true. Why did not God make her out of mud, the same as he did Adam and the animals of this story? Was it all dried up?

It must have been pretty dry and hard to be more difficult to work than a bone. Why did not God make this pair, that were to be the progenitors of our race, in his image, as he did the pair in chapter 1? Or why did he not let that pair be our grandparents? This story is altogether too short, considering its importance. We want the details. Can't some clergyman or religious paper supply them?

25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Well, why should they be ashamed? Who was there to see them except God, and some who think they know say he can see through clothing.

A mud pair could not be ashamed of anything. I saw a marble pair totally naked at the St. Louis fair last month and they were not ashamed, either. There is a tribe of people in the Philippines who wear no clothing and are said to be not ashamed.

Did they descend from this innocent mud pair before the fall?

In this bible story of creation I see something else that is naked that most of the Christians have so far overlooked, and of which we should all be ashamed. I see a naked lie, and we should all be ashamed to believe it true. Those Christians who still believe it true should hide the nakedness of their ignorance under the mantle of truth from the Church of Humanity and make themselves presentable to the intellectual world.

We are glad to present the mantle?

Will you, bible believer, accept it?

Illogical Reasoning Corrected and Questions Answered for Editors.

I am very thankful to the editors who have written to me, and to those who sent me copies of their papers commenting on my work. It gives me an opportunity to answer their questions, correct their ideas of the Church of Humanity, and point out their illogical reasoning. This will all be done in the kindliest of feeling and consideration observed by any teacher who is hired to teach others. You are teachers of the people, and as such it is of the greatest importance that you be guided by sound reasoning in your conclusions, else those depending on you for information will be led astray through your false teaching. You will at once recognize, then, the great importance of all teachers knowing the truth about those matters they aspire to teach. It is right in you to ask me questions, that you may know more of my teaching concerning points you wish special information on, and I shall take pleasure in answering them to the

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Do not abuse the Christians but educate them.

Join the Church of Humanity to-day; to-morrow may be too late.

Four dollars pays for the C. E. and G. D. to 40 of your neighbors a year.

The worshiping of dead Jews by Christians is as idolatrous as the worshiping of ancestors by the Chinese.

Every member of the church should send me a class of 40 scholars. Don't neglect it; send them to-day.

Shall we Teach American Millionaires.

I have the addresses of 4600 American millionaires. Shall we send them our church paper? Shall we teach them the principles of the Church of Humanity? Shall we teach them the truth about God? Shall we try to rescue them from idolatry which their millions of dollars support and win them and their millions to the support of truth? If we could secure only one out of the lot and win him over to the side of truth, he might amply repay the church in financial support. The conflict between truth and error is largely fought out with dollars. If the people on the side of error put up their money for its support and the people on the side of truth either have none or else refuse to back truth with it as the other side backs error with theirs then the error will win. Do you want to see errors win? If not put up all the money you can spare on the side of truth. We must back truth with our money or truth will be defeated. It would cost $1150 to send the paper a year to all of them. But we could donate it to part of them one year and part the next until we got around. In the meantime we might win one over to our side then he perhaps would donate the paper to the rest as he could easily do.

Let your answers be in dollars and cents as money talks best in this educational work. I shall donate one-third as much on this fund as all others combined. I shall put up $20 and ask all others to put up $60 as a starter on this fund. Will you do it? Come on boys, let us have a long list of names as donors to the Millionaire Fund to report next month, and I shall then begin sending it to them with next issue.

Help! Help!

There was not a person joined the Church of Humanity last month. That is a shame. There must be many more who are free from the worship of dead Jews and old Jewish idols. There must be many more who know the truth and believe others should know it. They can't know it until they are taught it the same as they are taught any other branch of learning. They cannot be taught unless those who know the truth unite in the Church of Humanity and establish a system of teaching and employ teachers to teach them. Will you, reader, help us? Don't you want to see truth prevail over errors? Don't you want to save your loved ones from idolatry? Don't you want to see the people made better and wiser? If you do, join the Church of Humanity and help us at least to that extent. Give us your name, number, influence and encouragement.

A Talk to 900 Editors of Religious Publications.

I come to make my monthly call at your sanctum. I find upon actual count I have only nine hundred of your profession on my visiting list. As stated on my first visit a month ago I am sent here by the members of the Church of Humanity to talk to you on the evil you are doing in teaching the people errors.

That you are aiding in retarding the progress and civilization of our race by teaching the false ideas of God, and of life, and to try to teach you what the facts really are and to persuade you to teach them to your people in place of the mistakes. Believing you to be just as honest and as anxious to teach the people truths as I am it will take very little, if any, persuasion to induce you to teach truths in place of errors once you know what they are. So my greatest labor will consist in placing the truths before you in such a clear convincing way that you will be able to comprehend them. I have not come here to contaminate your morals and induce you to teach your people wickedness as those wo desire to impute false motives might charge. On the contrary I assure you most positively I am as anxious for you to be good and do good as you are. I am sure our standard of moral ethics are practically the same. You believe it wrong to murder, rob, lie, swindle, cheat, commit perjury, rape, incest, adultry, arson, to fight, drink inroxicants, chew tobacco and smoke. So do I, and also scores of other crimes you condemn. Of course you recognize degrees in crimes and vices, and that it is more wicked to commit some than others.

I believe it is wrong to worship idols, fetiche's and dead Jews. So do you. I believe it is wrong to teach the people fables for facts and errors and mistakes for truth. So do you and you are too honorable to do so knowingly. Now since the fundamental basis of our moral standard are the same there can be no hatred between us. Our contradictory teaching involves the question of facts in nature and our knowledge of them and not of our individual character or motives since they are, in the main, identical. But the reason of my visit, and the presumption of my ability to teach you is based on my good luck in learning more about God than you have been able to learn. In many branches of learning many of you are doubtless very much in advance of me, and would be able to teach me, but in this particular branch of learning I am so much farther advanced that none of you would edit religious papers were you in the possession of this knowledge of God.

This advanced knowledge of him is what I shall try to impart to you. And you, always desiring to teach truth, will do all in your power to learn it so you will be able to teach it to your readers who are depending on you to give it to them through your respective publications.

In trying to impart the knowledge

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Unite! Unite!

Scientists, Philosophers, Aethiests, Infidels, Freethinkers, Agnostics, and all non-worshipers of idols of every name Unite in the Church of Humanity and build up an organization that will save your posterity from Christian Idolatry:

Follow the example of the Christians in their united efforts to make idolators of their children and yours.

Follow their Pittsburg Pa. example where fifteen evangelical denominations representing 500 churches and ministers united in a grand union revival work. They held 19 simultaneous revivals in different centers of the city and continued them 16 days. Twenty-five evangelists preached to 40,000 people. The result was 6,000 converts to Christian idolatry. The prayer meetings, Sabbath schools and congregations of various denominatoins participating have been greatly increased. These union revivals are to be held in many cities and the results will be the same.

What are all the first mentioned classes of believers, or knowers, doing to counteract all this false teachings? How many representatives had they in Pittsburg to proclaim the truth to the people? What are they doing in the line of union work? What are they doing as individual classes to save the people from Christian idolatory? Nothing! Nothing!! Nothing!!! Do they not care to save their own wives, children and loved ones from Christian idolatory? Christian idolatry is just as bad as heathen idolatry since the objects they worship are only man-made idols as are the heathen's?

Your lecturers have all went out of the business for want of support and that is caused by not organizing. Your publications are going out of business, as witness the Boston Investigator, for lack of support and that is caused by not organizing. If you do not organize so you can employ teachers to teach your children and others what you know how in the name of common sense can they learn it? And if the children are not taught what you know the Christians are more than anxious to teach them what they believe and win their support for the forces of idolatry. Therefore when the old ones die off there is none left to support your lecturers and publishers and as they die off there are none to take their place as witness the Iron Clad Age and Freethought Magazine. Your children and others are not taught in the knowledge you posess concerning God. You have left that to chance and that method has utterly failed to teach them. The Christians do not leave the teaching of their idolatry to chance but unite to teach it to their children.

Their method is a great success and consequently they have thousand of teachers and publications to your one. You can read, write and cipher, and know many truths about geography, physiology, astronomy, geology, zoology and botany and you wish your children to learn them.

You do not leave their learning them to chance. neither do you care to teach them yourself.

You unite with others who wish their children taught these things into organizations and tax yourselves to build school houses, buy books and hire competent teachers. Now it is of much greater importance your children be taught the truth about God than any one branch, or even several branches, of a common school education.

The truth about God should be taught as a branch of a common school education by the public schools.

But as so very few know the truth as yet that cannot be done since the majority rule and they, believing the errors of the ancients concerning him, will not allow the truth taught in that way. There is nothing thought to prevent you from joining the Church of Humanity and helping to established an organization that will teach your children and others the truth about God and in this way save them from idolatry. They will then be won to the support of truth and the teachers of truth and in time the the children will be prepared to take the places of the teachers as they die off and thus perpetuate the teaching of truths as the teaching of errors is perpetuated.

You Cannot Help But See We Must Unite! Unite!

International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON IX.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

There is only one way left in which to save the people from idolatry and that is to teach them the truth. They must be taught the facts about God. To ridicule and abuse them has been tried by many writers and speakers but it has utterly failed to convince them that God is a myth. That method should have never been tried. The people who are free from idolatry should remember their father, mother, brothers, sisters, sweetheart, wife or even their children may be numbered with the worshipers of a myth-God. The learning of any other branch of knowledge or all of them has also ignominously failed to check the worship of an idol named God. People who are well versed in all the branches of scientific learning and are able to teach some of them in high schools, colleges and universities are still ignorant of the fact that God is a fabulous being and continue to worship him as blindly as any heathen does his idol.

So the knowledge that God is a myth like Santa Claus must be reduced to a system of teaching as a separate branch of knowledge, and those wishing to know the truth about God must study that one special branch the same as they do any other specialized branch of knowledge to be proficient in it.

One method the Church of Humanity has adopted to prove to the people that God is like Santa Claus —a myth—is to give daily object lessons that will prove to them beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is no Heavenly Father, God, Jesus, Holy Ghost, Virgin Mary, or any other saint or being in the skies who know anything or care anything whatever about a human being. These object lessons must be held up before the people's eyes and the right interpretation given until they are able to recognize the truth that there is no God. The teachers of idolatry, who mistake

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Save your children from worshiping such deluded men as Dowie by getting them into the Church of Humanity.

The reading season is now on. See that all your relatives and neighbors are on the mailing list of the Educator.

It is worth a dollar of any man's money to be able to say to the world he does not believe the snake and ghost story in the bible true.

The worshiping of dead Jews by Christians is as idolatrous as the worshiping of ancestors by the Chinese.

Worshiping Gods is a heathen vice and all good people should stop it, and join the Church of Humanity and help to rescue others.

If Americans must worship a dead man, they shonld be patriotic enough to select one of their race and nationality and not an ignorant foreigner.

If Christians would pray to Abraham Lincoln results would be the same as praying to dead Jews since a dead American has as much power to answer them as a dead Jew.

To worship a myth named God and a dead Jew as a God in this age is simply monstrous, horrible, heathenish, barbaric and all intelligent people should discontinue the practice.

When we work as hard and pay as much, to teach our children not to worship idols as Christians do to make them idolatrous then we will save them from idolatry and not before.

Remember the "Slocum" and pay no attention to the teachings of the clergy or religious papers that say there is a "Jesus" or a "Heavenly Father" in the skies who loves you and has power to save you from harm.

Like a teacher in any other branch of knowledge I can teach only those sent to me. So send in the address of your neighbors and friends and I shall teach them in the true knowledge of God for 10c a year each in classes of 40 or more in one order.

Non-Worshipers of Idols of all the World, Unite! Unite!

Nothing can save your posterity from worshiping idols and dead men as Gods, but a presistent continual, systematic teaching that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and the resurrection of the dead a delusion.

This teaching cannot be done without a stable, permanent organization of those who have learned these great scientific, universal truths. The idolators of every land are thoroughly organized and employ an army of priests to perpetuate their idolatry by teaching it to the young.

They have a regular systematic plan for the collection and distribution of funds for the employment of these false teachers. They have a regular systematic plan for the selection and training of these teachers.

If we would save our children from being made idolators by these mistaken teachers we must unite in an organization as compact and as efficient as are the idolators. We must collect funds and disburse them for the teaching of truths as they do the teachings of idolatory.

We must have a systematic, efficient method of teaching our knowledge to the rising generations as have the idolators of teaching their belief to them.

We must have a method of selecting and training teachers for the duties of keeping children free from idolatry as have the idolators for preparing teachers to make idolators of them.

In short we must develop as much interest, enthusiasm and determination to save our children from idolatry as the worshipers have to make idolators of them.

Nothing in the wide world can do this but organization of a compact form. What could a mob of 1,000 do against 100 well armed and well trained soldiers working in unison under a competent commander? The efforts to overthrow idolatry have been of the mob kind and has utterly failed as it necessarily must do for lack of organization.

Individuals have been hurling at Christians papers, leaflets, pamphlets and books containing arguments, evidence and facts enough to free the world from idolatry, with but little effect. The few Christians who read and understand them sufficently to be freed from idolatry thereby have no way of knowing whether others arrive at the same conclusion or not. They have no way of aiding in the teaching or of having their children taught to understand the facts they have learned. They may read on themselves but have no way of letting the world know they have learned anything thereby.

Their children go to Sunday school and church and learn to be idolators while they are learning not to be idolators. They get too old to read, or die, and the papers are discontinued. The books lay dust-covered on shelves, are moulding in boxes while organized idolatry wins their children to its supports.

In the Church of Humanity you find a determined effort to remedy all this through organization.

It is composed of those who have learned the objects of their former worship are only dead Jews and myths. They want their children taught these facts through an organization that they may be saved from worshiping those objects.

They invite all who have learned these facts and who love their children enough to care to save them from idolatry, or care to live in a civilized world to unite with them in the Church of Humanity for the purpose of promulgation and perpetuating the universal scientific truths on which that church is based. Therefore this is an invitation to non-worshipers of idols of the world to Unite! Unite!

To Free Thought Editors.

Gentlemen:—I respectfully ask that you please publish the call for 100 volunteer heroes and heroines to declare, by joining the Church of Humanity, that they believe the snake story in Geneses 3, on which Christianity is based, is a fable. Give your readers an opportunity to be numbered among this heroic 100. Give your lady readers an opportunity to compete with the men in filling this call for heroes and the prize of a Remsburg's Bible.

To make it convenient for them to join the church please attach the blank application for membership to the call. This method will give your readers an opportunity to unite and to save their children from idolatry through organization. Please reproduce the bible lesson, No. 8, as that will aid them in deciding. Yours, W. H. Kerr

A Most Valuable Gift to the Church of Humanity.

The planetarium, illustrated else-where in this paper, showing the relative positions and movements of the earth, moon and Venus around the sun, and worth $30, retail, is a gift to the Church of Humanity through the kindness of Laing Planetarium Co. It comes in a neat wooden cabinet 8x 14x18 inches, with neat handle, convenient for carrying. I expect to give a few lectures on "Time" in the interest of the Church of Humanity the coming winter and shall use this instrument to illustrate them. Through me the thanks of the church are extended to the Co.

Remember $4 brings the Educator to 40 of your relatives and neighbors a year. I donate the other $6 for you.

Notice of Proclamation

The first proclamation [illegible] gated by the Church of H[illegible] will be issued and published [illegible] November C E. & G. D. [illegible] be the proclamation of the premacy Of Man On This Pl[illegible] and that issue should be [illegible] broadcast by thousands. I [illegible] make a special rate of 50 cents [illegible] hundred for the that issue [illegible] will be No. 12. All the [illegible] members interested in our [illegible] should send in their order for [illegible] You should take at least a [illegible] of 100 to distribute in your [illegible] borhood.

I will have the address of [illegible] preachers in the U. S. I would [illegible] a copy to you if you, readers, [illegible] pay for them at the extremely [illegible] price of $5.00 per 1,000.

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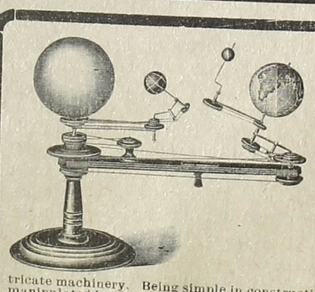
If you get this missionary [illegible] leaf without having ordered [illegible] some one numbers you among [illegible] friends and has sent it to you. [illegible] it is free to you, pass the kind [illegible] along by donating it to [illegible] friend.

The question is: Shall [illegible] Americans, of the Twentieth [illegible] tury, refuse to be put upon [illegible] knees by the ancient Asiatic [illegible] ens in worship of their idols? The Church of Humanity takes the affirmative.

Don't be ashamed to say you do not believe the snake and ghost stories of the bible true. It is the believers of them who should blush scarlet with shame every time they are mentioned.

Those who are free from the worship of dead Jews and idols named God, Holy Ghost, etc., should stake their fortunes, and lives if necessary, on the perpetual freedom of their posterity.



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Attention, Christians! Many of you have doubtless wished you had lived in the good old times when there were prophets, Jesus or an apostle from God on the earth and that you were near enough to see and hear him and grasp him by the hand. Well, don't regret it any more. You are in much better luck than were the ancients.

There is now at Zion City, near Chicago, an apostle of God's as genuine as any apostle or savior that ever lived and perhaps as smart and truthful.

The following item of news proves it:

Chicago, Sept. 17.—John Alexander Dowie asserts that he has received another "Divine call." This time he claims to be "The Divinely Commissioned Apostle of Jesus Christ."

You see by this that God has favored him above all the pious priests, preachers and editors of religious papers by making him "the Divinely Commissioned Apostle of Jesus Christ."

Of course he must be the smartest and best Christian on earth to day, or God would not thus have selected him over all the hundreds of millions of Christians in the world.

You will surely not presume to doubt God's judgment. Can't he see and know who is most worthy to be his Apostle."

You have the advantage of the railroads and steamboats over the ancients and you can come from all parts of the world to congratulate Apostle Dowie on his good fortune in receiving such a great favor from God. What! you don't believe God? Oh! you don't believe Dowie. Well, he "asserts" and "claims." what more could he do? That is all the evidence you have that other prophets and saviors were God's agents and representatives. Oh! they had witnesses and performed miracles? Well, Dowie has as many or more witnesses who will testify to the truth of what he says, and, is it not a miracle that Americans, claiming to be civilized and enlightened, and living in the Twentieth century, can be so easily humbugged?

When Apostle Dowie collects a few thousand more followers around him, as he will do, he very likely will have his vanity screwed up to the point of proclaiming himself "Jesus Christ," having come the second time to earth in fulfillment of his promise two thousand years ago. It is alleged he has repudiated his father and therefore he is as liable to be the son of a Holy Ghost this time as he was the first time. You Christians may as well begin now to worship him and not wait until he dies again. You may as well begin now to believe everything he says true, for his followers may make it true by writing a book about him and his sayings and incorporating it in the bible as they could and likely will do. Then you Christians will believe it all true, and abuse anyone who disbelieves it.

Now I ask you to observe this man and his conduct closely that you may know how prophets, saviors and bibles are produced, and understand, how our great religions and creeds and sects originated.

If Dowie is mistaken and really believes a God has communicated with him and has appointed him "The Divinely Commissioned Apostle of Jesus Christ" or if he is only a cunning deceiver leading the people to believe falsehoods, you are not in a position to disbelieve him since you believe in the existence of God and that he has before now appointed prophets and apostles to act as his agents in delivering his messages to the people.

Your churches are founded on the sayings of such men as Dowie. Christianity, Mohammedanism, and all the great religious creeds of the world and their many subdivisions that divide the people into hostile religious factions were produced by such men. Why then should the world continue to war over the conflicting messages from former prophets and saviors when they have now a new and direct agent from God who is "commissioned" by him to be his mouth-piece to the world. Just drop all your contentions about what creed, sacred writing and religion is God's and go to Dowie and get, through him, a new revelation from God. You can all be sure then that it is a pure, unadulterated message and commandment direct from God. There will be no questions than concerning omissions, interpolations, interpretations and truthful translations and revisions to cause doubts of its genuineness. You will get direct from God's own mouth in the English language his message to you. What! you doubt it? Be careful now. Some people doubted what Jesus Christ said and he unceremoniously consigned them all to hell. Dowie can send you to hell for doubting him as easily as Jesus could, and perhaps he will if he hears of it.

Remember it is not Dowie who talks now, it is God talking through him to you. He is only the instrument God selected as his mouth-piece, as all priests, preachers, prophets and saviors are who have received a "divine call."

This seems to be the latest authentic "divine call" God has made. As he is subject to the laws of evolution and progression he may be more civilized now than he was when he used his son Jesus as a mouth-piece in telling the world what he wanted it to do and believe. There may be many things he wants changed, and beliefs and actions he wants discontinued. He may repeal some of his old laws and enact some new ones.

The clergy and editors of religious papers should go to Dowie and get their bearings; they may be teaching things that are contrary to God's latest revealed will. They are as liable to be sent to hell for teaching contrary to God's will expressed through Dowie as that expressed through Moses or Jesus.

The facts in the case are these: Dowie is either a poor deluded man who mistakes his own ideas to be those of a God, as many millions of people do, especially the teachers of religions, or else he is knowingly deceiving the people for what he may conceive to be best for them and best for himself. Jesus may have belonged to the former class while perhaps Moses belonged to the latter class of prophets or religious leaders. In either case we should not believe the reasons he assigns as being the source of his teaching, to be true.

It is our duty to disbelieve, repudiate and refuse to follow any prophet, apostle, savior or teacher who puts a God back of him in order to make his teaching appear to come from the God. Our duty will be clear in such cases when we learn the primary truth on which the Church of Humanity is founded—that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus. Of the hundreds of churches this is the only one in existence that is in a logical position to save the people from following and worshiping Dowie as a son of a God, or as the "Divinely Commissioned Apostle" of one, whichever he chooses to proclaim himself to be. You may sneer at Dowie now but in the course of time your posterity may be numbered with his worshipers. It is as likely to happen as it did to many of those who made fun of and ridiculed Jesus.

The only way to head off Dowie and all prophets, apostles and saviors like him for all coming time is to teach the people the truth about God. That is the only thing that can save the people, your posterity included, from being fooled and led astray by such deceivers whether they be self-concious of it or not. It is no longer a question as to which of the great religions of the world is true and of Divine origin, or which bible or set of sacred writings are God's true messages, or what part of the prophet,s sayings were prophet and what were from God. But the question to be settled now is between the belief in the existence of a God and the positive knowledge of his non-existence. Between errors, fables, myths, heathenism and the ignorance of the ancients on one side and truth, science, civilization and the wisdom of the moderns on the other side. What side, reader, are you on? What side do you support with your number, wealth and influence? You are on one side or the other. There is no neutral grounds. The Church of Humanity represents the wisdom of the moderns, other churches represent the ignorance of the ancients of which Dowie is their true exponent. If you believe in the ignorance of the ancients go and worship Dowie and get a direct message from your God. If you believe in the wisdom of the moderns fill out the following blank and return it to me and receive in return mail a fine certificate, suitable for framing, making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

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Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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The Educational Funds.

I have the addresses of 900 editors of religous publication 4600 American millionaires and several thousand clergymen. I am calling for funds to send the C. E. & G. D., the missionary lesson leaf of the Church of Humanity, to those people. As fact as the funds are received the papers will be sent to them. I can now supply these people with our church propaganda paper a year for ten cents each. Cash to the various funds now stand as follows:

For sending papers to 900 editors of religious publications:

Emil Fredrich	Mt Sterling	Ky	$10
Moses White	Newhope	Ark	10
Charles Long	Payson	Utah	5
John Bertaux	Rich Hill	Mo	1
E. C. Berchwald	Chicago	Ill	1
A. Lutterman	Ackley	Ia	1
Elias Molee	Tacoma	Wash	1
P. C. Hansen	Greenleaf	Kans	1
M. H. Kennedy	Shreveport	La	1
I. I. Lynn	Spokane	Wash	1
W. H. Kerr and family	Gt. Bend	Kan	25
	Total		57

For sending papers to 4,600 American millionaires:

Charles Long	Payson	Utah	$5.00
John S. Holman	Pontiac	Ill	.75
W. H. Kerr and family	Gt. Bend	Kan	25.00
	Total		30.75

For sending paper to 10,000 clergymen:

Miles Kelley	Glen Riddle	Pa	$2.50
B. A. Sutterman	Ackley	Ia	1.00
W. H. Kerr and family	Gt. Bend	Kan	25.00
	Total		28.50

The good this educational work is doing cannot be over-estimated and all these funds should be filled out so all in these classes can get the paper soon and for a year. Ten dollars will pay for the teaching of a class of 100 in the principles of the church a year. When $10 will do so much good every one interested should pay for a class of 100. Will you, reader, take a class of 100 to educate? Take your choice of the three divsions and donate your $10 to that fund.

THE STAKES WE PLAY FOR:—Shall our children be free from the worship of idols? The Church of Humanity takes the affirmative.

The Church of Humanity will teach your children to abstain from all the crimes and vices other churches do and one more—the vice of worshiping dead Jews and a myth named God.

We want the girls to compete with the boys—no matter if you are grey headed—in filling the call for a hundred volunteer heroes and heroines to say, by joining the church, they believe the snake and ghost stories, on which Christianity is founded, is untrue.

gin and action of opinion, faith and knowledge from a phychological and philosophical standpoint?

4. Has man perception, memory and consciousness; if so, from what source did they originate?

5. Will you please explain the origin and action of metaphysics?

6. Will you please explain why the most intelligent people admit that there is an all-wise Creator, while the ignorant deny the same?

7. If the Bible is a set of mythical stories, and God, a fabulous being, why are those who read and obey it so much in advance of those who have gods and creeds of their own?

8. If the Bible is a myth, who do writings at a difference of 1500 years and ancient history agree?

ANSWERS.

1. I know no more about a "First Great Ceuse" than you or any one else does, and all I have to say in regard to it is mere opinion and speculation. If there is a "First Great Cause" you and I will have to wait patiently until some one discovers it and proves it. If that is done in our day, so much the better, if not, we will have to worry along some way without that knowledge.

As it is now positively known that there is no such a being as a God in the universe, the strong probabilities are that there is no First Great Cause. There is most certainly none that knows or cares anything about human beings, and that is demonstrable and capable of being taught by those who know it, and of being learned by those who do not. The discovery that God is a myth, like Santa Claue, simply eliminates all consideration of him from the solution of your question. You and I will have to look to the scientists for a solution of your question and not to the prophets and saviours who tried to solve it with the God idea. That idea utterly failed to correctly solve many questions that the scientists solved correctly without it. So in this question, as indeed in all your questions, we must look for a solution outside of the God idea.

2. With the God-idea eliminated I have no more to do with this question or the three following ones than any other person, and my personal views, opinions and speculations, whether right or wrong, will have no bearing on the discovery of God's mythical nature. But since you have asked me I shall give you my opinions without taking up as much space as I would like to in giving the reasons therefor.

Nature is both causc and causality, or cause and effect, since there can be nothing that is not natural in nature and no power that is not natural. Hence all phenomena in nature is the result of natural causes ane therefore identical with nature. What appears to be opposition in nature is simply two phases of nature, hence it could only protect itself against itself. This it does in thousands of ways to a limited extent, but there does not seem to be intelligence manifested in this protection since the protection is not adequate in some respects, nor final in any. So far as I can judge from the evidence at hand nature is supreme, but not intelligent by our standard, or measure of intelligence. Nature produces us without intelligent design, and if there ever was a God or a million gods, they, like ourselves, were the product of nature and not nature the product of Gods. Hence, was the God you worship a reality he, like yourself, would be a product of nature and subject to its laws. In that case nature would be the creator of God and not God the creator of nature.

3. Our opinions, faith and knowledge are derived for the most part, if not entirely, from our surroundings, teachings, observations, experience, and our own deductions therefrom.

4. Certainly. Perception, memory and consciousness are functions of the brain. They are not confined to man but are common, in a greater or less degree, in all animals. The brain originated as did the other organs of the body through reproductions of the parents and the brain gradually grew and learned to exercise its functions as did the other organs of the body. As to the first origin of man, with all his faculties, I believe at present in the Darwinian theory of man's gradual evolution and development from lower forms of life. The Garden of Eden fable, with its mud man and all-rib woman, is too utterly silly to be believed for a moment by a Twentieth century man or woman of ordinary intelligence.

5. This innocent little question is one that embraces all the sciences, both of modern and ancient times, both true and untrue. To give it a general meaning and then try to answer all in detail would require volumes. But I could answer it in a short way by simply saying I make no pretense of being a metaphysician. But that would not be satisfactory to either of us perhaps. You could have simplified the question by making it plainer and limiting it to metaphysical theology. I am not sure as to what you mean by "action of metaphysics," and will have to skip the "action" of metaphysics until I can get an explanation of your meaning.

In the broadest sense metaphysics and physics seem to be synonomous terms and include both the positive knowledge and the speculative guesses of our race, on all known and unknown objects, either seen or guessed at. In a more limited sense, physics is the study or knowledge of the material universe, while metaphysics is man's knowledge and guesses of the immaterial and unseen qualities of material things, and his guesses of imaginary beings and things.

The name, metaphysics, is a noun, derived from the Greek, and means after or next in importance to physics. In the ancient schools the science of metaphysics was divided into several divisions, viz; Otology, treating of the nature, essence and qualities or attributes of being; Cosmology, treating of the nature and laws of matter and motion; Anthroposophy, treating of the powers of man and the motion by which life is produced; Psychology, treating of the intellectual soul; Pneumatology, treating of spirits or angels, etc.

Metaphysical Theology, called by Leibnitz and others Theodicy, treats of the existence of God, his essence and attributes. "These divisions of the science of metaphysics," says Webster, "which prevailed in ancient schools, are now not much regarded." And I would say some of them must now be discarded and allowed to become obselete.

As it is now positively known that god is a man-made myth, like Santa Claus, we have no more use for metaphysical theological discourses on the nature, essence and attributes of God, since a God who does not exist can have none of these qualities.

Pneumatology can be suspended until some one finds a spirit or angel from an unseen world who can verify his find to the satisfaction of a truth-seeker. Then it will be time enough to inquire into its nature, essence and attributes,

Psychology must be discredited and allowed to become obselete and pass into oblivion unless its definition be changed to mean a treatise on man's intellectual faculties, and not on his intellectual soul or on the doctrine of his spiritual nature. Since man has no unperishable life within him there is no need of discourses or treatises on that which he does not possess

The building up of these now discredited divisions of metaphysics by the ancients was the result of their allowing their imaginations to get to far ahead of their positive knowledge. The discarding of them by the moderns is the result of man's positive knowledge catching up with the imagination of the ancients. This should teach our race the valuable lesson of never again allowing its imagination to get such a death grip on great numbers that they will murder all others who are unable to work their imaginations up ts the regulation standard.

As to the other divisions of metaphysics I see no reason why they could not be treated under the name physics, and thereby discarding the name, metaphysics.

6. The most intelligent people on the questions under consideration are the members of the Church of Humanity, and they all know there is no such a being as an all-wise Creator. As you are classed with the ignorant ones who deny this positive knowledge perhaps you could account for that ignorance better than I can, but I shall give my explanation of it, which I am confident is the true one. We are all jurors on all questions coming before us for examination and decision. Christianity, being a vast system of mythology, like other great religions, lays first claim to a child's considerations and decisions. Mother father, teacher and priest are its advocates The terrible punishments for a decision against it and the magnificient reward for a decision in its favor are continually held up before a child to influence its decisions. The child's mind is poisoned against the advocates of truth. They are represented to it as being devils, imps of Satan, agents of hell, who take a delight in trying to influence its decision against Christianity in order to drag it down to eternal torture.

For centuries the advocates of truth were ostracised, outlawed and hounded to death by every conceivable method of torture fanatics could devise. Who can blame the child for deciding in favor of Christianity under the circumstances.

That is the method employed in making idolators of hundreds of millions of children. What is their decision worth? By the rules of jurisprudence of all nations it is valueless, since they heard only one side of the case, and their decision was rendered under threat of punishment for a contrary decision anb a bribe for a favorable decision.

The Church of Humanity is composed of a few who have learned that both the threatened punishment and proffered bribe are non-existing and hence worthless. They heard and studied both sides impartially and decided according to the preponderance of evidence without fear of punisnment or hope of reward. Their desion is legal and will stand unimpeachable throughout the world and for all time.

7. You assume a fact to exist where the reverse is nearer the truth. As applied to nations you can easily see the fallacy of your assumption by contrastieg Russia, a Christian nation, with Japan, a nation having "gods and creeds of their own.". As applied to individuals, observe the treatment accorded Russian captives by the Japanese to the treatment accorded Japanese captives by the Russians. Coming closer home, contrast the ignorance and idolatry of members of the christian churches, who read and obey the bible, on their knees worshiping dead Jews named Jesus and Mary, and old Jewish idols named God and Holy Ghost, with the astonishing advancement of the members of the Church of Humanity who have learned that all gods, devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths, and the resurrectian of the dead a delusion. Speaking of those in advance, why, man, it will take the most self-sacrificing labors the church of Humanity can put forth for a hundred years to educate and lift up christians who read and obey the Bible, to its advanced position.

8. No one claims the Bible is a myth—it is a real man-made book the same as other books. There are many fables in it and some of the characters in those fables are myths. Gods, angels, devils, and Holy Ghosts are a few of the fictitious characters. Writings that are true must always agree with those truths regardless of the time they were written or the name of the book they are found in.

Those who believe I fairly represent and defend their position in the above answers should fill out the subjoined blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity, and return it to me. I shall, on its receipt, transcribe it into the Book of Life and send you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, making you a life member and one of the founders of the church of Humanity. I desire to represent and defend you, but cannot do so unless you join the church, as I do not know who or where you are or whether you believe the principles of the church or not. So if you are far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to graduate please do so at once. We need your number, name and influence to back us up in our educational work. The season for revival work is now here. Let us have a revival second to no other church. While others are getting thousands of members let us have dozens.

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Personal to the Church Members.

Come to experience meetings! I want each of you to give reasons in in your own language why you know there is no God. Give your experience and observations in you own way that convinced you there it no God. I want your experience for the benefit of the great class we are teaching so they can profit by it.

We will model it on they plan adopted by some Christains churches in having the members tell what God does for them and how they know he loves them. But we will tell how we know God loves no one and is a fictitous being.

We will have a monthly experience meeting in each issue. You can all come to this experience meeting, from sister Lee in California to brother Frantz in New York, from brother Lymn in Washington to brother Harris in Alabama. Write out a dozen or more short statements of different experiences and observations and give your conclusions drawn from them that prove to you there is no God and the utter uselessness of worshiping one. Then I shall select one or two from the list given by each member to use in each experience meeting. As you observe new events that prove God's nonexistence write them out briefly and send them in for the experience meetings. Here are a few models to pattern after:

1 I know there is no God who loves people for a lineman fell from a telephone pole to the pavement in this city and received injuries from which he died in a few days without regaining conciousness.

Had there been a God who sees sparrows fall and cared more for a man than a sparrows he would have seem this man's danger and prevented the fall.

Therefore the good sparrow-seeing and hair counting God is a myth like Santa Claus and I shall not worship him.

2 I know there is no God who loves and cares for little children because a little boy in this county wishing to take some of his books home from school ran back to get them but finding the door locked raised a window whsch dropped on his knee as he was climbing in and he, being unable to raise it, died there. As that child was as dear to God as my child could be and as no God came to its aid none would have come to the aid of mine if it was dying. Therefors I do not allow my child to pray to God but teach it that God is a mythe like Santa Clause.

3 I know there is no God who loves or cares for Christain mothers and answers their prayers for a good Christian mother near by prayed very frevuently for weeks for God to spare her little sick boy with out avail.

As that mother is as worthy of being favorable answered by God I could be, and as her prayers were unanswered, God shall never refuse to answer my prayers for I know now he is a myth like Santa Claus and is therefore excusable for not answering prayers and I shall never ask him to.

Now send in a lot of similar observations and deductions therefore for our experience meeting column in the next issue. Do not delay. Each one send in something for that department.

A Preacher Answers Himself in His Own Pamphlet.

Rev. H. M. Brooks of Paris, Illinois has sent me his pamphlet, "The Church Impeached," with his compliments, for which I thank him.

He says so many good things, and recognizes so many evils that his God could easily remedy were he a real being that it seems strange to me he does not recognize the truth that his God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus else he would never allow the injustice and suffering complained of. Love and fear of a man-made God clouds his reasoning faculties on subjects relating to him while they are quite clear on many other subjects.

I wonder if he will be able to recognize the parallel between two of his statements and the application of the latter to the Church of Humanity. Well see if you can. Here they are:

"I shall never spend any time try- to prove the existence of God.

Moses never wrote a sentence and Christ never said a word with a view to proving the existence of God.

The reason of this is found in a saying by David that, 'the fool hath said in his heart there is no God.'

What is the use of spending time to prove anything to a fool? Any man would be doing the world a better service by sitting around whittling store boxes than writing a book or delivering a lecture in order to convince some fool that there is a God." Now for the answer.

"Take five hundred children and bring them up where the custom is to take a human being to a given spot each Saturday and burn him and ninety-nine out of each hundred will think it right.

(Same thing in worshiping idols. Ed.)

And if there should be any with undividuality enough to raise up and declare the custom pernicious and ungodly the rest will call him a fool (You are one of the "rest." Ed.) and an anarchist and jump on him and tramp his life out (That is what you would like to do. Ed.) and some other generation will come along and discover that he was right and build him a monument.

This is the way we advance"

Now since you see so clearly the mistakes of the ninety-nine why should you be guilty of the same mistake in regard to members of the Church of Humanity who have learned there is no God and are organizing to teach that fact?

Under the caption: "The church must be honest" you say:

"I want the church to be honest, I want the Clergy to tell us if the Bible is true or false. If it is true, I want them to teach it, and if false, I want them to say so plainly and in a manly way." In view of what you just said about the uselessness of "spending time to prove anything to a fool" this request is humorous.

If one of them knew the bible is false he would be afraid to say so through fear of the ninety-nine, of whom you are one, jumping upon him and tramping "his life out."

Now friend Brooks, your request is a legitimate one, but you know all idolatrous churches are organized to make idolators of the people by teaching them the bible is the words of a God and every word is true, hence no clergyman dare teach contrary to what he is employed to 'each or the "ninety-nine out of a hundred" who, think their idolatry right would kick him out. But there is a church that will tell you the truth you ask for "plainly and in a manly way." It is being organized for that purpose and all who wish to know the truth about the bible, God, heaven, hell or a future life can now apply to it—The Church of Humanity. Mr. Brooks' pamphlet is interesting reading and can be had I presume of the author by sending him the price, 25c.

A Proposition to the Millionaires.

Gentlemen:—The Church of Humanity is sending you this little messenger to inform you of the important discovery it has made. The discovery is that God is only a myth like Santa Claus, that heaven and hell are non-existing and that no one rises from the grave. You will see by these facts that Jesus can be nothing more than a dead Jew. Being practical men who do nothing unless there is some profit in it you can readily see there can be no profit in worshiping dead Jews. You can readily see there is no longer any object in giving anything to God since he, being a myth, is unable to reward you for giving or to punish you for not giving. As you desire every one to have confidence in your sound business judgment you will therefore cease worshiping God and Jesus and refuse to give of your wealth to the support of idolatry. Being men who are both able and willing to educate your children in the most advanced knowledge in all branches of learning you will no longer wish them to worship dead Jews and Jewish idols but will want to send them where they can be taught in a manly dignified way the truth about God and be thereby saved from idolatry. You will not want your children to be idolators like the low, the ignorant and the totally depraved. Now the Church of Humanity is not in a position to take and teach your children in these great new-found truths owing to the facts it has no college building or the money to erect one. It has the truths and the teachers ready to teach them. Now what is wanted of you is the money with which to build and equip the college. I therefore ask fourteen hundred American Millionaires to chip in what they think it is worth to them to have their children saved from worshiping dead Jews and other idols and raise $14,000 for the Church of Humanity with which to build and equip a college building in which to teach their children and others the true knowledge of God. Now I shall ask each one of you to please inform me by return mail the amount you will give for the purpose.

W. H. KERR.

Join the church of Humanity.

Preposterous!

Several have written to me saying they would not give a cent towards sending this little missionary to the clergy or editors of religious papers, giving as their reasons the erroneous statements that these people know better but are engaged in the business of making people idolators for the money there is in it. I am sure that is a grave mistake and I hope no member of the Church of Humanity will be guilty of it. It is a very untrue and unjust charge to make and deceive those who believe it as to the true reasons the teachers of idolatry are engaged in the business and charges an ignoble motive not justified by facts. There may possibly be an exception to that rule once in a while but that does not justify a general application. Those people actually believe what they teach, and believe it is of vital and far reaching importance, both to themselves and to the ones they teach, that they should do it. They believe to a great extent, that happiness and civilization on earth, and eternal happiness in another life, depends on their teaching.

The money consideration is only incidental, but of secondary importance as being necessary to their maintainance in order that they can devote their time to the teaching. Many thousands of them could make more money in other occupations and make it easier and have better homes and surroundings. Many thousands of priests would surely be happier in homes of their own with wife and children they could call their own were they free from the vows of slavery to a dead Jew and an old Jewish idol named God. It remains for the Church of Humanity to break the chains of love and fear that bind them to those idols, and set them free. The Church of Humanity must be the liberator of those people by teaching them the truth. Nothing is better adapted or more able to accomplish that result than this little missionary, and as it belongs to the founders of the Church of Humanity and is anxious to do their bidding, they should send it on its mission of liberation to the homes of every clergyman and editor of a religious paper in the land.

Each founder of the church should give the little missionary orders to go to at least a hundred homes of clergymen. The little missionary will die if you do not give it work to do. It cannot live without work. It came into existence to work, and work it must have or it will perish. When there is so much work that it should do and is willing to do it so cheaply and freely you, brothers and sisters, should enter into a contest to see who can give it the most work to do. It cannot go without your orders. Send in your commands at once and do not let the little missionary die for want of work to do.

Heaven is an imaginary setellite of earth that keeps directly over every Clergyman's head though they be on oposite side of the earth or near its opposite poles.

The Church of Humanity must promulgate its teaching of the truths about God as other churches do the fables about him, that fit to those who know them not.

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International Lesson

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XII.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our pershed loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus. A fabulous being is an unreal being, invented by the imagination, and has no existence in fact in nature. God was first imagined to exist several thousand years ago.

People who did not understand the cause of the movements in nature thought there must be some great, powerful, intelligent being that made all objects in nature move and directed those movements. They thought the movements of nature were controlled by an unseen being to please or injure man. Hence they thought that imaginary being could be induced to move the objects in nature to please and benefit man if it was petted and flattered with excessive praise. They named that imaginary being "God," and the exeessive praise of him "worship."

As God is an imaginary being and is worshiped, he is an idol. Those who worship him are therefore idolators. Some people call idolators heathens. Heathens who worship God do not know that he is only an imaginary thing like Santa Claus As soon as they learn he is, they stop worshiping him. They remain as good in every respect as they were when they were heathens. There is no evidence to prove that anyone ever became wicked through learning that God is a myth.

Very few people have discovered that God is a myth like Santa Claus. Those who have are uniting under the name, Church of Humanity, to teach that great discovery to others. They are so glad they are free from idolatry they wish to make others free. They are sending their little missionary, the C. E. & G. D, to thousands of those who teach and practice idolatry that they may learn how to be saved from it.

They teach them the lessons by which they learned that God is a fictitious being, and therefore the uselessness of worshiping him is made plain. In these lessons facts are given to prove that there is no God who knows or cares anything about human beings. There was a sad case in Kentucky last month that proves conclusively that there is no God. Here is an account of it:

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 29. — Enoch Sloan, a well-to do farmer of Shelby, Pike county, one of the most remote points of the state, Sunday night shot and killed his wife, his four children and himself. The killing took place about 11 o'clock, but nothing was known of it till the morning after, when the nine-year-old daughter of a neighboring farmer called at the house to borrow some water, the well on her father's place having been dry for weeks.

To the drought which is playing such havoc in Kentucky the sextuple tragedy is due. Sloan's farm was one of the few in Pike county whose cisterns and springs had not long been dry. Saturday night he told his wife he was going to call on God for the first time in his life. He said he had only enough water for the family over Sunday. His stock had withered and died, and the only relief he saw was in Providence.

Dressing himself in his best clothes he went to church Sunday morning and did not return after the service. He remained in the woods near the church during the afternoon and attended worship at night. Then in a loud voice he called on God to bring rain. So many others made similar appeals that little attention was paid to him in particular, and his fervor was only looked upon as natural.

After church it was noted that he was very excited. He went home shortly after 10 o'clock and nothing more was known of him till the next morning, when the neighbor's child called for the water. Sloan had evidently killed his wife first. She was found dead before the fireplace, the family bible open in her lap. The children were scattered all about the house, showing that they had tried for safety in flight.

Sloan, after killing his wife and children, went back into his wife's room, and sitting by the dead woman's side put a bullet through his brain, his head when found, resting on her lap, his hand, still holding the revolver, being around her neck.

The lessons to be learned from this sad tragedy are:

1. That the God this man prayed to for rain is a myth like Santa Claus and could neither hear nor answer him and is therefore excusable for not taking any steps to prevent the murders.

2. That all people should be taught in childhood that God is a myth like Santa Claus and can do nothing whatever for them and that they should not expect him to.

3. That no one should pray to God or expect any aid whatever from him no matter how great the need of his aid is, since they should know in advance that he is a myth, unable to hear or aid them, though they be in the very jaws of death

4. That people who believe God is a real live being depend on his aid in times of great danger and fool away their time praying to him when they should be doing something to avert the danger themselves

5. That a belief in a God made a fool, a murderer and a suicide of Enoch Sloan.

6. That the Church of Humanity in teaching that God is a myth exonerates him from complicity in the murder of that family.

7. That the Church of Humanity is doing the world a very important service in teaching it God's mythical nature and thereby saving christians from running a-muck when they are unable to make God help them when the weather is unsatisfactory.

8. That all Christian churches by teaching the errors of the ancients that God is a real being, make him indirectly responsible for the murder of that family by not tending to his business of making it rain.

9. That all Christian churches are responsible for the murder of that family through their false teachings of the people to look to and depend on God for aid in times of great distress.

Now it should be plain to all worshipers of ordinary intelligence that the God that they were taught to believe existed and loves people is only an imaginary creation of the mind like Santa Claus. The universe is very large indeed, yet there is not room in it for the existence of such a kind, loving heavenly father, with the wisdom and powers the Christians say he has and this murdered family. One of the accounts is untrue. Which one is it? If this murder case can be proven then the God story is untrue. If it is untrue there are hundreds of similar cases that are true that equally prove the God story untrue.

It is not rational to continue worshiping a God that all can see so plainly is a myth like Santa Claus when their attention is called to the matter in such a convincing manner. We know that had a man, or several men, been right there and watched the murder of that family, with ample power to prevent it, as God and Jesus is believed to have been, and would not use that power, we would all condemn those men in severe language and, instead of worshiping them, would prosecute them for being accessories to the crime.

We must not have a double standard of conduct, one for man and one for God, and require man to do right and require God to be wicked. God and Christ must come up to the standard of conduct required in a good man or be uncerimoniously thrown overboard as fiends until they can come into our homes as innocent, harmless myths, like Santa Claus.

We must not praise a God from inaction in saving a family from murder where we would mob a man for inaction. A God, or a Christ, who could look on the murdering of that family, with ample power to prevent it, without being moved to sympathy and pity to action would be veritable fiends, unworthy the respect, much less the worship, of the most depraved human beings. A God and a Jesus who could look on the murdering of that family without being moved to pity would look on while your family or mine was being murdered without pity or aid for them in any way.

That is sound logic, reason, and conclusion. No Christian can escape that conclusion unless he has his egotism so highly developed as to believe he and his family are more worthy of the protecting care of God than that family was. Come now, my Christian class of fellow citizens, who are contemporaries, traveling through this beautiful transit of life, let us reason together. We are, or should be, equally interested in the advancement of our race in knowledge and goodness, in happiness and civilization. Tell me, is it sensible to continue worshiping a God or a Jesus that cares nothing for ourselves or families? Tell me, is it rational to believe a God would care for our families in any imaginary world who did not care for them in this real world? Tell me, is it rational to believe a God would care for any imaginary part of man who did not care for his real body and life? If you answer these questions in the affirmative it is your duty to join some Christian church that teaches these irrational doctrines. If you answer them in the negative it is your duty to join the Church of Humanity, the only church in extence that teaches the people to use the same rational thinking and acting they follow in dealing with other subjects.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1 What is God? 2 What is a fabulous being? 3 When was God first imagined to exist? 4 Why did people imagine a God to exist? 5 What reasons had they for the imaginary being to cause movements in nature? 6 What did they think would influence the imaginary being to work to their interests? 7 What name did they give the imaginary being? 8 What did they name the praise of him? 9 Why is God an idol? 10 What are the people called who worship idols? 11 What do some people call idolators? 12 Do heathens know their God is not a real being? 12 What do they do when they find out he is not? 14 Do they then remain good? 15 Is there any evidence to show they do not? 16 Do many people know God is a myth? 17 What are those doing who have? 18 why are they uniting? 19 why do they want to teach that God is a myth? 20 what are they doing to save people from idolatry? 21 Tell what are given in these lessons and what given for? 22 Tell the complete story of the murder. 23 Recite eight lessons to be learned from this sad tragedy. 24 To whom should it be plain that God is only an imaginary being? 25 Is there room in the universe for a Heavenly Father and this murdered family? 26 Is one of the accounts untrue? 27 which one is untrue? 28 Is it rational to worship a God? 29 would we worship a man who could have prevented the murder and would not? 30 what would we do with them? 31 Should we have a double standard of conduct, one for man and one for god? 32 Should god and Christ come up to the standard of good conduct required of man? 33 Under what conditions should they be allowed to come into our homes? 34 Should we praise a god for inaction? 35 would god and Christ be fiends if they could not be moved by sympathy and pity while they observed that family being murdered? 36 would they be worthy of the respect of savages? 37 would god and Jesus care if our families were killed? 39 what trait of character would a Christian have largely developed to believe God would protect him and his family? 39 Should those who are free from idolatry reason with those who are not? 40 Should all be equally interested in the progress of our race? 41 Is it sensible to continue worshiping imaginary beings who cannot care for us or our families? 42 Is it rational to believe God would care for our families in an imaginary world who does not care for them in this? 43 Is it rational to believe a god would care for an imaginary part of man who does not care for his real body and life? 44 If one answers these questions in the affirmative what should he do? 45 If answered in the negative, what is one's duty? 46 Name the only church that teaches the people to think and act as rationally in the study of god as they do other subjects?

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BIBLE LESSON NO. 10.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

God's Creators Have Put Him to Holding Court.

We have now learned that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus.

We have banished the sense of both love and fear of him inculcated in our minds in childhood through the teaching of errors by our parents and the clergy. We are now in the proper judicial state of mind to read the bible and to judge God correctly by the character his creators gave him.

No one is competent to judge God correctly whose mind is dominated by excessive love for him or fear of him.

But when we once learn that God is only the name given a fictitious being who has not the least reality in fact, we are enabled to break the ties of love and fear with which mistaken teachers bound us to him and study him with the disinterested mind we study the idols of other idolators.

Genesis 3, 8.—And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

The creators of God have in this verse reduced him to the size and limitations of a man. He is devoid of omnipotence and is here shown to be devoid of the attribute of omnipresence. He was not present with Adam but had to hunt him up as a man would have to do.

It was said he created the sun and placed it yet here he can't bear its heat 92 millions of miles distant and has to defer tending to business until the cool of the day.

Why did he not happen around when the snake was talking to the woman? He did not know it. Why did he not come around just as the woman reached for the fruit? He did not know what she was doing. So he has not the attribute of omniscience after all.

This does away with the three essential attributes that are necessary in the make up of a God. Without those powers no idol is a God. The clergy will acknowledge that.

So we have no God after all. But we will continue to examine this man-made idol.

9. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

The clergy say this is the Lord God who sees sparrows fall, counts hairs, sees all our actions, knows all our thoughts, yet he is unable to find two full sized people among some trees. What a specimen of a God! He had to resort to the undignified alternative of calling "where art thou?" Had they not answered and had it been night he never would have found them. What an insignificant God!

He is not omnipotent because he could not personally govern or control two people according to his wishes. He is not omnipresent because he could not remain with two people but let them both get lost from him. He is not omniscience because when he had only two people to look after he did not know where they were or what they were doing.

This God-creator reduces him to the size and limitations of a man. What a mighty fall from the powerful God created by the first chapter who could speak the moon, earth and sun into existence! So long as God-creators confine the exploits of their God to large generalities they make for it a fairly good showing, but when they descend to minute details they are under the necessity of divesting their God of the great powers they had endowed him with.

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee thou shouldst not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The bible God-creators now have their fiction-God convene court in special session to try this very interesting case. This is God's first case in court. It is an index to his method of proceeding in all cases and will be followed out when he convenes court to try the Christians on that "Great Judgment Day" they fear so much.

As he was as wise then as he is now or will be on that "Great Day" his method of trying a case should be of the deepest interest and anxiety to all Christian criminals. It will be a great comfort to the many thousands of Christians who are in jail, and the penitentiary, and their relatives and friends to have a few conclusions drawn from this case pointed out to them. Most clergymen and most all Christians believe if they could evade God's punishment they would take a great delight in committing all kinds of crimes. As I am just as anxious as they are that they be good and do good I would not remove any necessary restraint on their conduct or just punishment for their crimes. But as I happen to know their natures better than they do I do not hesitate to assure them they will never be punished for anything they do by a God.

Here are two reasons that are conclusive: First. god is a fabulous being like Santa Claus and hence can punish or reward no one. Second. Man has no life that survives the grave to be either punished or rewarded. I know Christians will be as good after they learn these facts as they were before. The Christians who have learned them and are now members of the Church of Humanity amply prove that assertion true by their continued good conduct. But it is difficult for Christians to learn these truths of nature so long as they are in mortal fear of the punishment of this fiction-God. So we shall point out the impossibility of ever being punished by this fiction-god though they lived forever and this God was a reality and the "great judgment day" was of endless duration instead of twenty-four hours long as Christians expect it will be.

1. This God is too slow. The billions of Christians who have lived committed so many crimes that he has more cases now than he will ever be able to dispose of and he is not going to send the guilty ones to hell until he has all the goats sorted out and bunched up to the left. He has only two witnesses here to examine, but see how long it takes him.

In all Christian countries there are thousands of judges trying Christian criminals and passing judgment on them. According to the clergy the Christians commit many crimes against God for which he will punish them, that are not recognized as crimes by the laws of any nation. So God will never reach your case. He is so slow he could not have time to even enter the crimes of Christians on the docket so numerous are they.

2. god believed the unsupported word of the guilty parties. Had Adam followed god's example in lying and denied eating of the fruit of that tree he would have escaped punishment for god did not know for certain he had until Adam acknowledged it.

I shall not advise or encourage Christians to lie under any consideration until Gabriel calls them forth on the "great judgment day." I advise them one and all to then lie like troopers and admit no crimes whatever. They will then go scot free of punishment for god will not know any better nor will he think of subpoenaing witnesses. If he happens to know any better in your case and accuse you of lying, tell him you thought it right to lie since he lied to Adam about him dying the same day he ate that fruit and as he was a good God you thought it right to follow his example. Tell him if you must go to hell for lying he must go too since he is the father of liars and told the first one. He will see the consistency of your position and grant a general amnesty to all. Christians, do not fear God, even though you believe him to be a real live thing for he will never get to your case and if he does you can easily lie out of it.

The Church of Humanity is the only church that ever existed that saves all its members from hell unconditionally. There is only one fact for you to learn to make you eligible to membership in that church, and that is that god is a myth like Santa Claus Try to learn that great truth then join that church and you are saved from hell.

Don't worry about your lost condition when you can be saved so easily.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What have we learned about God? 2. What have we banished from our minds? 3. When was love and fear of God incalculated in our minds? 4. By whom? 5. HOW? 6. What state of mind are we now in? 7. What can we now do? 8. When is a person incompetent to judge God correctly? 9. When are we able to break the ties of love and fear by which we are bound to God? 10. How should we study God? 11 Repeat the bible verse. 12. To what size and limitations have God's creators here reduced him? 13. Define attribute, omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience. 14. Has God the power to be present everywhere? 15. Why not? 16. Can God stand heat? 17. Why not? 18. Why did God not stop the snake from talking to Eve? 19. Why did he not prevent the woman from eating the fruit? 20. Has God the attribute of omniscience? 21. Name the three attributes that are necessary in the nature of a God. 22. Could an idol be a God without them? 23. Has God any of them? 24. Have we any God? 25. Repeat verse 9. 26. Is this the same Lord God the preachers and priests make the people worship? 27. Is this the Christian's God? 28. Name some of the things he is said to do? 29. Are the two people hid from God? 30. How does he find them? 31. How do we know God is not omnipotent. 32. Give a reason to prove God is not omnipresent. 34. Give a reason to prove God is not omniscience. 35. Describe the difficulty God-creators have in giving minute details of the exploits of their God. 36. Read the four verses. 37. What are the God-creators having their fiction-God do? 38. What for? 39. Is it God's first case? 40. Why should it be of interest to Christian criminals? 41. What do Christians believe they would do could they evade God's punishment? 42. Should we remove any necessary restraint on their conduct or just punishment for their crimes? 43. Are they mistaken about the fear of God being the cause of their goodness? 44. Give two reasons why God will never punish them for anything they do. 45. Will Christians be as good after they learn these facts? 46. What proof have we they will be? 47. Why is it so difficult for Christians to learn these truths? 48. Assuming their superstition to be true, give reasons why God could not punish them. 49. What should Christians do on the "Judgment Day" to save themselves from being sent to hell, that they should not do before that time? 50. Who, according to the bible, told the first lie? 51. Who is the father of liars according to the Christian superstition? 52. Why should God grant a general amnesty to all liars on the "Judgment Day?" 53. Why should Christians not fear God? 54. Is there any church that saves all its members from hell unconditionally? 55. Name it. 56. What one truth must you learn to be eligible to membership in that church? 57. Should you try to learn it? 58. What should you do then? 57. Will that save you from hell?

What the Church is Doing and What It Proposes to do.

The Church of Humanity now has a class of 5000 students. It is educating them in the true knowledge of God. This great class includes 900 editors of religious publications, 750 clergyman and 1400 American millionaires. This is a magnificent undertaking for a church so young and with only 68 members the majority of whom are too poor to contribute to the teaching. It will take from one to five years teaching owing to the aptness of the students in learning new truths, before members of this class will be able to graduate in the knowledge of God. In the meantime funds must be raised to continue the work and enlarge it. I have the addresses of 4600 American millionaires that should all be added to the class. I have several thousand addresses of clergymen that should be added and will be as fast as funds are sent in to do it. It only costs ten cents a year for the teaching of each student in his or her home.

I do the teaching free of cost to the church. My children help to fold, wrap and address the lessons, free, to the church. All I ask the rest of the church members and founders to do is to pay for the press work and postage on the lessons. Please send in your donation for the continuance of the teaching.

Every penny will be placed to your credit which will be reported from time to time in the paper, and shall be a receipt for the same.

All who are able to do so should send in a Christmas gift of $5 and a New Years gift of $5 to carry on and enlarge the educational work of the Church of Humanity.

Christian churches accuse God of being real with knowledge and power to have prevented the murder of the Sloan family. That makes God a fiend. The Church of Humanity proves God a myth. That defends and exonerates him. What church then is God's true defender? Join the Church of Humanity then and be one of God's defenders instead of joining a Christian church and becoming one of his defamers.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is the first attempt ever made to organize those who have learned the real truth about God. It is the first attempt ever made to teach the truth about God through an organization. All of the thousands of societies organized to teach something about God are teaching untruths about him. Those unt ruths represent him to be such a wicked fiendish being that millions of our race are in insane fear of him. That fear causes them to worship him with excessive praise, flattery and cajolery. As God is now positively known to be only a man-made myth like Santa Claus all worshipers of him are therefore idolators. It is high time those who know the truth about him were organized into a society and set the task of teaching that truth to others in order to check idolatry and eventually eradicate it.

That eradication should be accomplished during the Twentieth century. Not the least practice of idolatry should be carried over by any portion of our race into the next century. It will not be if those who are free from it will do their full duty. Their duty is to join the Church of Humanity and do all in their power to promulgate its teaching. That church is based on the scientific facts that all Gods, devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and the resurrection of the dead a delusion. There are 72 who have learned these factsand have certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God. They are life members and founders of the Church of Humanity. They are sending this little missionary to bear the glad tidings of these discovered truths to thousands, that they too may be free and rejoice with them in their freedom from idolatry. They stand as beacon lights on the advanced heights of progress to guide the world up to higher planes of civilization. They are living monuments that disprove effectively every false teaching of the worshipers of God. They effectively disprove the following false teachings of idolators:

1—That God would strike anyone dead if he said there is no God —they are all alive yet.

2—That if it were not for the fear of God people would commit all kinds of crime,—not one of them is in jail or penitentiary.

3—That people would degenerate into savagery were they not kept in fear of God,—they are all engaged in honorable occupation.

4—That people would rob and murder were it not for fear of God—no one locks his house, barn, hen house or coal bins on account of these church members living near them, neither do any carry weapons when they expect to meet them on the highway.

5—That the marriage institutions and the family would be discontinued were people relieved from the fear of God —they all love wife and children as much if not more than they did when they were idolators. All the love they gave to God and dead Jews, they now give to their families.

In short they are as good citizens in every respect and better in some than they were when worshiping God. The false teaching by the clergy that if people once knew there was no hell hereafter they would promptly set up one in this life is totally disproved by these 72 members of the Church of Humanity. There is no more reason to expect Christians to become fools and criminals when they learn the truth about any other branch of knowledge. The Church of Humanity is the right kind of an object lesson the worshipers of all Gods need. It disproves all the false theories of the teachers of idolatry and gives an opportunity for those who are misled by them to see with their own eyes that they are untrue. On account of this good objective influence on idolators all who are free from idolatry and have learned that God is a fictitious being should unite with the Church of Humanity without hesitation. Your number, name and influence are badly needed as object lessons to the Christians.

You can do more good by joining the church in one year than you can in a life time out of it. Hardly any will know you have learned the truths on which it is based if you stay out, and your number and influence is lost, while if you unite with us many thousands will know you are free and will be influenced by it. Then again your influence for truth and progress will be multiplied by the number of members in the church. And last but not least your number and influence will continue doing good for millions through all coming time if you are enrolled in the Book of Life as a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity where by remaining out of it what little influence for good with a very few will cease at your death and you will soon be forgotten dust and the world no better for you having lived in it.

The Church of Humanity wants members in every school district and city precinct in the United States as living mounments to the false teaching of Christianity and as object lesson for the guidance of idolators. Then, dear readers, if you are free from the fear of the idols of mythologies please fill out the blank application in this paper and mail it to me RIGHT NOW.

The Campaign of Education in the Study of God.

The three educational funds being raised by the Church of Humanity to send their educational paper to editors of religious publications, clergymen and millionaires stands as follows:

EDITORIAL FUND.

Previously reported	$57.00
J. D. Jordan, Madisonville, Texas	.75
F. E. Burrow, Lono, Arkansas	1.00
John S. Holman, Pontiac, Ill.	1.00

MILLIONAIR FUND.

Previously reported	$30.75
T. E. Burrow, Lono, Arknasas	1.00
I. I. Lynn, Spokane, Washington	1.00
A friend to the cause	1.00

CLERGY FUND.

Previously reported	$28.50
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Jefferson, Stoner, Des-Moines, Ia.	.50
Elias Molee, Tacoma, Washington	1.00
Charles Long, Payson, Utah	5.00
John S. Holman, Pontiac, Ill.	.50

This church is a missionary educational church and promulgates the great truths it has discovered about God, Jesus, hell, heaven, Satan and life by donating its teaching free to the people to the end that idolatry may be checked and finally eliminated from our civilization. We wish the clergy and editors of religious publications to know the truth about God so they will not charge our refusal to worship him to a wicked nature and incite the people against us as enemies to truth, law, virtue, progress and civilization.

We believe in and practice and teach all the truths and moral virtues they do but we have advanced farther in the knowledge of God than they and teach that advanced knowledge. We wish them to learn it too and then help us to rescue the world from idolatry.

While I must look to and depend entirely on the founders of the church for the funds for the educational work, yet I shall be pleased to receive donations to the funds from any one.

We wish the millionaires to learn the truths we have to teach so they will aid us in establishing colleges to prepare instructors.

For the small sums donated to the three funds I have placed 750 clergymen, 900 editors of religious publications and 1400 millionaires on the regular mailing list. I would like to keep these classes on the list until they can graduate in the knowledge of God if possible. I must depend on the donations of those who wish them taught to enable me to continue the teaching. Founders of the church must take the lead in this work and each one should donate from $10 to $50, according to his ability, to these educational funds. We never can win the people from idolatry until we teach them the truth. I estimate it will take five years for the average reader to learn the truths we teach so thoroughly as tobe able to graduate in the knowledge of God. When we get a college established where young people can come and devote their entire time to the study of God they perhaps can graduate in one term of nine months teaching. Until that time comes we must carry on the work as best we can through our church organ.

Kentucky's Disgrace.

"Louisville, Nov. 28–The drought in Kentucky is beginning to decrease the milk supply in Louisville. Several dairies have put their customers on half allowance. Several distillers have suspended operations until rain falls.

In many churches yesterday prayers were offered for rain."

If it did not rain in Kentucky for ten thousand years no one would be justified in making such an exhibition of their idolatrous heathenism over it.

Kansas has disgraced herself in the same way many times. It is to be hoped she will never do it again. To pray for rain is a manifestation of ignorance that is out of line with all known facts, with all progress, with all teachings and schools except those engaged in perpetuating heathenism and idolatry. Intelligent people should unite in the Church of Humanity and help to give the people such instruction as will prevent them from making such disgraceful exhibitions of their ignorance.

Monthly Report.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life since last report, 8. Kansas, 2; Missouri, 2; Texas, 2; Idaho and Indiana 1 each.

Occupation of members: Housekeeper and dressmaker, hotelkeeper, lecturer, book and news stand and telegraph operator.

Nationality of members, Americans. Previous church connections; Baptist, 1; none, 4. Total number of members in the Church of Humanity, 72.

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Helpers in the Study of God.

I am in receipt of your paper and believe as you do. I inclose 50 cents for 25 copies of The Christian Educator. I shall order more for Jan. in a few days. May you live long to educate the Christians.
H. H. DRAKE, Amarillo, Texas.

Inclosed is one dollar. Please send me the Christian Educator for another year and as many of the little red books as you choose.
W. W. WALLACE, Chicago, Ill.

I inclose $1. Send two copies of Christian Educator, two pamphlets on your discovery and use balance for missionary work. I have had full value for my money.
JEFFERSON STONER, Des Moines, Iowa.

I inclose 25cts for C. E. & G. D. Will join the church when I am able to pay for a pew. (JOIN NOW while you are prompted by good impulses to do right. Salvation from idolatry is free to those unable to pay until they make a raise. Ed) You are doing a good work in your frank and friendly way. I wish I could aid you more. Your style suits me, because my views are identical with yours, and your plain, earnest cogent arguments might take better with some religionists. That was an elegant stopper you applied to that old gag about what "the fool hath said."
C. W. CLARK, Allerton, Iowa.

Find inclosed $5 balance on educational fund. The dry weather has played havoc among my crops, but I expect to be able to help push the good work next spring.
EMIL FREDRICH, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Find inclosed $1.25 for sub. and bundles of C. E. & G. D. to distribute. In No. 12 your answers to Rev. Ambrose were well chosen and I take a particular delight in reading them once in a while.
P. C. HANSEN, Greenleaf, Kans.

I send you $1 for missionary work. Those extras you sent me I have distributed and shall do so should you send more.
Elias Molee, Tacoma, Wash.

I inclose 25 cents to send the C. E. & G. D. to my cousin one year as a New Year's gift. I am pleased with its contents.

My religion is Justice, Humanity and Fraternity. Accept my best wishes for your welfare and success.
ESTHER A. VANRIPER, M .D. Circleville, Ohio.

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All the good you can ever do must be done in this world.

Unite Unite.

Through advocating organization by the C. E. & G. D. seventy two people have been found in a little more than a year who are able to graduate in the knowledge of God, who believe in organization, who believe in specializing the study of God and eliminating all irrelevant questions, who wish that knowledge taught to others in a systematic way they can comprehend, who are paying for its teachings to a class of 3,000 students composedof clergymen, editors of religious publications and milloniares. If one little paper a year can accomplish such great results who can estimate the good work for organization and teaching that could be accomplished in a year were all Freethought editors united in the Church of Humanity and work in harmonious union for the up-building of that church and the promulgation of its teachings? Perhaps there are twenty such editors in the United States who could do at least as well on the average as the C. E. & G. D. has done. That would mean 1400 more church members in a year. Supposing them to aid as much in promulgating our teaching through the church organ, that would mean 60,000 more readers of the organ of our common church. That would not mean a cent of profit for me in money but twenty times the work for me and my family. We could include in our class then all the editors of religious publications, all the millionaires, all the state and national lawmakers and judges and then nearly one-third of the clergy of the United States. In five years we could have an organized church, a national instructor, an instructor in every state and large city, a college, a hospital ,an orphanage and a home for old people. Are these results not worth uniting for? Would it not be nice if we had a hospital now to take Mr. Heston to where he could have the best of medical care. Mr. and Mrs. Green died for want of love, sympathy, appreciation and recognition of their devotion to and labors f the good of humanity.

Should we organize so we too can build colleges, orphanages, hospitals and homes for our dear ones, or must we ever depend on the idolators for them and then brag about our mental superiority.

No Free thought editor or writer is justified in criticising the stupidity of idolators until he can show as good judgment in the art of organization and teaching and caring for his loved ones as do the idolators.

The idolators of every city are giving us an object lesson in uniting for a common purpose that we must follow if we are ever going to prove that we have as much sense as they.

Here is a clipping giving the plans of the idolators at Kansas City for uniting in a grand revival:

THE COMING REVIVAL.

K. C. World, Dec., 26.

Much interest is being taken in the inter-denominational "revival" in this city which is to begin January 2 The movement has some unique features It is being conducted on broad lines, the apparent object being not to build up one church at the expense of another, but to promote those general principles of Christianity held in common by the various churches.

A score of religious sects will take part, representing nearly 200 congregations and a membership of more than 75,000. If all these people, or any considerable proportion of them go to work in earnest, a religious awakening may be looked for unprecedented in the history of the community. Every corner of the two Kansas Citys will be thoroughly covered, but there will be a careful guarding against the customary duplication of effort in any given territory and the consequent waste of energies.

The cosmopolitan character of the movement may be judged from the fact that churches radically different in doctrine and of form of goverment are to co-operate. The Salvation army, the Volunteers of America, and the negro churches have been invited to take part.

A pleasing feature of the movement is that the various churches which in former years spent so much time and energy in fighting each other have decided to minimize their differences of ereed or methods and unite in fighting their common enemy, the forces of evil in the community.

See how sensible these people are to stop their quarrling and unite. They will be able to complete the heathenization of the two cities.

Now why can't all the editors who are trying to free the people from heathenism be as sensible and unite in one grand revival and build up a rival church to teach the people the truth? Do not they believe what the Church of Humanity teaches? Do they not want their readers to have any society except that furnished by idolators? Do they want to compel the children and wives of their readers to attend Sunday school and Christian churches by refusing to help them to organize? Do they not know that we must teach the truth about God in the same way errors about him are taught? Can't they comprehend the fact that it is not the method of teaching but the things idolators teach that is wrong?

Do they always wish to merit the charge of tearing down and never building, or being only a perpetual negation? Brothers and sisters, please write to all Freethought editors you know and ask them to UNITE, UNITE.

Unless a Christian is an expert in anatomy he can't tell when he finds a bone whether the original owner is dead or not.

A sure proof of God being a myth is that he does not resent being accused of a crime for which negroes are burned.

Guess it would be satisfactory with most Jews if the Christians would stop murdering live Jews and worshiping dead ones.

If you are waiting to do all your good deeds in another world you will have missed your opportunity forever as there is no other world for you.

It is a strange mystery how it happened that people otherwise considered sensible have looked on their dead through the past centuries and did not know they were dead.

In the fall of Port Arthur the Japanese captured twenty christian chaplains who were God's representatives to keep him informed what Christians needed and how best he could aid them in slaying the heathen Japs. That should be enough to shake the faith of Christians in the power if not in the very existence of God.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XIII.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our persihed loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

So long as we live we should never forget the disasters that prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that God is a myth like Santa Claus, and therefore unable to protect us and our loved ones from death. If we forget those object lessons we are liable to fall into the habit of idolators all around us in their heathen practice of praying to God for aid in the face of great danger. There never can arise a danger great enough to justify a prayer to God for aid, . With the positive knowledge that the end of life was not five minutes off we would not be justified in praying to Santa Claus to prolong life. It would be as useless and as foolish to pray to God to prolong life, since he is discovered to be a myth, too.. That the disasters happened long ago or in some other country does not make them of less value as proof of God's non-existence than had they happened near us today and some of our loved ones had perished in them. We must not overlook the family loss of one of its members that equally prove God a myth. That a family has not lost a member in years does not prove that it is protected from harm by a God, for it has had losses and will have again.

The loss our neighbors have is as strong a proof of God being a myth as our own loss. We must not allow the teachers of idolatry to build up our egotism to the point of believing we are God's pets and that he will take care of us though he lets the rest of the world perish. Many have given up the idea that God cares for their lives in this world, but hold to the illogical idea that he will care for them in another world. As our life is terminated at death there is no other world for us.

The Church of Humanity does not take God away or destroy the continuance of life, it has simply learned that there never was a real god nor was there ever life beyond the grave for any one. Hence it only teaches the facts that have been always true, but the people did not know them. It is as honorable and praisworthy to learn those truths and proclaim them to the world as to learn and proclaim any new truths discovered in any other branch of study. The Church of Humanity is doing the world the greatest good by this service of teaching it these truths which alone are able to rescue it from idolatry.

Many people are beginning now to comprehend these truths and by the aid and moral support from the Church of Humanity will in a few years be entirely free from idolatry.

The object lessons given in this little missionary of the church are on the lines of evidence of God's mythical nature most easily learned. Many are beginning to recognize this evidence even without the aid of teachers. But with the aid of teachers from the church they would learn it much sooner and every effort should be put forth by the church to aid the people who are struggling to throw off the heathen practice of worshiping idols. Here is a clipping

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sent by a friend who has learned where to look for evidence of God being a myth, that proves that people can learn from experience and observations that the God their idolatrous teachers taught them to worship as a heavinly father who loved and cared for them did no such things:

"It is said that many people in New York City, formerly religiously inclined, some even professing Christians, lost all faith after the burning of the "General Slocum" with 500 children on board. A deaconess of the parish of St. Marks says; "I am working among the people of the neighborhood, trying to recruit the parish again after its devastating catastrophe. I might say that my work is largely religious as well as social. I am trying to get the people back into the church, for since the accident many have fallen away. Strangely enough, many of them seek to put the blame upon the church of God for the catastrophe. Others have entirely lost faith in God. It is hard to know how to deal with such cases." she said sorrowfully. Such people have very little logic. They kept on "believing" after the tremendous catastrophe in the Island of Martineque where far more people were killed, by the explosion of a supposedly extinct volcano. Apparently the New York backsliders are not touched by disaster far from home." —Atchinson Globe, Sept. 20.

These people of the parish of St. Marks should never again worship God or help to support a church that does, for the following reasons:

1. They know by bitter experience that they were deceived by false teachers in regard to a God and a Jesus loving children or anybody.

2. They know that no amount of praise or flattery of a God that it is possible to give has the least effect in influncing him to care for them.

3. They must now know that infancy, innocence and good character have no influence to induce God to care for any one.

4. They know the ones that perished were as worthy of the love and care of God as they, and as God did not care for them he does not care for the ones that are left.

5. They should resent with all the power at their command the deception the Christian church played on them through its false teachings about a God and a Jesus caring for people who worshiped them.

6. They should resent with all the dignity of noble manhood and womanhood the neglect of their loved ones by a God and a Jesus they had loved, praised and worshiped as friends and benefactors, and cease forever to worship them again or desire to live with them in heaxen or any other place.

7. They should invite the worshipers of God in all christian churches to resent God's neglect of their perished loved ones and join in a sympathetic strike and cease worshiping God and supporting churches that did until he would consent to make some recognition or approval of their love and devotion.

8. Reason should teach them that a God who does not care for their bodies cannot care for thier souls if they had only.

9. Reason should teach them that a God who does not care for them in this world could not have cared for them in any other.

10. Reason should teach them that since christian churches have deceived them so about what God would do for them in this world that they are deceiving them about what he will do for them in another world,

11. Since they know God did not make himself useful as they had been taught he would do in case of trouble, reason should teach them that he is a myth like Santa Claus and does not exist only in the imagination of idolators.

12. It is not enough to merely lose faith in God's so-called promises of aid, these people should now know positively that he is a fictitious being and consequently never made any promises.

The object lesson St. Marks' parish gives as proving God's non-existence should do for all Christians. Christians everywhere should be as thoroughly convinced by it as though it had been their congregation and they had lost dear ones in the catastrophe. Reason should teach them that God could not care more for them than for the ones that perished of that congregation; that as that congregation was not rewarded for its devotion to God neither can they be; that it is their duty to take sides with that congregation and cease idolizing a worthless God and help to dethrone him in the affections of idolators.

No good person should want to go to live with a God who they believed was able to save those christians but would not. It is an insult to the memory of the dead to believe God is caring for you since he did not care for them, It is an insult to to the relatives of the dead to believe God cares for you when you know he did not care for their loved ones. You should believe those that perished were as good as you are and as worthy of the care of God. Since he did not care for them you should know he does not care for you and will never aid you in the least particular even though you meet with as horrible a death as they did.

Religious congregations should not make the mistake made by the St. Marks' congregation in continuing to believe in God after the eruption of Mt. Pelee where so many people were destroyed, even while on their knees praying to God for protection.

They should promptly repudiate God and all churches that teach peopel to love and worship him since the evidence is conclusive that those churches are mistaken about God's nature.

If you have a good nature and the capacity to reason intelligently and draw rational conclusions you will be so moved to pity for the victims of those disasters that no idolatrous teachers can decieve you into worshiping a god whom they say had the power to have prevented those horrors, for you will know no such God exists.

The Church of Humanity knows how to deal with such cases as the survivors of all disasters. It tells them plainly and honestly that they had been mistaken all along about a God and a Jesus loving and caring for them; that they had been deceived by ignorant teachers; that they should now recognize the truths taught by this up-to-date church and refuse to ever believe in the existence of a God or to support a church that does. The Church of Humanity is the only church that knows and teaches the truth about God. It is the only church that gives a rational, provable reason why God did not come to the rescue of the Slocum victims. It is the only church that gives a rational apology and excuse for God for not hearing and answering the prayers of dying Christians. It is the only church that defends God for inaction by teaching the truth about him. If you wish to be numbered with the rationalists as one of God's true defenders join the Church of Humanity and aid it in teaching the truth about him. If you wish to be numbered with God's defamers join a christian church and aid it in teaching mistakes and untruths about him.

If you are helping to free the people you should fill out the subjoined blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity and return it to me. All the forces for truth should unite in one body to make their work effective. Individual or divided efforts cannot accomplish much good.

Our object should be to overthrow idolatry during the Twentieth century. To accomplish that Herculean task will require all the forces for truth united in one compact invincible body working in harmonious union. The task is so great and the time so short there is not a day to spare.

If you believe the truth about God should be taught and the people freed from idolatry join the Church of Humanity and aid in the task.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1 What is this lesson on? 2 What is God? 3 Can he protect anyone from death? 4 Should we ever forget the disasters that prove God a myth? 5 What are we liable to do if we forget them? 6 Are we ever justified in praying to God for aid? 7 Would we be justified in praying to Santa Claus to prolong life? 8 Is it useless and foolish to pray to God to prolong life? 9 Why? 10 Should the disasters that befall others prove to us as clearly God's non-existence as if they happened to ourselves? 11 Does the death of a member of a family prove to us that the God and Jesus we were told loves and cares for people are myths? 12 Should we allow the teachers of idolatry to make us so egotistical as to believe we are God's pets and that he is taking care of us while he lets the rest of the world perish? 13 Are people illogical to believe God would care more for them in another world than in this? 14 Is there any other world for us? 15 Why not? 16 Does the Church of Humanity take God away and terminate life at the grave? 17 What has it learned? 18 Have those facts been always true? 19 Did the people know them? 20 Is it as honorable to learn and teach new found truths about God and life as about other branches of study? 21 Does the Church of Humanity do the world a great good by this service? 22 Is the teaching of these truths the only thing that will rescue it from idolatry? 23 Are people beginning to comprehend these truths? 24 What church will aid them in freeing themselves from idolatry? 25 What is the "General Slocum" disaster? Ans. On June 15th, 1904, the steamer "General Slocum," carrying about 1600 people, mostly women and children, on the annual picnic of St. Marks Lutheran church, to Locust Grove, on Long Island Sound, caught fire and burned. Over 1000 of those Sunday School children and church members perished in the flames and water. 26 Should the survivors ever worship God again or support a church that does? 27 Give twelve reasons why they should not. 28 Should the object lesson of St. Marks parish prove to all Christians God's non-existence? 29 Give three conclusions that reason should teach them. 30 Should a good person want to live with a God who cares nothing for those who love him? 31 Do you insult the memory of the dead to believe God cares for you? 32 Do you insult the relatives of the dead by believing God cares for you? 33 What should you believe about those who perished? 34How can you know God does not care for you and will never aid you? 35What mistake do religious congregations make? 36 What should they promptly do? 37 What abilities must you have to save yourself from being deceived by the teachers of idolatry? 38 What church knows how to deal with the survivors of disasters? 39 What does it tell them? 40 Is it the only church that teaches the truth about God and gives the only rational reason why he did not hear and answer the prayers of dying Christians? 41 If you wish to be numbered with God's true defenders what should you do? 42 If you wish to be numbered with God's defamers what should you do? 43 What should all the teachers of truth do? 44 What should be their object? 45 What will that require? 46 If you believe the truth about God should be taught and the people freed from idolatry, what should you do?

Now if you really believe it and wish to aid in the greatest work for our race of our century, please fill out this blank and return it to me and get in return a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humaity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Previous Church.....

Two very notable people joined the Church of Humanity last month: Mrs. Luella R. Kraybill the State Socialist Organizer for Kans., and Watson Heston the Freethought artist.

Since the Jews are well enough acquainted with the nature of their virgins to affirm that all the children they ever raised had earthly fathers there seems to be no good reasons why those who are not Jews should call them liars.

The Study of God

BIBLE LESSON NO. 11.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

God's Creators Hand Down His First Legal Decision.

A Sample of Divine Law And Judgments.

God is a man-made myth like Santa Claus. Every story related in the bible or told by parent, priest or preacher representing him as a real being is a fable.

The Garden of Eden story is a piece of fiction belonging to the class of fables recorded in "Arabian Nights," "Aesop's Fables," "Grimm's Fairy Tales," and other books of fairy, witch and enchantment stories.

Every one who has read those works of fiction ought to be able to recognize the Garden of Eden story as belonging to the same class.

Were it not for rewards offered children for believing the story true and the punishments threatened them for disbelieving it no one would believe it true. All good parents should teach their children that the Garden of Eden story is a fable and that the promised rewards and threatened punishments for a belief or non-belief in its truth fulness does not exist.

The Church of Humanity is composed of the few who have learned these great truths and rejoice in their freedom from idolatry. They are doing all they can to free others from idolatry by teaching them the truths that made them free.

Every student of the bible must now look to the Church of Humanity for the true interpretation of every thing in it relating to God. It is the only church in existence that is not influenced by hopes of reward or fear of punishment at his hands and hence is able to teach the truth about him impartially.

Gen. 3, 14.—And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

In this verse God's creators put in his mouth his first legal decision. This decree is a sample of what Christians call "Divine laws" "righteous judgments" and ignorantly affirm "all our laws are taken from the bible." The facts are no nation would to day tolerate such absurd law or decisions.

If any judge would follow God's example and render such a decision he would be sent to an insane asylum.

That is not the judgment of a real live God for there is no such a being. It is the ideas of the fabulists who are here creating God as any ancient or modern fiction writer builds up his fiction hero. The greatest calamity that ever befell our race was brought on it when a few adopted this fiction-made God and made him the central figure in a mythology named Christianity and then tried to murder all who would not worship him. Were it not know that rational people can be scared out of their wits by the shadow of a ghost that never existed one should be tempted to believe the religious world insane with fear of the fiction made hero of this bible story. No one should have the least fear of this man-made God. He is as helpless and harmless as Santa Claus. If a spider's web was tied to the smallest hair on your head and all the Gods in the universe united in one grand tug-of-war with the Christian's God as captain of the team they would be unable to break the web, much less to pull the hair out. That gives you some idea of the weakness of the God of whom hundreds of millions of our race are in such insane fear. The Church of Humanity stands as a perfect shield forever between God and all the people who take refuge in its protecting care.

It will not allow God to harm one of its members in this or any other world. It teaches the people how to take the Lord God from the skies, where the fabulists placed him after they took him out of the Garden of Eden, and put him beneath their feet a harmless myth very few people of the intelligent class are afraid of the devil, for they know he is a myth. God is as much of a myth as is the devil and as harmless.

Any intelligent person can recognize that fact when the lessons this bible verse teaches are pointed out to him. Any lawyer worthy of the profession could easily clear that snake of any crime. Any judge would acquit it. Any jury would bring in a verdict of not guilty.

A lawyer would appeal the case from a Divine to a human judge on the ground of the Divine Judge being non-compos mentis, and give among many other reasons the following to prove the charge true:

1.—The Lord God did not summon the snake to hear the charges against it.

2.—He did not question the snake or allow it any explanation or defense. 3.—He believed the unsupported testimony of one he considered a criminal of the greatest magnitude. 4.—He believed a snake could talk to a woman in language she could understand.

5.He passed judgement on a snake, and cursed it.

6.—He thought a snake could understand his decrees and would obey them. 7.—He extended his punishment to include the innocent of future generations as given in the next verse.

15—And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Any judge would be declared insane if he followed the precedent set by the Lord God in trying a case and in passing judgement on a supposed criminal. All Christian churches indirectly accuse God of insanity by denying he is a myth and declaring him to be a real being and this bible story a true account of his doings.

The Church of Humanity defends him by teaching the people that he is a myth like Santa Claus. If you are able to recognize the plain truths herein taught you should join the Church of Humanity and be one of God's defenders instead of joining a Christian church and being one of his defamers. Join the Church of Humanity and be a factor in the world's progress.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1.-What is God? 2.-Stories that represent him as a real being are named what? 3-The Garden of Eden story is what? 4-In what works of fiction are similar stories found? 5-Who should be able to recognize the Garden of Eden story as a fable? 6-Why does any [illegible] believe it true? 7-What should a[illegible]od parents teach their children? 8-To what church do the people [illegible]long who have learned those truths? 9-How do they help to free other from idolatry? 10-To what church must bible students now look to for a true interpretation of all its statements relating to God? 11-Is it the only church that is not influenced by either love or fear of God? 12-What does that enable it to do? 13-Repeat the bible verse. 14-What does God's creators have him do? 15-Is this a sample of God's laws and judgements? 16-Who are so ignorant as to believe our laws are founded on the bible? 17-Would any nation tolerate such laws and decrees as the Lord God makes? 18-What would happen to a judge were he to hand down such decisions? 19-Is that the judgement of a real God? 20-Why not? 21-Whose ideas are they? 22-Is that the way the heroes of fiction are built up? 23-State the greatest calamity that ever befell our race? 24-Tell what will scare some people out of their wits. 25-Do some people act as though they were insane with fear of a fictionof made God ?26-Should any one fear God? 27-Why not? 28-Give an illustration of the weakness of God. 29-What church does not allow God to harm any of its members? 30-How does it protect them? 31-Are many intelligent people afraid of the devil? 32-Why not? 33-Is God a myth like the devil? 34-Does this bible verse prove him a myth. 35-Could any lawyer clear that snake of the crime charged? 36-Would any judge or jury convict it? 37-On what grounds would a lawyer appeal the case? 38-Define "non-compos mentis." 39-Give six reasons to sustain the charge. 40-Would a judge be declared insane if he rendered such decisions? What churches indirectly accuse God of insanity? 42-By teaching what? 43-What church defends God? 44-How does it defend him? 45-What church should you join if you are able to recognize the truths herein taught? 46-Would you rather be God's defender than his defamer? 47-If you wish to be a factor in the world's progress what church should you join?

Observation and Expereince Meeting of The Church of Humanity.

Brother, James Beeson, of Hyton, Ala., tells why he knows there is no God.

So far as their bible accounts of Gods and saviors are concerned they are perfectly ridiculous, Another good reason that there is no God in the image of man or any other animal, is the fact that he never shows himself. I know that the Christians assert positively that their God has shown himself to some of his servants—but their statements want confirmation and until they can produce him any time he is wanted they are unable to convince me of his existence If we take science for our guide we find there is no room nor need of an all powerful God or creator. Because if matter was created the creator would have had to be created, and his creator would have had to have a creator; and so after indefinitely counting creators you would come no nearer solving the next question than when you began. The only scientfical conclusion is that matter always existed in some form and always will.

Somerville, N. J., Aug. 18.—After trying with all her puny strength to drag her five-year old sister, Ethel, out of the Raritian Water Company's big reservoir, into which she had fallen, four-year-old Mary Hill had to release her hold and watch her sister drown.

I cannot believe any man, woman or child, priest, preacher or religious editor; no not my own mother, brother or sister who says God or Jesus loves and cares for them; I know none of them could be more dear to a God and Jesus than Ethel Hill. None have ever needed their services more. I know from this object lesson every body is mistaken who says there is a God and a Jesus who loves and cares for any one. I know they are fabulous beings and I shall never worship them or allow my children to, and shall do all I can to teach others not to, as it is a heathenish, idolatrous, useless, worthless practice, a disgrace to the age in which we live, a disgrace to the twentieth century civilization.

The observation and experience meeting should be better attended. If you have not time to write out something, send in some clippings like the above that prove conclusively the non-existence of God. Make some comments on them, if you have time, that will show that you recognize them as evidence of God's non-existence.

New Year's Greetings to all the Readers of the C. E. & G. D.

Great Bend, Kansas.
City Residence.

We wish health and wisdom; to the members and founders of the Church of Humanity that they may be able to enjoy in the best way this beautiful life in a beautiful world and appreciate to the fullest extent their glorious privilege and duty of helping to eliminate idolatry through the promulgation of the teachings of our common church; to the subscribers that they may see it is their duty to unite with us in fellowship, friendship and membership in the only church that teaches the truth about God and defends him against all the wicked crimes charged to him by the clergy, religious press and bible; to the clergy and editors of religious publications that they may recognize how easily the world is led into idolatry by false teachers and the sure condemnation they will receive by future generations for the part they take in the heathenization of the people, and that it is their imperative duty, as teachers, to take up anew the study of God on modern lines of observation, experience and reason and continue it by the aid of the Church of Humanity until they master it, then unite with the church and help to free the people from idolatry; to the editors of anti-Christian publications, that they may comprehend the fact that the false teaching will remain in the minds of the people until driven out by truth and that it will take a powerful organization to drive truth with force enough into the peoples minds to rout idolatry, and that it is their imperative duty to all unite in the Church of Humanity and help to build up that powerful organization which alone will be able to blockade the irresistable onward sweep of idolatry and prevent it from overflowing into the next century; to the millionaires that they recognize the truths the Church of Humanity teaches and realize it is their duty to come to its aid financially and assist it in promulgating the study of God which alone can free their children from idolatry and keep them free.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Chruch of Humanity is a society being orgaized for the purpose of teaching the discovery that God is only a fabulous being like Santa Claus. It is now positively known that there is no being, object or thing in the universe that in the slightest particular resembles the imaginary myth called God which people worship and and pray to. It is now known that God is simply a creation of the imagination and has no more reality or existence than has Santa Claus. This is the ultimate and final truth in regard to God—the alpha and ormega of God. Nothing more can be learned about him. We know now his source and his abiding place. The God-idea is the germ from which spring all systems of mythologies called religions. The idea of a God originated perhaps in a desire to give an explanation of the phenomena observered in nature, and later was used by schemers to scare people into doing their bidding. Millions of people for many centuries have been led, or driven, by the schemers through fear of this imaginary being to commit the greatest of crimes and criminal excesses. Many systems of mythologies have grown up around the God-idea in an endeavor to explain what God is, his powers and attributes, how and why he did things, and what he wants and does not want the people to do, and the nature of his rewards and punishments therefor. As the God-idea had its origin in imagination every thing in connection with it necessarially had to originate in the imagination. Since people could not imagine alike the great number of opposing religions and creeds, with their thousands of subdivisions, are easily accounted for. The God-idea, until very recently, has ever been a barrier across the path of progress in many sciences. People are now begining to recognize and admit the discovery that God is only an imaginary being like Santa Claus, and has been set up in the minds of people in the same way as is Santa Claus in the minds of children. There are now seventy-five members of the Church of Humanity. This church is based on and teaches the scientific discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and that life is terminated forever at death. These are facts that have always been true and always will be. Our likes and dislikes, hopes and fears, faith and prayers can never change them in the least particular.

Our highest duty now is to recognize and admit these great truths of nature and reconcile ourselves to them. Children should be taught these facts and never be taught the fable of a continous life as being true. Then they will never experience the disappointment of those who have been taught the mistakes of our ancestors. The study of God as taught by the Church of Humanity is a supplement to the common school education. The great truths it teaches should be placed in text books and the study of God added as a special branch of study to the list of common school studies required by law to be taught. The teaching promulgated by the Church of Humanity is not a religion, creed, faith or theory, but definite, scientific, demonstrable, provable facts. These truths no longer belong to the domain of theological metaphysical speculations.

They must now be classified as scientific facts. Our children are entitled to the facts in all branches of study, and the study of God can be no exception to that rule. No good result can come from witholding these truths from them.

If they are not given the facts they will be taught to believe untruths which will make idolators of them. All reference to God in school books, that represent him as a real being, should be eliminated. Public school teachers should not be allowed to teach the students that God is a real being.

This cannot be accomplished until a large society is established and these truths promulgated by it until they become generally known and accepted. Hence it is of the greatest important that all who know them unite in the Church of Humanity and aid personally and financially in their promulgation.

The Question Box.

I invite all who wish to ask any questions in regard to the Church of Humanity and its teaching. I shall take a pleasure in answering them. Here are a few questions that may be of general interest or curiosity:

A friend—1 Who is president of the Church of Humanity? 2 Who is authorized to receive money for the benefit of the church? 3 In what way is it spent? 4 In case I should send $100 or $1,000 to the church what is the best way to send it?

Ans.—1 The church is not formally organized or chartered. We cannot do that until we get enough members to insure success. I have, through virtue of my discovery that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus, assumed the title of International Instructor for the Church of Humanity for the purpose of teaching that discovery and of gatherin the people who can recognize its truth into a union for organization. 2 I receive all money for the church and refer you to the Citizens National Bank of this city as to my financial standing and reliability. 3 The money donated to the church is used in promulgating its teachings by sending the church paper free to Christians, and is applied on one or more of the three funds being raised for that purpose, as the donors direct. 4 Send by P. O. money order, draft, or express, payable to W. H. Kerr, with instructions as to what fund you wish it applied to. If no instructions are given I shall use it for propaganda work to the best possible advantage of the church.

Mrs. Weller, Iowa.—1 "Do you lie? 2 steal? 3 swear? 4 drink intoxicants? 5 use tobacco? 6 Are you a free-lover?" Ans. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,—No.

This lady has evidently heard, and believes, the assertions of many clergymen and religious writers to the effect that were it not for the teaching of Christianity and the fear of God people would take a delight in committing all kinds of crimes and excesses and would rapidly degenerate into barbarians. There are absolutely no grounds for such fears. The good conduct of the seventy-five members of the Church of Humanity who know God is a fabulous being and hell a myth prove that fact beyond doubt.

No clergyman or religious writer should ever again make such false statements, nor should anybody ever believe it again. There is no more reason to believe people would be criminals on account of learning the truth about God than they would be on account of learning the truth in other branches of study. It may be claimed that these people remain good citizens on account of their early christian teaching and training. But that is easily proven to be a mistake also for their children, who never had any "christian training," but have been taught from infancy these facts, are as good children in every respect as are those of christian parents.

Another proof that it is not necessary to scare people with a God and a hell to make them moral and good citizens is the fact that some people in other countries who never heard of God and hell are good moral citizens.

The belief in and worship of God forms no part of moral ethics and good citizenship. That is proven clearly by the fact that the slums of large cities, jails, reformatories and penisentiaries are peopled with believers in God and hell being realities. It is also proven by "Crimes of Preachers," a pamphlet of 124 pages, price 25 cents, giving a record of 2420 crimes charged to the clergy of the United States and Canada. Names, residence, church, and crime charged are given. One hundred and thirty-seven classes of crime are specified and the number committed in each are given. Mrs. Weller will not accept the crimes of christians as evidence that they are mistaken in their teaching that God is a real being. Neither should she regard the crimes of those who have learned that God is a myth as evidence that they are mistaken in that knowledge. Some people committed crimes when the earth was believed to be flat and stationary. Crimes did not cease when all learned the truths that it is round and in motion. There will still be criminals when all learn the truths in regard to God.

A Boon for the Clergy.

The discovery that God is a fictitious being like Santa Claus is the greatest boon the clergy ever had.

Every right-minded clergyman will rejoice that the discovery is made.

It relieves them of all anxiety concerning loved ones who would be sent to hell were God a real being and the Christian religion true.

It relieves them of the almost unbearable responsibility of guiding the people in a course that would escape hell were od a real being. It relieves them of an arduous duty, of intense anxiety, of nerve racking responsiblity. It in fact removes the load from their shoulders, the responsibility from their brains and annuls their vows that binds them in slavery to the duty of saving people from hell.

Clergymen look up, arise, rejoice, you are free, your labors are ended. Enjoy life, rest, peace, happiness. Your worry and fear and anxiety concerning the supposed doomed to hell are over. None of the perisbed loved ones are in hell. There is no one to put them there. Let us all rejoice that we know that fact at last. None of the perished wicked are in hell. There is no one to put them there. Let us not be sorry. They suffered enough during life. Let us remember the good with love, and the wicked with charity. Let us all rejoice that no one suffers in hell or ever will. All is an eternal blank beyond the grave for good and bad alike. Their joy and sorrow, their love and hate, their hope and fear are all ended forever at the grave.

Clergy, try to learn the discovery that God is a fictitious being. The Church of Humanity will aid you. Then tell your congregrations of the new found truths and that you can only remain in their service if allowed to teach them the truth. If your congregations will not allow you to teach them the truth promptly resign and join the Church of Humanity—a church wherein you will be allowed to teach the people the truth about God. You should have no desire to perpetuate the errors, mistakes and idolatry of our ancestors. You live in a country and an age that allows you to learn the truth and teach it. Rejoice!

Faith in the efficacy of prayer should be thoroughly shaken in every Christian that hears of the fall of Port Arthur. The entire Greek Catholic church was praying to God to help it hold out. The Japanese didn't fool away any time praying to God.

The Christian Educator and God's Defender.

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Some Reasons Why.

Some do not understand the reasons for donating our educational paper to the clergy and editors of religious papers. I shall give briefly a few reasons in favor of it.

1. This is designed especially to educate the Christians in the true nature of God.

2. They will not subscribe for it, hence it must be sent to them by donation.

3. The clergy and editors of religious papers are the leaders and they should know the truth to enable them to teach it to their hearers and readers.

4. We want them to understand what we teach, our reasons and proof of its truthfulness that they may not abuse us, that they may not be afraid of us, that they may not object seriously to our propaganda.

5. We want them to know we are as much opposed to all crimes and vices as they are and that we teach all the virtues and moralities they do and practice them as faithfully.

6. We want them to know we believe in law and order and government and progress and civilization as much as they do.

7. We want them to know how many people have learned the discovery that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus and how fast others are learning it.

8. That information will have a powerful influence in helping them to learn the truth and allaying their fears both as to what they thought God would do with those who found out he is a fictitious being and the evil effect they thought it would have on the discoverers,

These eight reasons will justify the founders of the Church of Humanity in donating hundreds of dollars to the funds to continue sending our Christian Educator to these two classes. It is mostly the money of the rich that founds and endows theological schools and we want them to learn the truths our church is founded on so they will help us to establish schools for their teaching and for the training of instructors for our church. Hence the object in donating our teaching to the millionaires. Please send me all the money you can to be applied on the propaganda work of the Church of Humanity.

Christians always look upon the relation existing between themselves and God as being identical with that existing between a farmer and his hogs. The farmer breeds his hogs and takes care of them so that when he wants some lard he can knock one in the head and get it. Christians think God is breeding them for souls and whenever he is in need of some he kills a few and takes them. Hogs have not been observed praying to the farmer to come and take their lard. Draw your own conclusions.

There are a number of our readers able to graduate in the knowledge of God. Send in your applications and put our membership to 100 for next months report.

The Study of God

INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XIV.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our persihed loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

There are two primary motives that influence people to worship God. They are hopes of reward and fear of punishment. As the people gradually recognize the truth that God is simply the name of an imaginary being those motives will lose all their power and people will cease worshiping God

The discovery that God is a myth is positively made and all that remains now to do is to present the evidence of that fact to the people in a form they can understand. One of the simplest methods of presenting it is to show by actual demonstration that God does none of the things his worshipers say he does. That fact can be easily recognized by people of ordinary intelligence when their attention is called to it. The telegraph, phone and fast mail, as means of collecting news from nearly all parts of the world, and the daily papers for its distribution to the people, give them immensely wider range of knowledge than had the ancient tribes who first imagined a God to be caring for them.

Here are a few of the things God is credited with doing for which idolators claim he should be praised to the extent of worshiping, and which is now positively known to be mistakes: 1 That he created all life. It is now positively known that God has not, and never did have anything to do with the production of life. The most advanced educators are beginning to recognize and admit that fact. Here is an account of a lecture, given by Prof. A. P. Mathews of the University of Chicago to the medical students which indicates the position of advanced scholars on the subject of the origin of life and the position they take as to the bible story of its origin:

Cnicago, Jan. 14.—Prof. A. P. Mathews, of the University of Chicago, in a lecture on the Bible to medical students made it clear to the listeners that the Bible references were taken for naught by the professor. The story of the creation of Adam and Eve, he declared, was mythical. He refused to consider it. He stated his belief that only real chemical forces; acting under certain physical conditions, could produce life.

"There is no such a thing as the divine origin of life," Prof. Mathews is credited with telling his class. "Life is on a purely physical and chemical basis. Certain chemical substances came together under certain physical conditions, and the result was life.

"However, I believe that it is possible to create life. There is no doubt in my mind but that in a short time real life will be produced. Wonderful advances have been made in physiological chemistry in the last decade. It is now only a question of a short time before some scientist will discover the process of the final stage. We can now make everything but the nucleus in the laboratory."

That is the correct position to take, and the one all scholars, worthy of the title, are taking upon the origin and perpetuation of life. God, being a myth, of course had nothing to do with the production or reproduction of life and hence should not be thanked, praised or worshiped as being in any sense our creator. The clergy and religious writers should be ashamed to teach children the inexcusable mistake that God made them, and that they should worship him for doing so. Vegetable and animal life, including man, is the reproduction of parents, and God, being a myth, cannot care how much or how little of any specie of life is produced.

2 That God watches over and protects from harm the good, the innocent, the just and especially those who love and worship him. The wide view of the world the daily papers give us totally disprove all such assertions. There is positively no unseen intelligent power that protects any member of our race in any danger whatever. The daily accounts of horrible deaths of the ones God is said to protect are positive proof of that fact. Only a few incidents of unprotected innocence can be given here as samples of the many thousands. The Fiend, Herman Holmes, confessed before his excution to the murder of twenty-seven people. Perhaps all of them were believers in God's existence and protection, and worshiped him.

God, being a myth, of course could not aid the victims. Johann Adolph Hoch, arrested in New York lately, is alleged to have had twenty wives in the last twelve years.

"Two of these he deserted. The rest, it is stated, says the K. C. World, died within a few weeks or a few months after marriage, supposedly poisoned." These wives believed in God's existence and protection, as nearly all wives do on account of the false teachings of the Christain churches. God, being a myth, of course could not warn the victims. The Christians refer to Dan 6-22, wherein God is said to have closed the lions' mouths to save Daniel, as proof of God's care for the innocent, but the 24 verse disproves the theory for in that verse the innocent women and children of the accusers are reported to have been torn to pieces by the lions. But here is an account of a tragedy that forever disproves the claims that God cares for anyone or ever protected Daniel or any other person from wild beasts:

"Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—Bereft of all reason in his mad desire to save his own life as well as that of his wife, Henry Shoreby, a farmer, cast his 6-months-old baby girl to starving wolves when attacked by a ferocious pack while driving through the pine forests of northern Minnesota. The mother is prostrated with grief at the loss of her little one."

God, being a myth like Santa Claus, of course could not protect that child from the wolves. Hence we know the bible story about God closing the lions' mouths to save Daniel is simply an ecclesiastical assertion to strengthen mythology. Religious teachers should be ashamed to teach children the inexcusable mistakes that God cares for them and protects them from harm, when all who read the secular papers must know it is untrue. God should not be thanked and praised for taking care of people, for he is a myth and cannot do that. Reader, the teachers of idolatry do not seem to have the ability to distinguish between truth and falsehood, fable and fact, the possible and the impossible, or to see any contradictions between everyday facts and theological fiction. But you must remember they never had an opportunity to learn the facts. The facts have never before been taught by a society or school. The Church of Humanity is the first attempt ever made to teach the truth about God in a popular way. If you wish idolatry checked, you should join that church and help to establish an organization that knows the truth about God and will teach it.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1 What is this lesson on? 2 Name the two primary motives that influence people to worship God. 3 When will those motives lose their power? 4 Will people worship God then? 5 Name the discovery made. 6 What remains now to do? 7 Name one of the simplest methods of presenting that evidence. 8 By whom can that fact be recognized? 9 By what means is that evidence gathered and distributed to the people? 10 Give the first reason idolators assign for worshiping God. 11 Did God have anything to do with the production of life? 12 Do the most advanced educators admit he did not? 13 Read what Prof. Mathews has to say on the subject. 14 Is that the correct position to take, and the one all scholars are beginning to take? 15 Did God have anything to do with the production of life? 16 Should he be regarded as our creator? 17 What should teachers of religion be ashamed of? 18 By what is vegetable and animal life produced? 19 Does God care how much or how little of any specie of life is produced? 20 Why not? 21 What is the second reason assigned by worshipers of God why he should be worshiped? 22 Are all such assertions totally disproved? 23 Is any member of our race protected by an intelligent unseen power? 24 Give proof of that fact. 25 Name two alleged murderers whose victims were not protected by any unseen being. 26 Give the true reason why God did not protect them. 27 What case do Christians refer to that they claim proves God's aid for the innocent? 28 What bible verse disproves it? 29 Why? 30 Recite the account of the babe that was thrown to the wolves. 31 What does that case prove the bible story of Daniel to be? 32 For what purpose? 33 What should religious teachers be ashamed to teach? 34 Why? 35 What abilities do the teachers of idolatry seem to be deficient in? 36 What excuse can be made for them? 37 What is the Church of Humanity? 38 Should you join that church? 39 Why?

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Deplorable Ignorance.

In reading the speeches and writings of men high in official and judicial places one is amazed at their ignorance of God by refering to him as a real being.

"I contend, that it is to arraign the dispositions of Providence himself, to suppose that he has created beings incapable of governing themselves, and to be trampled on by kings."—Henry Clay.

We can excuse Mr. Clay for refering to "Providence" as a personality because he is dead and does not live in the Twentieth century, but here are two, as a sample of thousands now living, who are not excusable for such ignorance.

"I do not hold you two in the same class. The God Almighty does not, and if He did He would not be a just God."—Judge Wofford.

"First.—If the Filipinos are now incapable of self-government, how will he explain the action of the Creator in leaving them so long without a benevolent guardian."—William J. Bryan.

It is deplorable that such men are so ignorant as to refer to "God Almighty" and "Creator" as a real being when they could so easily inform themselves of the truth. Such men should never mention God until they can spare a few hours to inform themselves what he is. They would not think of mentioning Santa Claus as to what he does and his reasons therefor in their arguments and decisions. Through the ignorance of great men as to what God is, the common people are confirmed in idolatry, since they reason that they should know as they must have greater abilities and opportunities to learn the facts. But the truth is these great men got their ideas of God from their mother and the Sunday school and have been as unable to learn anything more about him as the less favored.

All this emphasizes the great necessity of the Church of Humanity pushing its campaign of education to the limit of its financial ability. Colleges must be established by it as soon as the funds can be raised to do so. Then those expecting to enter public life can complete their education by taking a course in the study of God that will enable them to talk intelligently about him instead of displaying their profound ignorance.

A Very Bad Mistake of the Clergy.

Some clergymen make the mistake of not allowing themselves to read or hear any evidence that tends to prove their preconceived ideas incorrect. Rev. M — writes: "Please discontinue your little sheet to my address. If what you teach is true I don't need it; if not true I don't want it."

Rev. M— reveals two grave mistakes in his reasoning in the last small sentence.

1st. If what I teach is true he DOES NEED the "little sheet" in order to learn the truths I teach, for the following reasons: 1. To learn the evidence that proves them true. 2. That he may refrain from abusing and misrepresenting the people who have learned these truths and are proclaiming them. 3. That he may cease teaching the people to be idolators. 4. That he may join the church that teaches the truth and aid it in rescuing the people from idolatry and promoting true progress and civilization.

2nd. If my teaching is not true he DOES NEED the "little sheet" that he may learn the evidence we rely on to prove the truths, for the following reasons: 1. That he may know the true reasons we have for not worshiping God and not do us the great injustice of erroneously attributing it to a wicked nature. 2. That he may be able to disprove the evidence we rely on and save the people from being misled by it.

He manifests the same disposition to cling to his idol right or wrong, that the lowest class of idolators do. He does not wish to know that God is simply a creation of heathens, a fabulous being like Santa Claus. Had he been taught to worship an alligator or a skunk he would have clung to it with the same tenacity, right or wrong. He and I believe in the golden rule, now let us put it in practice. He sends missionaries, bibles and tracts to foreign lands and wishes those people to read them and listen to the missionaries patiently. Now all I ask him to do is to hear us and read our literature with the same interest and patience he desires in the worshipers of other idols.

Will he put the golden rule into practice? We read his bible, religious literature and hear the sermons of the clergy. Is he as willing to hear the other side? Does he really wish to know what is true? Can he judge what is true without hearing both sides? Could a judge or a jury? Would he abide by an adverse decision if only the other side was heard by judge or jury?

Come, let us reason together. It is not to your interest or that of your posterity to perpetuate the worship of the idols of heathen mythologies. Let us be Americans living in the twentieth century and not Israelitish Arabs living 4,000 years ago. Our brains should be allowed to be as smart and as civilized as our hands and feet. Our hands would not hold to the old reap hooks of those old Arabs, why then should our brains hold to their old idols? Our feet would not follow the old plows of those ancient Arabs, why then make our brains follow their old Gods? Our hands and our feet have out-classed our brains in acquiring wisdom. They consider it no disgrace to discard the out-of-date reap hook and the crooked-stick plow of the ancient heathens. But our brains—shame on them—consider it a disgrace to discard old out-of-date Gods of ancient heathens.

Members of the Church of Humanity have given their brains liberty to catch up and keep pace with their hands and feet in the onward march of progress. Rev. M— should bring his brains up 4,000 years and introduce them to his progressive hands and feet.

Propaganda Fund.

The three funds being raised to continue the free teaching of the great discovery that God is a myth like Santa Claus to 900 editors of religious publications, 750 clergymen and 1,400 American millionaires, stand now as follows: Editor fund, $59.75; millionaire fund, $33.75; clergy fund, $33.75.

Christians cannot be expected to contribute to these funds until they learn the discovery we teach, hence those who have learned it will be expected to contribute. I do not pretend or expect to teach the graduates in the knowledge of God anything more. It is their duty to aid me financially all they possibly can in teaching others what we have learned. They should donate their church paper to their relatives neighbors, school board, and all the school teachers in their respective counties. People will never be able to learn this discovery unless they are taught it. I can teach them through our church organ a year for ten cents each, if enough is contributed to justify me in continuing the teaching. I would not like to continue the teaching unless at least 5,000 students are given me. At 10 cents a year each it would amount to $500. If the seventy-five church members would share equally in raising that amount it would be only $6.65 each this year, which would be very light indeed. But suppose half of them are not able to donate anything, which is not likely, it would only be $13 50 each for the other half, which surely would not be excessive or burdensome. Any one of the millionaires could pay it all and many of them ten times as much without missing it. As soon as they learn the discovery and realize the great importance of teaching it to people some of them will doubtless come forward and finance the teaching. Until that time comes the members should carry on the propaganda work though it be a small financial sacrifice. All the funds donated are now exhausted and it is necessary for the church members to make financial arrangements for 1905 to continue the work of the church. I ask each member, personally, to pledge the amount he or she will contribute to the church propaganda work for 1905 on the subjoined blank and forward to me at once. The money can be paid in monthly or quarterly installments, as best suits the convenience of the donors.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kansas.

I hereby pledge $.....to be used in the propaganda work of the Church of Humanity during 1905, to be sent you in ..... installments of $..... per ..... to be applied on the ..... fund. My full address is .....

Are You Doing Your Full Duty?

Brothers and Sisters:—Are you doing your full duty in aiding the propaganda work of our common church? Each one of you is an equal founder with myself of the Church of Humanity. Will you have a clear conscience and deem yourself worthy the honor of a founder of a great church if you do not aid in its upbuilding to the limit of your financial ability?

While a few of you have aided nobly and must have a clear conscience of duty well done, for which you deserve and receive full credit and praise, yet there are many others who have not given a penny to the cause or donated a copy of our paper to any one. That is not right, it is not justice, it is not worthy the founder of a modern church designed to free the people from idolatry. How much credit should you have when our church becomes popular and powerful with millions of members? Just in proportion to what you do for its success, according to your ability, and no more. You should see to it then that you aid it financially to the limit of your ability. You should be as liberal in the support and upbuilding of your church as the Christians are in theirs. You are as able as the average Christian church member to do for your church as much as they do for theirs. You know they give from $10 to $50 per family yearly to the support of their church and its propaganda work. Can you expect our church to win if you are not as liberal as the members of the other churches are? As you believe our church to be more in the interest of civilization than other churches you should aid it proportionately more than other churches are aided by their members.

Some of you must be as able financially to aid our church as I am. I do not ask you to do more, but it is not unreasonable to ask you to do as much in proportion to your means. Besides my gifts to the church of $175, and my time free to its service, which is worth at farming $5,000 a year, I donate our church paper to 200 Christian relatives, neighbors and friends; to all the school teachers in my county, 131, and to the members of the school board of my city.

Are you doing your duty by your church, and by your relatives, neighbors and teachers in placing your church teaching in their hands? It will not cost you any more than it does me, besides you are left to continue in productive industry while I am not. Wake up and be a live member and make yourself worthy of the respect and confidence of Christians. Donate our church paper to your relatives, neighbors, school teachers and officials. Donate to the educational funds so I can put thousands more students to learning the great truths of nature our church is founded on and thereby save them from idolatry. Do you not feel grateful to those who aided you in learning the truths that freed you from idolatry? Well the people whom you help to free will be as thankful to you when they are free. Then they will aid in establishing our church through which our posterity can be kept free from idolatry.

There are a hundred or more subscribers to the C. E. & G. D. that are ready for their graduating certificates. Please apply for them now and thereby encourage others to do the same.

When facts in nature do not conform to a system of teaching as is taught in Christian churches then the teaching should be changed to conform to the facts as is done by the Church of Humanity.

Which one of the 1400 millionaires we are educating in the study of God free will send me a check for $14,000 with which to provide a college building for the Church of Humanity? Don't all speak at once.

Every Christian who has children able to read should see that they have access to this paper so they can study the evidence in favor of God's non-existence. They cannot judge rightly without hearing the evidence on this side too.

If you use tobacco in any form or intoxicating drinks, figure out what it costs you a year and donate the amount to the educational funds explained in this paper. It will make yourself happier and some Christians wiser for the change of investment.

The Church of Humanity removes forever from the tired brain of the clergy the great responsibility of steering a stubborn world clear of hell. It proclaims the discovered truth that there is no one to put any body in hell. Rejoice! O, ye clergy! rejoice!

The Study of God

BIBLE LESSON No. 12.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

The Snake is Acquitted at Last, God's Judgments and Decrees Overruled by The Church of Humanity.

When the name, "God," is used in this paper it is always understood to mean the fictitious character mentioned in the bible, the religious press and the pulpit; the man-created myth the Christians, Jews, Mormons and Mohammedans worship. God is now known to be a myth—a creation of the imagination—a fabulous being like Santa Claus.

To worship god constitutes idolatry and heathenism, and, in the light of modern discovery, is a greater sin or vice than the use of tobacco or intoxicating drink. A man can abstain from the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks and teach his children and others to do so without being abused by even the greatest users of them. But when he learns that God is a myth and engages in teaching that fact to others to save them from idolatry, some of the idolators think he is doing wrong. That attitude must now be changed on the part of the worshipers of God and they must recognize their liberators as friends who are doing the greatest possible good for them by teaching them the discovery that God is a myth.

Since the worshipers of God rely on the bible to prove his reality we will show in these lessons that the bible furnishes positive proof that he is a fictitious charater created by fabulists. No stronger proof can be given of that fact than the story of the Garden of Eden, and I shall dwell longer on it in order to show clearly its absurdity. Of all the utterly foolish and idiotic sayings and doings attributed to God by the bible, that prove him a creation of fabulists, his judgments on a snake caps the climax.

Gen. 3.—14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

That cannot be the record of a judgment of a real God because it would prove him to be simply a raving idiot if it is. Any judge would be declared insane and would be hustled off to an asylum were he to hand down such a decision. Acts that would prove a man insane would also prove God insane were he a real being and did them.

There could not be a double standard to judge by. God would necessarily be required to fill the measure of a sane man at least. Hence we know there is no God in the universe or he would not let such an idiotic decision be attributed to him nor allow those who believe him to be the author to murder others for not believing it. A judge would sue a publisher were he to accuse him of handing down a decision like God's creators made for him. That millions of bibles with this decision in have been printed and scattered over the world for centuries without any protest from God proves him to be a fabulous being like Santa Claus, and hence no protest can come from him, no matter what or how many wicked lies are told on him. Other churches that teach that God is a real being and that this silly decision is his are defaming him. The Church of Humanity is defending God by teaching the discovered truth that he is a myth.

No crime of omission or of commission attaches to God for being a myth. He can't help it any more than can any other character of fiction. But were he a real being with the attributes his creators assign him a million volumes could not hold a record of his crimes of omission and commission.

It would have been criminal as well as idiotic in God to have punished the snake for telling the truth. So we are glad to know the whole story is a fable. No snake ever heard of this judgment passed on its specie.

It would have been a blessing to our race if the fable had never been written. But the greatest blessing we can get out of it now is to recognize it as a fable, which it is, and teach that fact to all the world. That will destroy its power for evil, and make the bible as harmless as a volumn of Æsop's fables. So long as the bible is erroneously believed to be the word of a God the believers will be easily led to war in its name and defense. I am no lawyer but I can clear this snake of any crime by a jury composed of the 900 editors of religious publications and 750 clergymen to whom I appeal to through God's Defender. Gentlemen of the Jury: Here is a fable in a book named "The Bible" wherein a woman accuses a snake of beguiling her and the only thing the snake said on which she bases the charge is the following verses:

Gen. 3-4.—And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die;

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The snake told the truth according to the following verses.

Gen. 3-7.—And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Webster defines "beguiled" as follows: "Deluded, imposed on; mislead by craft; eluded by strategem; passed pleasingly."

The snake's plain statement of truths to the womam, could not constitute beguilment under the above definition. It simply wanted her to know how she could rise from a state of naked, ignorant savagery, to which God had consigned her, to a plane of civilization at least equal to that of the Gods.

It knew God had lied to Adam for the purpose of keeping him from advancing in civilization.

If it is lawful and commendable for men to tell the truth it must be for snakes, too.

If it is lawful and commendable for men to expose the lies and deceit of the wicked and rescue the innocent victims from their snares by telling them the truth it must be right for snakes to do likewise. What is your verdict gentlemen of the jury? The Jury:

"We, the jury, selected to try the case of one certain snake on appeal from the decision of the Lord God unanimously concur in the following verdict after due deliberation: We are well acquainted with the character, habit, custom and ability of snakes and as we never saw, heard nor dreamed of one being able to talk, we declare that particular talking snake a myth, a creation of the brain of the bible fabulist.

2 We are intimately aquainted with women and have such a high appreciation of their intelligence and veracity that we do not believe anyone was ever guilty of charging a snake with beguiling her, and we declare that particular woman to be a myth, a creation of the brain of the bible fabulist.

3 We are not lawyers, but we have some ideas of legal proceedure and of the duties, powers and limitation of judges. We have known poisonous snakes to bite children and stock from which they died, and we believe that to be a greater cause for judicial punishment than the telling of truths by them, yet we never heard of one being indicted, or of a judge convicting one. We would certainly consider it very idiotic in any judge to pass such a sentence on a snake as the one the Lord God decreed and we would not only impeach him but would send him to an insane asylum to be treated for an attack of some mental malady.

Therefore, as it is so inconsistent for a Lord God to do that which if done by a man would convict him of idiocy we declare the Lord God a myth like Santa Claus, a creation of the brain of the bible fabulist."

Thank you gentlemen. You have much more common sense than many intelligent people have given you credit for. Now if you will teach the people and especially the women and children, your decision here given and the reason therefor I shall send my children to be taught by you and will do all I can to have your salaries raised from 50 to 300 per cent, as I consider it at least worth that much more to have them taught truths and common sense than lies and imbecility.

Reader, the clergy and editors of religious publications are wedded to their idols.

It is very difficult for them to learn the truth about them. They are actuated by excessive fear of punishment and hope of reward from them. Not in a thousand years will they render such a sensible verdict as I have put in their mouths unless a powerful rival church of the intelligent people is built up.

The Church of Humanity has learned the truth and indorses the findings of the jury. If you, reader, indorse the verdicts please send in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity. It is the only way to influence others to come to like conclusions, and be saved from idolatry.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1 What is the lesson on? 2 What is meant when the name "God" is used? 3 What is God discovered to be? 4 The worship of God constitutes what? 5 It is worse than what other vices? 6 Why? 7 How should idolators regard their liberators? 8 What do worshipers depend on to prove God a real being? 9 Does the bible, when rightly understood, prove him to be the creation of fabulists? 10 What story proves it? 11 Recite the verses. 12 Can that be the judgment of a real God? 13 Why not? 14 What would be thought of a judge were he to render such a decision? 15 Would acts that prove a man insane prove a God insane? 16 Could there be a double standard to judge by? 17 What would be required of God were he a reality? 18 How do we know there is no God in the universe? 19 Would a judge resent being accused of giving such a decision? 20 Why does not God protest against the wicked lies told on him? 21 How are other churches defaming God? 22 How is the Church of Humanity defending him? 23 Is it a vice or crime in God to be a myth? 24 Why not? 25 Would he be a criminal were he a real being and the acts charged to him true? 26 Name some of the acts charged to him that would constitute crimes. 27 Should we be glad the the story is only a fable? 28 Did any snake ever hear of it? 29 To what would it have been a blessing had the story never been written. 30 How can we get the greatest blessing out of it now? 31 What effect will that have on the people? 32 A belief in the bible being the word of God has what effect on the people? 33 Who are called on to act as jurors in the snake trial? 34 Give the arguments used in the snake's defense? 35 Give the three findings of the jury. 36 What should the people do did this jury really make such a decision and teach it? 37 Should the teaching of truths be worth more to the people than the teaching of untruths? 38 Why can't the clergy and editors of religious papers easily learn the truths about their idol? 39 Will they ever be able to make such a decision as I have attributed to them without a powerful rival church being established. 40 What is the name of the rival church being founded to teach the people the facts? 41 What church indorses the findings of the jury? 42 If you, reader, indorse the verdicts what is your duty? 43 Will joining the church influence others to recognize the truth and admit it? Then if you are not already a member please send in your application NOW.

Money Talks.

Just before going to press a good article was cut out to make room for the following, just received, which talks for the Church of Humanity more eloquently than anything I can say:—

"Payson Exchange Savings Bank.
Payson, Utah, Jan. 29, 1905.
Pay to the order of W. H. Kerr
One Hundred Dollars $100.00
To Hanover National Bank,
New York City.
C. E. SNELL, Cashier.

This is the message from Brother Long of Payson, Utah, who has found a sincere friend to help him. It is to be used for propaganda work of the Church of Humanity during 1905. I extend my personal thanks, and through me as its representative, the thanks of the Church of Humanity, to Brother Long and his friend. The money will be placed to the credit of the educational funds. Now there is only $400 to be raised by the other members to enable me to keep our great class of students on the mailing list during 1905. Now, brothers, chip in and raise that by cash and pledges with a whoop, and then there will be no more calls for cash aid from you for the work of the church in 1995. I shall continue the educational work we are doing and enlarge it all I possible can with that amount. By next year our membership may be doubled, and we can then enlarge, and perhaps increase our class of students to 10,000.

My surprise at finding a $100 check in my mail was only equaled by my joy in knowing we had a hundred-dollar man in our ranks. Now if there can be found two fifty-dollar men, four twenty-five-dollar men, and twenty ten-dollar men in our ranks, the financing of our church work is assured for 1905. Brother, let me know through the pledge blank in this issue what class of financial pillars of the Church of Humanity you wish to be placed in.

The motto of all nations should be: Millions for arbitration but not one cent for slaughter.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity represents and teaches the scientific knowledge of God. It proclaims the greatest discovery of all the ages—the discovery that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus, a man made character, a creation of fabulists. By this scientific truth the value of all religious creeds, churches, denominations and sects is measured. It is thus clearly seen that all titles to "mansions in the skies" granted by any of them for worshiping God are absolutely worthless.

There is no guesswork, hope, fear, faith or prayer required in learning what God is any more than in the solution of a mathematical problem. Above all of the mythologies of the world including Christianity and their thousands of divisions and sub-divisions, with their multiplicity of conflicting ideas of God that bring confusion to the student, there is a scientific answer to the question —what is God?

That answer has been wished for by scholars and scientists for ages. It has been searched for by students in every mythology in every land. The ancient cities of by-gone ages have been exhumed in search of the answer. Dead languages and hieroglyphics have been deciphered in search of the answer. The earth, the planets, the stars, the universe have been searched for the answer. Millions have prayed for it, and some have committed suicide in hopes of finding it on the shores of an unseen world. That scientific answer has been sought for that all might know positively what God is, and be able to verify and prove it by infallible evidence. The answer is at last discovered. Like the discovered answers to many other perplexing questions it is remarkably simple. It was not found amid the ruins of the dead past, or on the shores of imaginary unseen worlds, or in the distant stars. It is found in the brain of man and nowhere else in the universe.

God is simply a myth, a fiction of the mind. He is a reflection of the ignorance and wishes of his creators; a mirage of their minds as a reflection of their bodies in a mirror.

As the Santa Claus-myth has been personified by effigies in picture and paint and model and by man to impress the myth more effectually on the minds of children, so the God-myth has been personified by models in wood and stone and picture. Then when our race advanced in intelligence natural objects were used to personify the God-myth such as snakes, crocodiles, cattle, trees, elephants, volcanoes, fire, etc. As these in rotation were discovered by the most intelligent to not possess the powers and attributes assigned them by priests for which they were worshiped, then the moon, sun, planets and stars were used to fasten their God-myth to. But they in turn, after being worshiped for ages, were discovered not to have the powers and attributes assigned them and their God-ship fell into disrepute. As soon as the inquisitive people found out an object of worship did not possess the powers for which it was being worshiped some one would hitch the God-myth to another object and promptly proclaim himself its high priest. Thus the God-myth has led our specie a merry chase throughout the ages. Samples of nearly every object in nature have been worshiped sometime by some of our race on account of having had the God-myth fastened to them by some one. When the list of objects, both natural and hand made, had all been tried, and found wanting in appreciation and ability to come up to the required standard, then the imagination had to be called into service to evolve an imaginary being and put him out of the reach and sight of inquisitive people.

A wandering tribe of Israelite Arabs finally boxed God up in an ark and would not let inquisitive people see him. Their enemies captured him. That should have shaken their faith in the power of God. The Philistines had no use for a God of Israel and returned him. They then stowed him away in the Holy of Holies in a temple. Enemies burned the temple and smoked him out. He went up in smoke. Then in their imagination they founded the New Jerusalem in the skies, paved its streets with pure gold, erected a golden throne and crowned God "King of All" and placed him on it. But the everlasting inquisitiveness of some people could not be thwarted by that subterfuge. They invented a telescope and pointed it in the direction as the priest's finger when he pointed to where he said God was on his throne in the New Jerusalem.

Behold, it was not to be found in the known universe, although every nook was thoroughly searched. Then the foxy priest disolved the New Jerusalem into a spiritual heaven with nothing opaque about it, and God was disolved into very thin air and spread over so much space it was not thought possible he could ever be found out. But God-creators made two fatal mistakes. One was when they put in a book what they claimed was his account of his own exploits in the creating business, and his experience in raising a couple of youngsters without a mother. The other was when they hitched the God-myth to a man and gave a written account of his exploits.

The Church of Humanity has pulled aside the mask of the God-myth thrown over the creation story and hold up to the astonished gaze of the world a caricature of an ignorant, wicked man who curses snakes, women, ground, and knows nothing of the earth or the universe.

It has pulled the mask of the God-myth from Jesus, and behold, a poor, ignorant, fanatical man is revealed. So the fear of God is beginning to cool in the minds of many people and they are getting up off their knees. The priests who are able to comprehend the result of this awakening, and who are wicked enough to desire the continued enslavement of the people to the God-myth, are in a panic. With the energy worthy of a nobler cause they seek another object to hitch the God-myth to. Some suggest "good." They knock out one o and capitalize g and there they have "God." It will not work. Nobody will worship "good." It is not a personality, not a sentiens being. It cannot be made one by clothing it with the mask of the God-myth. Others suggest love. They have the central letter and all that is necessary to make a God of love is to put a capital g on one side and d on the other side and, behold, "love" is "God." It will not do. Nobody will worship love. It is not a personality.

Electricity, magnetism, gravity, life, have all been suggested as powers that the God-myth could be hitched to. But it will not be of any use to attempt it. The Church of Humanity has learned the secret of God-making, and will do all in its power to protect the people from being deceived into worshiping any of the qualities of nature that priests may attempt to clothe with the God-myth. All who have loved once worshiping anything masked with the God-myth should unite with the Church of Humanity and help it to free them. The church has 82 helpers now and is getting a nice little start in the good work.

The Old and the Young Unite in the March of Progress.

In sending his dollar and his application for membership in the Church of Humanity, brother Aaron Davis, of Frederick, Maryland, says: "I do not like the Christian religion. It is rotten from start to finish. Do not patch it up but break it down. I am nearly 86 years old. I will not be with you many years longer. I am glad you are so young."

Brother Davis is old in years but young in desires and love for progress, and he proves the maxim, "Never too old to learn," true. He is a tailor and a farmer.

"My dear Brother:—I inclose Pacific Express Money Order $1.50, one dollar to apply on life membership in the Church of Humanity, 25c to continue my subscription to the Defender another year, and 25c for which I wish you would mail the Defender to my father, Rev. S. Thomas, Dorrance, Kansas, if he does not now take your paper. Wishing you all kinds of success in your work, I remain,

Yours fraturnally,
Paul Thomas."

Brother Thomas is 28 years old, a telegrapher at Modoc, Ill, and the son of a preacher. This is all very encouraging indeed. It justifies the highest hopes that our race will in time be free from the idolatry of worshiping dead Jews and other objects real and imaginary to which the God-myth has been attached.

Rev. Thomas may never be able to learn the new discovery about God his son has learned, but, neither is it likely he can or will learn telegraphy. I am sure his devoted son will no more think of hating him for not learning that God is a myth than for hating him for not learning telegraphy. Neither should the father think any more of hating his son for learning more about God than he, than of hating him for learning more than he about telegraphy. It simply illustrates the great progress of the twentieth century, and that this progress has at last invaded the church.

The Church of Humanity is a manifestation of church-progress in the knowledge of God. For centuries the complaint of those who represented the van guard of progress and scientific knowledge has been that the churches were too far behind, too stupid, too ignorant and out of line and harmony with known facts. "Higher critics" have been trying for hundreds of years to get the churches to advance and adopt the scientifically known truths of nature. The Church of Humanity is the answer to the call of science to the churches. Come up! Come up! We have at last responded to the call. Many of the "Higher Critics" now find themselves far in the rear. The laugh is now on them. The church at last has passed them. The Church of Humanity now has to look back to greet them with the call: Come up! Come up!

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The Study of God

INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XV.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

Now that the discovery that God is simply a myth like Santa Claus is positively made and proven by infallible evidence, every teacher and educator should try to learn that fact and incorporate it in his teaching. People can learn this great discovery and live and die in the knowledge of it as is clearly demonstrated by the members of the Church of Humanity. There is no valid excuse for not trying to learn the truth about God. There is no valid reason for not retaining that truth to our latest moment of life. It is not difficult to learn this discovery with a little help from teachers. Were it not for the great number engaged in teaching the people error in regard to God, and threatening them with such awful torture for not believing it, and promising them rewards for believing it, the people could soon be rescued from idolatry. When the people once learn that the rewards and punishments are mythical, they will wave the false teachers aside and study God as they do other things real or mythical. They will weigh the evidences pro and con and decide according to that and leave all bribes and threats out of consideration. When they once adopt that method of studying God they will not be long in learning the truth of this discovery.

As a bribe to keep people from learning the truth about God, they are taught to believe God is protecting them from harm, helping them to get rich and destroying their enemies, and for this great service he is doing them they should never cease praising him. Such false teaching might easily be believed by a wandering tribe of savage Asiatic barbarians whose leaders taught them to murder all neighboring tribes and divide the spoils, including the virgins, among themselves. But, for a civilized man, living in the Twentieth century, who has access to the daily papers, to believe such nonsense, is inexcusable. Who are your enemies? Is God destroying them? Is not ignorance and poverty and vice and crimes your enemies? What is God doing to destroy them? Is God helping you to get rich? Those who depend on him the most and worship and praise him with the purest love and devotion are the poorest; while the ones who do not depend on him, do not trust him, do not fool away any time worshiping and praising him, but tend to business, gain in wealth. Is God protecting you from harm? An intelligent civilized man cannot, and should not believe it, even if sworn to by a million clergymen. A hundred years ago a thousand million people testified that God was protecting them from harm. The silent cities of the dead testify unanimously and emphatically that the living lips were mistaken. A million priests and preachers believed God was caring for them and devoted their time to teaching others the same mistake and to worshiping him for doing it. But today the tombstones on ten thousand hills testify to their mistake.

A hundred years ago these poor deluded people thought God made it rain for their good. Today it rains the same though none of them need it or want it. A hundred years ago the trees put out their leaves, the grass grew, the flowers bloomed, the rivulets murmured, the birds sang. Our superstitious ancestors thought a God was causing all that beauty for their special pleasure. Their love and gratitude shone forth in smiles of recognition and appreciation. They reciprocated in prayers of thankfulness and songs of praise. Today, the trees put forth their leaves, the grass is as green, the flowers as lovely, the rivulets murmur, the birds sing as sweetly, but they awake no responsive joy in those once loving breasts in which life is forever extinguished.

Had there been a God taking care of them he would be doing so now and they would be here to enjoy the beauties of life with us.

So it is with the people of today who think a God is protecting them from harm and producing all the beauties of nature for their pleasure. Within a hundred years their theories will be proven false by their own tombstones, but the beauty of nature will continue. They will then testify to the truths the Church of Humanity teaches as do all the perished hosts who have peopled this planet. So there is no God controlling nature to please us nor keeping us alive to enjoy it. We should be convinced of that fact when we see and read of people all around us dying who are as good, and as worthy of a God's protection, as we are. We should admit they are, for our lives will be extinguished before many decades, and it certainly would be very presumptious in those who remain a while longer to think otherwise of us.

Read the story of the continual destruction of our fellow beings in the daily papers and then you cannot truthfully say you believe God is taking care of you.

You will recognize the fact that if a God was protecting you he would also protect them, since they are as worthy. But since no God is protecting them there can be none protecting you.

Here are a few headlines clipped from the daily papers, under which are given the sad details of the extinguishment of life in those who had been taught by mistaken teachers to believe a God was loving and caring for them, and for which supposed services, many had given thanks in prayers and hymns:

"Murdered in his Berth on Joy Line Boat. Child smothered while sleeping. Two women and three children perish in fire. Woman somnambulist is drowned. Twenty-one dead, twelve dying. Five men killed in a coal mine. Erie wreck killed girl and injured fifteen people. Captain, four passengers and 13 of the crew believed to have perished in boat in terrible storm. Rear end crash kills two. A man's heart found on car axle. Father killed while attempting to save son who met death. Child drowns in pond. Seventeen murders forty-four suicides and 100 fatal accidents in Chicago in January. Gasoline explosion kills 20. Woman 70 years old burned to death. Three tarinmen dead. Four buried alive. Virginia mine disaster, 117 men killed, 100 families and 300 children left destitute, ninety-two bodies recovered and fifty-five funerals held today."

It does not seem possible that an intelligent person with reasoning powers can read these disasters from day to day and believe the assertions of mistaken teachers that there is a God who knows and cares for people. Those who teach the existence of a loving Jesus who has power over nature and who is with us continually do not seem to have the ability to recognize the inconsistency between such teaching and these every day facts. They cannot both be true. If the teaching is true none of these disasters ever happened. If these disasters happened, then the teaching about a God and a Jesus loving us and caring for us is untrue. What is your verdict? Did the disaster happen or not? If you are unable to read, or will not read, or confine your reading to a little religious paper that gives no news, or if you have no eyes or ears or reasoning faculties, but get all your ideas from some priest, then you will decide in the negative and continue to support the churches that are teaching falsehoods. If you read the daily papers, have eyes and ears and reasoning faculties and know how to use them, you will decide in the affirmative. In that case you should support the Church of Humanity, as it is the only church that knows the truth about these matters and teaches it to the people.

Questions on the Lesson.

1. What is the lesson on? 2. What discovery has been made in regard to God? 3. Should teachers try to learn that discovery? 4. What should they do then? 5. What proof have we that men can learn the discovery? 6. Is there any valid excuse for not trying to learn it and retain it as part of our acquired knowledge to the last? 7. Is it difficult to learn with the aid of teachers? 8. Give the reasons why it is so difficult to rescue the people from idolatry? 9. What will the people do with false teachers when they learn the rewards and punishments for believing errors are mythical? 10. How will they then study God? 11. Will they be long then in learning the truth of this discovery? 12. Explain the nature of the bribes offered to induce people to worship God. 13. Who might believe such falshoods? 14. Should a civilized man believe them? 15. Does God destroy your enemies, make you rich or protect you from harm? 16. What are your enemies? 17. Who gains fastest in wealth? 18. Should one believe a God is protecting him from harm? 19. What did people testify to a hundred years ago? 20. What proves they were mistaken? 21. What did the clergymen believe and teach the people? 22. What now proves their teaching false? 23. How did people regard the rain then? 24. How do we know they were mistaken? 25. Describe the beauties then. 26. What did our superstitious ancestors think of it? 27. How did they respond? 28. Describe the beauties of nature today. 29. Do they respond? 30. Why not? 31. Had a God been caring for them what would have been the result? 32. Do the people make the same mistake today? 33. What will prove their theories untrue? 34. What church, then, will they prove to be teaching the truth? 35. How are we convinced there is no God controlling nature or keeping us alive to enjoy it? 36. Why should we admit those whose lives are being extinguished are as good and as worthy as we are? 37. Can one truthfully say he believes a God is caring for him if he reads the account of disasters? 38. If a God is caring for you would he not care for others too? 39. Since no God cares for others is it reasonable to believe there is one caring for you? 40. Read the headlines copied from the daily newspapers. 41. After reading these accounts of the extinguishment of lives, should anyone believe a God cared for them? 42. Do people who teach such mistakes seem to have the ability to recognize the inconsistency between their teaching and the facts? 43. Can they both be true? 44. Did the disaster happen? 45. What circumstances will cause one to decide in the negative? 46. What will cause one to decide in the affirmative? 47. If one decides in the affirmative what church should he join and support? If you believe this church is teaching the truth please fill out the following blank and return it to me.

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In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Obituary.

In common with all organic life, the members of the Church of Humanity die. In common with all churches, our church records the sad events. In common with all church members we are sorry and grieve for our fallen brothers, and miss them from our church society. Relatives are sad and mourn their loss. Friends and neighbors regret the extinction of their lives.

Brother Watson Heston, of Carthage, Missouri, is the first of our heroic members to fall. He died January 27, 1905, of consumption, after suffering with it 18 months and being bedfast several months. He leaves a wife to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and loving companion. She has the sympathy of the Church of Humanity, of which she is a member, in her sad bereavement.

Watson Heston was born and raised near Wapakoneta, Ohio. He learned carriage and house painting in early life which he followed many years. Married Miss Lottie Ayers February 3, 1873. Moved to Carthage, Mo., Dec., 7, 1876. Learned photography and cartoon work. In 1886 he was employed by the Truth Seeker, a free thought publication of New York City, to illustrate it by caricaturing superstition and idolatry and illustrating bible texts.

He continued that work nearly twelve years. It brought him international fame. His works are bound in four volumns. Among other things the Truth Seeker says of him: "He was a genial and campanionable man; an able writer as well as artist, and a poet of considerable merit. He was fortunate in being happily married to a woman who survives him, and they never ceased to be inseparable lovers. His work was unique. What he did was never so successfully attempted by any other man, and had there been a larger field for his labors, he might have won fortune as well as fame."

As soon as the Church of Humanity was called to his attention he at once recognized the truths it is based on as being in harmony with all scientific knowledge—all known facts Although on his death-bed he did not hesitate to join that church and become one of its founders. In the Book of Life is this brief record: "No 66. Date, Dec. 10, 1904; Watson Heston, Address, Carthage, Mo.; Age 58; sex, male; occupation, artist; nationality, American; language, English; previous church, none." He died in the full knowledge that God is a myth. His last hours were peaceful and he died as if going to sleep.

Brother Charles Long, of Payson, Utah, is the second founder of the Church of Humanity, whose life is extinguished. He died Feb. 21, 1905, of bronchitis and heart failure in his eighty-fourth year. He leaves no near relatives, his wife having died twelve years ago. He was strictly honest and industrious and his neighbors speak of him in words of praise. He was conscious to the last and died peacefully in the knowledge that God is a myth and that life ceases forevor at death. He recognized the truths the Church of Humanity teaches and knew they are in harmony with all known facts and that they will be believed by all the world in time. Although at that ripe old age he was full of enthusiasm to aid in the upbuilding of the church. He donated the church paper to 40 of his neighbors and sent me $15.00 for the Educational Funds besides the $100.00 he donated the Church of Humanity last month. He has been our principal Financial Pillar, and the church owes him a debt of gratitude it can never pay. I have been advised by a dear friend of his that he remembered the church in his will, and I have sent a Power of Attorney to his friend to represent me and the church and to see that his wishes are fulfilled.

A neighbor of his sends me the following: "Mr. Long was born near Bristol, Kingswood, Gloucester, England. Was married in 1852. He was ever an earnest seeker after the truth He embraced the Mormon Faith and came to America in 1854. Later, he left that church and for many years has been an ardent supporter of Freethought and has done much to advance the cause in his home town and elsewhere. He joined the Church of Humanity in 1904 and worked for its success and had great hopes for its future. Mr. Long was an honest and upright citizen and will be sincerely mourned by his friends. He wanted the C. E. and G. D. sent on to his address as before."

In the Book of Life is this brief record: No. 17. Date, Jan. 17, 1904. Charles Long, address, Payson, Utah; age, 83; sex, male; occupation, gardener; nationality, English; language, English; previous church, Latter-Day Saints.

Death! What can we say of it? Only the truth. We all want to know and understand it. It is now known positively and definitely by the Church of Humanity. It is simply a cessation of individual life forever. Only the living know that the dead are dead. The dead cannot know it. It is similar in some respects to passing from wakefulness to dreamless slumber. Before twenty-four hours, nearly all our rece will sleep. To save their lives not one could tell when the change comes to himself. But life is there and it wakes into consciousness, while in the other case life is extinguished.

Consolation to the living? What can we say to them? There are many things that could be said. More than I have space here to tell. The foundation for our consolation or regrets is laid before life is extinguished in our loved ones. If we have treated them right, and never intentionally caused them suffering and sorrow, but have done the best we could to make their lives happy, that should be a great consolation to us, while the opposite course will cause us the deepest sorrow and regret. We should ask ourselves what we would have them do were our places exchanged, and the answer will generally be what we should do. We would not want them to miss the joys, beauties and happiness of life through sorrowing for us. We would want them to go ahead with the duties of life, remembering that they can only retain life a few years at best, and that it is their duty to retain that life and make the best use of it as long as possible. We do not feel sorry for those we love when they are in peaceful, dreamless slumber. When life ceases they are as free from trouble and pain and will ever remain so. Since they cannot stay with us in this life we are glad we have learned that they do not retain conscious life to be tortured in the Christian's hell.

The Christian's heaven would be equally tortuous to the civilized man. No civilized man worthy of that title would endure heaven twenty-four hours. He would not worship a Heavenly Czar when he sees him refuse the petition for aid from his loving subjects in an Iroquois theatre or on a Gen. Slocum. We would prefer going to hell to worshiping such a monster.

The Russians are going to resent the way the petition of women and children were treated by one they are taught to believe is an agent of the mythical heavenly Czar. Would they not resent such acts in the principal were he a reality and they retain as much manhood?

On the tombstone of our missing brothers there should be some sign of recognition. I suggest this: A founder of the Church of Humanity No.——in the Book of Life.

Have the members any suggestions to offer?

Our Millionaire Class and the States They Live in.

The Millionaire Class the Church of Humanity is teaching in the true knowledge of God includes all the millionaires in the following states: Ala.,5; Ariz., 2; Ark., 2; Del., 16; Fla. 6; Ga., 3; Idaho, 7; Ind., 27; Ia., 22; Kans., 8; Ky., 16; La., 19; Me., 12; Mich., 84; Miss., 3; Mon., 25; Neb., 15; Nev., 4; N. H., 17; N. M., 2; N. C. 9; N. D., 1; Ore., 10; S. C., 5; S. D., 2; Tenn., 18; Tex., 29; Utah, 16; Vt., 11; Va., 14; Wash., 13; W. Va., 16; Wis., 59; Wyoming, 2; Minn., 70; N. J., 103; Part of those in the following states: Calif., 45; Col., 24; Conn., 62; D. C., 9; Ill., 72; Md., 26; Mass., 120; Miss., 57; N. Y., 215; Ohio, 77; Pa., 106; R. I., 33 Total, 1519.

Needs of the Church of Humanity.

A college is needed by the Church of Humanity. It will not be long until our members will want a place to send their children to be taught in the true knowledge of God. In all the wide world there is no such a school today. There must be such a school established as soon as possible. We will give the first one in our millionaire class of 1500, who graduates in the knowledge of God, the honor of founding our first college. This should cause a friendly rivalry among that class for that honor. Fifteen thousand dollars will furnish and equip a fine college for the church.

NOTICE—Any one writing to me who does not wish his letter published please mark it "private" or "personal."

If the members of the Church of Humanity are as liberal in the support of their church as are the Christians in theirs, truth will prevail; otherwise it will not.

Brothers and Sisters: Send in good pledges of support for your church for 1905 and rsise the $500 at once for the propaganda work. I can then keep all the students on the mailing list another year and increase the list to 5000.

NOTICE—The Church of Humanity is donating this educator to the clergy, editors of religious publications, colleges and universities, and millionaires. It wishes them to learn the great discovery that God is a myth like Santa Claus, and help it to rescue the people from idolatry.

I ask all to whom this paper is donated by the church or individuals to please notify me of any change in their address promptly that they may not miss getting it. Some school teachers and some preachers will doubtless be through with their present charges soon, and will then have a different address.

Monthly Report.

Number of graduates in the knowledge of God enrolled in the Book of Life since last report, 11; Iowa 3; Kansas 2; Illinois 2; Pa. 2; Ohio 1; Md. 1. Occupation of members: Farming 2; housekeeping 2; machinist, letter carrier, miner, teaching and farming, physician, telegrapher, teaching. Nationality: American 10; French 1. Previous church connections: Catholic 3; Campbellite 1; Lutheran 1; Diciple of Christ 1; None 6. Total membership 83

Two have died: Brother Watson, of Carthage, Mo., and Brother Charles Long, of Payson, Utah.

What Do You Think of This?

In looking over statistics of churches sent me by the U. S. Statistical Bureau of Washington, D.C., I find that the Church of Humanity is now ahead of four of the 143 churches in point of numbers given in the census of 1900.

When our membership increases to 300, we will be ahead of twelve churches, and when we get 500 members we will out-class 19 Christian churches in numbers in 1900. Let every one who reads this paper and thinks we are teaching the truth join the Church of Humanity and help to put the church that teaches truth ahead of the ones that are teaching errors and making idolators of the people.

In looking over the circulation of the 894 religious publications we are educating as given in N. W. Ayre and Son's Newspaper Annual for 1902, I find the circulation of our church paper (5000) out-classes 378 religious publications in point of circulation.

Of course, in point of teaching the truth about God we out-class all of them combined. This good showing will surely encourage the church members to renewed hope and energy and make them determined to hold our ground and even push forward to overtake more Christian churches and religious publications. I suggest each member send in a dollar and a list of ten addresses to mail the paper to a year in celebration of our achievement in so short a time. Brother Long's $100.00 check gave me so much hope and encouragement last month that I added 100 more millionaires to the donated list and I put 411 leading colleges and universities of the U. S. on the donated mailing list. I would like to continue them on the list. Will you, my brothers, stand by me and endorse this grand educational work with checks for these educational funds? If you do we will surely hold our ground gained, and another year will be in a good position to push on to greater conquests.

The Study of God

BIBLE LESSON NO. 13.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

God's Creators Make Him a Hater and Enslaver of Women.

In studying the character attributed to a myth named God we see a reflex of the character of his creators. Hence our condemnation of every wicked thing said and done by God passes over him and strikes his creators as being the guilty parties in holding such views.

Those ancient women haters and enslavers built up a fictitious character named God and placed in his mouth their own contempt for women and their ideas of how she should be enslaved. Then they

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called attention to their own language which appeared to the masses to come from the fiction God. By that sort of ventriloquism schemers were enabled to make the masses do their bidding under the impression they were doing "the will of God," but in reality were doing the will of his creators.

Every clergyman and teacher of idolatry are engaged in creating a God in the imagination of the people and use the same tactics. They, apparently unconsciously, play at mental ventriloquism to fool the people with the illusion that their wishes are God's wishes. They tell what God wants and does not want when they should use the pronoun "I". In quoting God's wishes from the bible we should always remember it is the wishes of his ancient creators.

Gen. 3; 16: Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

God, being a myth, never uttered these words that villians and ignoramuses use as a pretext for enslaving womanhood. They are the utterance of the bible writer who approved of the conditions then existing in his country hundreds of years ago. He put his approval in the mouth of his God as a command. He deceived millions of people unto this day into the belief that his desires and wishes are commands from God. When the people once learn the discovery that God is a fictitious character they will no longer be fooled by such tricks. Then decent men everywhere will repudiate this barbaric command and recognize the equal rights of their daughters with those of their sons and they will know they violate no command of a God by so doing but simply the wishes of ancient barbarians.

The practice of putting heathen and barbaric ideas into the mouth of a fictitious God and palming them off on innocent childhood as infallible truths is reprehensible and should be discontinued by all who have any self-respect and decency as soon as they are made aware of the deception. That practice ever tends to keep the people from advancing to higher planes of knowledge and civilization. It is a tie that keeps them ever looking backwards to the barbaric past and binds them to the perpetuation of heathen ideas and customs.

The fountain head of idolatry must be broken up so thoroughly that no fragment of it can be set up and worshiped. That fountain head, source, core or germ from which flow all the idolatry of the world in its many forms, under many names and organizations, is the God-idea.

People must no longer believe in the existence of a God in any manner, shape or form. The Church of Humanity promulgates the scientific discovery that there is nothing in the universe that in the slightest particular resembles God and that he is therefore simply a creation of fabulists.

To free the people from the worship of God, who simply personifies the ignorance and wickedness of ancient barbarians, it is necessary to compare the character given him by his creators to that of a good man in the Twentieth century.

A good father would not talk that way to his daughter, nor order her enslavement even by her husband for desiring knowledge. He would not intentionally and deliberately multiply her sorrows, but on the contrary, do all in his power to shield her from sorrow. He encourages her to desire knowledge and to try to obtain it. He feeds, clothes and shelters her so she can devote her time to acquiring knowledge. He toils in field and shop, in mine and office to make the money with which to provide books and teachers for her. He is not enraged with envy and jealousy when she has an ambition to gain the wisdom of her father. Oh no, the good old father's heart swells with pride, and tears of joy shine in his eyes when his daughter graduates in the knowledge of sciences he never had an opportunity to learn. He has nothing but words of praise and cheer and thanks to bestow on his brave, good daughter.

Contrast such a father with this barbaric God. It is like a contrast between the pure, beautiful light of the sun to the dark side of the moon, or the light of day to the blackness of night, or the wonderful advancement of the sciences in our day to the general ignorance four thousand years ago, or freedom to slavery, love to hatred, civilization to barbarism.

This great, wise Lord God, Heavenly Father, who is said to own the Universe, and operate it has only one poor, little, ignorant, naked daughter. He turns her into a garden with all the other animals and insects and vermin. He gives her no shelter, no home, no clothing, no food, no books, no instruction, no tools to work with. He treats her in every way but one like he does the most loathsome vermin of animated life, and in that one way worse than the meanest. He gives all animated life free access to the Tree of Life and the tree of knowledge except his poor little daughter and her companion. This mighty God was jealous of their ambition to become wise and to rise above the condition of the animals around them so he prohibited them from partaking of the tree of knowledge.

This poor orphan girl, who never knew a mother's loving caress, or advice, or instructions, was denied by a worse than brutal God the only avenue to obtain the knowledge of right and wrong.

Every vermin and insect and animal had free access to the source of knowledge, but God lied to Adam to scare him away. The snakes had free access to the tree of knowledge and one, after learning of its effects, took pity on the poor child and gave her the secret. It risked the vengence of a fiendish God to do an act of purest love for that motherless child. It took its barbaric punishment like a hero, and never regretted taking the part of a friendless child and starting it on the road to knowledge.

And so God's lonely daughter found in her animal companions truer friends than her father. Even a snake had sympathy, pity and love developed to a degree infinitely greater than God. Instead of this Divine Father caring for his motherless daughter, as a good earthly father would do, he flies into a rage because she gained knowledge enough to make herself an apron of fig-leaves. He curses the snake and the ground and acts more like an idiot than anything else. He greatly multiplies the sorrows his poor daughter already has, and decrees her subjection and slavery. What a Lord God! What a Heavenly Father! What a Divine Being! What a Jewish Jehovah! The snake-cursing God! The ground-cursing God! The woman-enslaving God! Is this the God you worship, my Christian friends? Is this the God you compel the children of the Church of Humanity to bow in prayer to and to sing praises to in the Public schools? Is this the God you want incorporated into the constitution, and the United States made a subject of? Is this the God you ask in prayer to protect your daughters? There is his own account of how he treated his own motherless child Read it again and again until you know it. Is that the God you ask to help the White Cross Society "to treat all women with respect, and protect them from wrong and degradation?" That name "God" is a disgrace to any pledge to protect womanhood. It is a disgrace on any banner under which to organize the forces for peace and civilization. It would be more appropriate on the banner of those who degrade and debauch women; on the doors of dens of vice and on the cards of such men as Holmes and Hoch.

That one bible verse should cause all womanhood to arise from their knees and cease the worship of such a God forever. Their worship and praise should turn to scorn and contempt. Every man worthy of the title should, in the name of mother, wife and daughter refuse to worship God. It is degrading in the extreme to worship God, to sing praises to him, to point to him as an example for men to follow. It lowers the standard of fatherhood and trails it in the dust of the barbaric past to worship God. Protect womanhood by refusing to worship and glorify a God who denied her the avenue of knowledge, multiplied her sorrows, consigned her to slavery and later debauched her.

That is the bible picture of God. He is what his creators made him. He is the impersonation of their barbaric natures. When you worship him you simply worship the ideas of ancient Asiatic barbarians personified. In the name of womanhood stop it. In the name of manhood stop it. In the name of decency, morality, humanity, stop it. Other churches are defaming God by teaching he is a real being and that this bible verse is a true record of his acts. The Church of Humanity is defending him by teaching the scientific discovery that he is a myth like Santa Claus and therefore innocent of the crimes and vices charged to him by the bible and religious teachers. But nobody but a fool or a knave would worship a myth knowingly. Join the Church of Humanity and help to rescue the people from idolatry.

Questions on the Lesson.

1. What do we see in the character attributed to God? 2. Who should we condemn for God's wicked nature? 3. How did God come to be a woman hater and enslaver? 4. Describe the process of making the masses believe in the enslavement of women and perpetuating that slavery? 5. Who's will were the people doing? 6. Do God-creators use the same tactics now? 7. How are the people fooled by them? 8. When they tell us what God wishes what pronoun should they use? 9. In quoting God's wishes from the bible whose wishes should we remember they are? 10 Commit Gen. 3, 16 to memory. 11. Are those the decrees of God? 12. Why not? 13. What two classes use them as a pretext for the enslavment of womanhood? 14. Whose decrees are they? 15. Why were they put into God's mouth? 16. For what purpose? 17 When can the people be no longer fooled by such tricks? 18. What will decent men do then? 19. They will violate whose wishes by so doing? 20. What can you say of the practice of putting barbaric ideas into the mouth of a fiction God? 21. By whom should it be discontinued? 22. What is the effect of that practice on the people? 23. How thoroughly should the fountain head of idolatry be broken up? 24. What is the source of idolatry the world over? 25. Should people any longer believe in the existence of a God? 26. Name the church that teaches the scientific discovery that there is no real God? 27. What is he then? 28. He personifies what? 29. To free the people from idolatry what is necessary to be done? 30. Tell us how a good father in the morning of the Twentieth century treats his daughter to the best of his ability. 31. Illustrate the contrast between such a father and this barbaric God. 32. Describe how this barbaric Heavenly Father treated his daughter. 33. In what way does he treat her worse than the most loathsome vermin? 34. What took pity on her and gave her information at the risk of the vengence of this heathen God? 35. Did her animal companions love her more than her Heavenly Father? 36. How did he act when he discovered they had aided her in gaining knowledge enough to make herself an apron of fig-leaves? 37. How does he punish her for making the apron? 38. What exclamations of contempt should good people have for such a God? 39. Is this the god the Christians worship and want to force on others? 40. Is this the god they expect to protect their daughters and all women "from wrong and degradation? 41. Is not the very name "God" an emblem of degradation, slavery and debauchery of womanhood? 42. Would it not be more appropriate on the banners of the low and vile, on the doors of vice and corruption? 43. What effect should that one bible verse have on womanhood and cause them to do? 44. What should their love and worship of God turn to? 45. In the name of whom should men refuse to worship God? 46. Is it degrading to worship God and urge men to follow his example? 47. Does it not lower and degrade the standard of fatherhood? 48. How should we protect womanhood? 49 Is God what his creators make him? 50. What does he impersonate? 51. When you worship God what in reality are you worshiping? 52. In what names should the worship be stopped? How do other churches defame God? 53. How does the Church of Humanity defend him? 54. Who would worship a myth knowingly? 55. Why should you join the Church of Humanity?

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity demonstrates by a visible, tangible object lesson, the falsity of many theological assertions, teachings and theories, chief among which are:

1. That a negative cannot be proven—that no one can find out there is no God. The Church of Humanity has discovered the great scientific truths that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and that there is no resurrection of the dead.

2. That were it possible to discover there is no hell and no God to make one, the people are not strong enough morally to stand such truths. That they would retrograde rapidly into anarchy and barbarism, take a delight in robbery, murder and suicide. The 82 members of the church who have learned these facts do no such things, and by their continued good conduct prove all fears and theories of the clergy absolutely groundless. They are going ahead with the duties of life with as much energy, happiness and comfort as are their Christian neighbors. They are as good children, wives, husbands, fathers, neighbors and citizens as are their Christian neighbors and as they were themselves when they were Christians.

3. That people could not die peacefully without a belief in the existence of a God and immortality. The members of this church who have died knew to their last conscious moment that God is a myth and that life is extinguished forever at death, yet they died as peacefully as could any Christian. When false theories have been taught for ages people come to believe them so thoroughly that nothing but a practical demonstration can convince them of their erroneousness. The Church of Humanity comes upon the stage of action to prove by a practical objective proof that all can see that those clerical theories and teachings are absolutely false without a single exception. Many of our church members doubtless believed when they were Christians, as do most all Christians now, that those false theories as to their motives for doing good and being good were true. They now know they were mistaken then. They have learned that God is a myth like Santa Claus and that life is extinguished forever at death, yet they have no reasons to be foolish and wicked enough to commit any of the crimes and vices they had thought they would do if free from the fear of God. They find that the real reasons and motives for their being good citizens still remain and have not been impaired in the least by the discovery that God is a myth and that death ends all. They find the real reasons for being good citizens after all is not a desire to please a God or to escape a hell, but it is because they have no desire to do wrong knowingly. They simply have no more desire to rob, murder or commit suicide than they have to chop off one of their fingers. Those Christians who still may refuse to learn the truth about God through fear they will be unable to restrain their wicked natures when the fear of a savage God is removed, should reflect that they would not wish relatives, friends and neighbors to know they are criminals. They would not desire their freedom and liberty taken from them by being shut up in jail or a penitentiary. They would not desire to quit this beautiful world at the end of a rope or in an electric chair. So you Christians need have no fears you will be short of motives for being good even though God and hell are both elinimated from the list. The Church of Humanity is just the kind of a society that is badly needed to demonstrate by actual examples all Christians can see, that people can live and die in the knowledge that God is a myth, and that this life is all the conscious existence we have, and that such knowledge does not make bad citizens. Therefore, there should be, and must be as fast as possible, church members secured in every neighborhood as living and dying object lessons to the Christians that people can live and be good citizens and die peacefully in the knowledge this church teaches. Nothing else can, or will, ever convince idolators that a true knowledge of their idol is not detrimental to a good, happy, prosperous life and a peaceful ending of it. The clergy will not dare to tell the people to their face it is pitch dark when they can see the noon-day sun at the same time. They will not dare tell the people they would take a delight in all crimes and vices and retrograde into savagery were it not for their fear of God and tell when they can point to our church members all around them as perpetual proof that the clergy are mistaken. They will not dare tell them of the horrible death-bed scenes of remorse, fear and despair of those who have learned God is a myth, and death ends all when they have seen with their own eyes our church members die serenely, peacefully, calmly. So the good, moral and educational influence the Church of Humanity will have on Christians as object lessons cannot be exaggerated. The importance of all who have learned the truths this church teach unite with it is easily recognized, and they should one and all accept our sincere invitation to unite with it in fellowship, friendship and membership.

Same Old Trick.

When the state supports idolatry, idolatry is expected to support the state in time of need. "High Russian churchmen issued a manifesto calling on the members to protect Russia as the sacred home of Christ. Some of the Russian newspapers fear the result will be an incitement to the ignorant peasants to begin a war of extermination against the entire educated class. M. Onershkoyski, the famous Russian author, declares that to call on the faithful to fight with the cross to the last drop of their blood for the salvation of Russia as the home of Christ and to cut off the rotten branch is nothing short of a tocsin for a religious uprising, an appeal to the fanactical and the most uncontrolable of human passions. 'The fire once started' he says would produce a world of historic conflagrations, which neither the government nor the intellectuals can stop."

All this shows the danger to any government in harboring and fostering the worship of an idol. Ignorant people who have no homes of their own worth fighting for, can be changed into fighting demons by an appeal to save a home for their idol who, in this case, was a poor, ignorant fanatical Jew who has been dead nearly two thousand years and, therefore, needs no home. When they are once fired with religious fanatical zeal they will not stop with the slaughter of invading enemies of Christ, as their priests represents the Japanese to be, but will turn their swords on the educated class in their own country who know that Jesus was no God nor the son of one and therefore refuse to worship him. Thus the nations have been kept down to a level with the ignorant classes in regard to the knowledge of God through the slaughter or intimidation of the "intellectuals." This emphasizes the great necessity of forestalling religious massacres by teaching the people the facts about their idol in times of peace when the reasoning faculties are allowed greater freedom and isolated fanatics, who would murder a brother for not worshiping Jesus, are held in check by their more conservative neighbors. This is the correct psychological time to teach the christians in the United States the great scientific discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and life is extinguished at death. To do this now will save the people from religious wars and massacres forever in this country. This work is of such vast far reaching importance that all the "intellectuals" in this country should join the Church of Humanity at once and help it to push the campaign of education to the utmost. Our liberties, property and, perhaps, our lives would be at stake if this educational work is not well advanced before conditions become favorable for a religious military crusade here.

Wouldn't Trust Their Idol.

The Catholic church at Paola, Kansas, was struck by lightning April 10, being the sixth time since it was erected in 1895. The loss was $14,000 but was fully insured. If those people would build a house and give it to a neighbor they would not insure it against his burning it down intentionally. If he did they certainly would never build him another house. But the poor dupes think that God burned down the house they sacrificed so much to build him yet they will endeavor to replace it with a better one in hopes of pleasing their idol next time. "What fools these mortals be."

It Don't Scare Us a Bit.

A little stamp with a red border, perhaps suggestive of flames, was sent me by a friend (?) with the following quotation on it: "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."—Ps. 9:17. My friend (?) should have sent this quotation to some fellow idolator. It is waste of postage to send it to a person who has learned the discovery that the "God" and "hell" referred to are myths—No. 1. On second thought it is best to send all such nonsense to those who have learned the facts. It wil do them no harm, while it might scare those who have not learned these facts, dreadfully.

Good News.

The administrator of Brother Long's estate, Mr. Thos. H. Wilson, informs me there is between $2500 and $2800 left by will to the Church of Humanity, which will be available in September or October. Now that will make us a fine nucleus for an endowment fund to insure our continuance in this educational work. This is a practical object lesson in the necessity of organization on our part. Without it there is no one to accept the donation of the living or the bequests of the dying to be used as they desire it to be That is the reason unbelievers in christianity like Mr. Carnegie gives his millions to the christian organizations. When we organize and get in a position to use money properly in our educational work it will be given us, and not before. We cannot organize without members, therefore all anti-christian papers should help to get their readers to join the Church of Humanity.

The Study of God

INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XVI.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

"God" is simply the name of a fabulous being as is "Santa Claus." He has no more existance or realty than has Santa Claus. To worship him is a heathan vice and should be regarded as a crime among civilized people. It is a crime against progress, civilization and posterity, and it will be prohibited in our public schools as soon as a majority of the Christians learn the truth about it. "Love is blind," and that is as true when one is in love with a myth as with a person. Hence the object of the God-makers in making love for him the first and greatest of the commandments is apparent. They wish to blind idolators with love to the real nature of their idol. As a basis for that love they are taught that God loves them. When we prove by daily objective lessons, which all can comprehend, that God loves no one, then the foundation on which love for God is based is removed and there is no reason left for loving him. The members of the Church of Humanity have learned that God is a myth and hence need no further proof that he loves no one since it is a self-evident fact. But these lessons are given for those who believe God is a real being capable of knowing and loving them, hence the necessity of proving to them by objective lessons they can see that God does no such thing. The proof of that fact is found in the horrible deaths of those whom God is said to love and who have been loving him under the false idea that he loves and cares for them. Statistics prove that sixty-five members of our race, on an average, die every minute. The clergy try to assure those who are left they are protected by the love and care of God. But that theory is proven false by two infallable proofs:

1. That those who were killed were as worthy of God's love and care as those who are left, and as God did not love and care for the unfortunate he could not love and care for the fortunate. That is a self-evident fact that all should be able to comprehend.

2. That those who escape through what the clergy claim is God's protection are killed a little later, hence could not have been saved until then through the protection of God since they are still as worthy of his love and care as before. Therefore, he could not have been the cause of their previous escape. That is another self-evident fact all should be able to comprehend. Conclusions based on this evidence are proven to be correct by the reports in the daily papers of the slaughter by innumerable ways of our fellow beings that could and would be prevented were there a God who knows and loves us. To save space I shall only reproduce the headlines, from newspapers of recent date, under which the sad misfortunes are given in detail.

HEADLINES—India shaken by earthquake, nine English and seventy natives killed. Man is killed by train. Slays mother with ax, then shoots father. Four trainmen killed. Finds bride a corpse. Mother and two children cremated in their home. Reservoir collapsed, 180 dead and wounded workmen taken from the ruins. Engineer killed. Mother burned to death. Five killed in mine explosion. Two men killed by Empire express. Cave-in in Arizona shaft buried four men alive and seriously injured five others. Seven men were killed in wreck and many more will die. Two men scalded to death while trying to rescue a third, who will die. Killed in battle of Mukden 55,000 Russians and 65,000 Japanese. Electrician killed by train. Three thousand massacred at Merkah by natives. Sixty entombed in Liter mine, only three men escape, no hope is entertained, terrific explosion just after cage was lowered. Boiler bursts in shoe factory at Brocton, Mass., fifty-five dead, forty three missing.

In the light of these facts God's love and care is not worth the snap of your finger. Love does not manifest itself in that way. We are told by the false churches that our "Heavenly Father" loves us so much more than any earthly father can do. Every one can see by the light of these facts it is untrue. That is a little word one is not often justified in using and should only be used where no other word will fit the case. But to make such an assertion of our "Heavenly Father" in the light of these facts, that all must see who read the papers, is a deliberate, willful untruth, unworthy of any clergyman who has a child he dare acknowledge. It is a libel on every father worthy of the name and should be resented by all true fathers, including the Protestant clergy. Name the father who, having ample power to prevent it, would allow his children to be slaughtered in the foregoing manner. Can you name one? If you can he is either an idiot or a fiend whom no one would love and respect, much less worship and live with. His Christian neighbors would mob him for refusing to save his children. There cannot be a double standard of goodness in this treatment of children requiring us to worship a heavenly father and mob an earthly father for refusing to protect their children. We must either praise man for refusing to love and care for his children or condemn our "Heavenly Father" for refusing to care for his. They must be put in line and the same standard of ethics required of both. Some modern God-makers recognize this necessity and make a desperate effort to create a good, loving, sympathetic God in harmony with our ideas of a model earthly father, and apoligize for, or overlook the savage nature given him by the bible God-makers. They are unable to do that and make it harmonize with the facts the headlines prove without divesting God of the attributes of unlimited power and wisdom assigned him by former God-makers. They have a very difficult problem to solve. If they create a good, kind, loving and sympathetic "Heavenly Father" they are obliged to divest him of both power and wisdom formerly assigned him, and he will thereby be disgraced in the minds of savages. If they retain in his make-up unlimited power and wisdom it is so out of harmony with the every-day facts here recited that they are obliged to divest him of love and sympathy and he is thereby disgraced in the minds of civilized people. God-makers will try to cater to both classes and fix up a God to suit each class if possible, though they be very dissimilar. The best way out of the difficulty is for all the God-makers to discontinue that art. It is a very disreputable, disgraceful and dishonorable business. It is an art that can well be spared, and should be allowed to become one of the "lost arts." It is infinitely worse than the "gold brick" swindle or the "green goods" fraud. It should be outlawed as are the other confidence games. Our children should be protected by law from being duped by it. The clergy and all religious teachers should be as much interested in this rescue work as any other class. Those who do not know God is a man-made character have themselves been victimized, and they should not only desire to be rescued but should refuse to be a party in victimizing others and advocate its prohibition for the sake of their children as they do the prohibition of other fraudulent devices. They can do this more effectually by uniting with the Church of Humanity, as it is the only attempt ever made to organize those who know the facts about God for the purpose of teaching them to others and thereby rescue them from the idolatry of worshiping man-made idols. It is as disgraceful to worship a mind-made idol as a hand-made idol, since the powers for which they are both worshiped are imaginary.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What is the lesson about? 2. What is God? 3. Has he a real existance? 4. What can be said of the practice of worshiping God? 5. When will it be prohibited in the public schools? 6. What is said of love? 7. Is it true when one is in love with a myth? 8. Is that the reason that God-makers wish idolators to love God? 9. Why? 10. What is love for God based on? 11. When will the bases for loving God be removed? 12. Do the members of the Church of Humanity know God loves no one? 13. Why? 14. Who are these lessons prepared for? 15. Is it necessary to prove to idolators God does not love them in order to rescue them from idolatry? 16. Wherein do we find the proof that God loves no one? 17. How many of our race are killed every minute? 18. What do the clergy assign as the reason some escape death a while 19. Give the two proofs that this reason is false? 20. Are they self-evident facts? 21. What proves these conclusions true? 22. Read the headlines from the daily papers telling of the destruction of our fellow beings? 23. In the light of these facts is not God's love and care for us, the clergy tell us of, a myth? 24. Does love manifest itself that way? 25. What do the false churches tell us about our "Heavenly Father?" 26. How do we know it is untrue? 27. In the light of these facts should any one make the assertion? 28. Is it not a libel on fatherhood? 29. Should it not be resented by all fathers worthy of the name? 30. Would any father who could prevent it allow his children to be killed? 32. What would he be if he did? 32. Would any one desire to love him and live with him if he did? 33. What would his neighbors do with him? 34. Can there be a double standard for the treatment of children, one for God and one for man? 35. Should God be required to treat his children as a good father would? 36. What do some modern God-makers recognize and try to create? 37. Why are they unable to do that? 38. State the difficulty they have in creating a God to suit the two classes? 39. What will God-makers try to do? 40. What is the best way out of the difficulty? 41. What can be said of the art of God-making? 42. Should it be prohibited by law and children be protected from being duped by it? 43. Should the clergy and religious teachers be interested in this rescue work? 44. Why? 45. What church should one join who wishes to aid in rescuing the people from idolatry? 46. Why. 47. Why is it as disgraceful to worship a mind-made idol as a hand-made idol?

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God-Makers in Conference.

"Washington, April 4.—At the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today," says the New York World, "exception was taken to that portion of the report adopted yesterday stating it to be the general conviction in the church that 'a child is not born into the kingdom of God, but must wander among the swine and clash with the world awhile before being saved.' The Rev. J. P. Wright of Baltimore, moved to make the report say that a child 'is born into the kingdom of God,' and the amendment carried."

We see in this incident how the word of God is made by majority vote at a conference of clergymen.

They first had by their votes prohibited children being "born into the kingdom of God" and required them to "wander among swine and clash with the world awhile before being saved." As there are 70 children born to our race every minute, and one-fourth of them die before they are six years old and, therefore, not able to "wander with swine and clash with the world," this ruling would send them all to hell. How fortunate for these seventeen infants who die every minute that Rev. Wright thought of them and had them "born ipto the kingdom of God." He saved one-fourth of the race by that one master stroke. That is more than Jesus did in his lifetime. Those christians who cannot refrain from worshiping someone for "saving" them should worship Rev. Wright for "saving" all these children. But it is not necessary now to worship anyone for saving people from hell. The Church of Humanity has made the profession of saving people from hell a useless, worthless profession through its teaching of the great discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and the extinguishment of life at death.

Unite! Unite!

John D. Rockefeller on April 8 gave $100,000 to the American Baptist Missionary Union. Mr. Barnes, the assistant treasurer, said when asked if the gift would be accepted: "Most assuredly it will. As a matter of fact our union, to my knowledge, has received Mr. Rockefeller's check every year for twenty-five years, and there never had been any thought of refusing his gifts." In addition he contributes annually to the building need of the union and it exceeds this year those of former years. He is a Baptist, but does not confine his gifts to that denomination. He recently gave $100,000 to the American Board of Foreign Missions (Congregational). He gives perhaps enough to maintain several hundred missionaries in foreign lands to induce those people to substitute the christian's idol for the one they worship. He gives these great donations because he was raised in a church that believed in organization and in teaching its belief to others.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie pledged $1,000,000 to a fund of $25,000,000 for superanuated Methodist preachers at the new England Methodist Conference in Melrose, Mass., April 8.

These are illustrations of what the millionaires are doing to aid in propagating idolatry. It is said Mr. Carnegie is not a believer in the christian religion, but what do the clergy care for that so long as they get his liberal donations? How could the innocent children who are made idolators with the money know the donors are imposing a vile superstition on them that they themselves disbelieve? These millionaires believe in winning the smiles and praise and toleration of organized society. They would give as liberally to the Church of Humanity were our membership counted by millions. Many of them would have been raised in this church had it been organized many years ago as it should have been, if there were any who knew the facts it teaches. Now that the facts about God are definitely known why not all editors and writers who know them unite in the Church of Humanity and induce their readers to do the same? If we cannot win the financial support of the millionaires in aid of our cause why not organize to win the support of their children or grandchildren? If we will organize and get Sunday schools established with hundreds and thousand of children in them learning the truths we teach, some of them will be millionaires and will aid the Church of Humanity as liberally as idolatrous churches are now aided by millionaires. If we had $1,000,000 we could soon put fifty missionaries to work saving the people from idolatry by teaching them the truth. The millionaires will not aid us until we organize a strong society. Then let us Unite! Unite!

Take One or the Other Out.

The teaching of geologists and God-makers are both allowed in our public schools. They disagree as to the age of the earth. They can't both be right. Take the false one out. We should not be taxed to perpetuate mistakes. Our children have enough to do to learn the facts. According to the cronology of God-makers the earth is only 5,909 years old. An account of the finding of a giant fossil bison that lived 25,000 years ago is given in the Kansas City World. It says in part: "By scientific calculation it is estimated that this bison lived 25,000 years ago. This is known by the mortar bed formation from which the fossil was taken. A stone arrowhead, such as was used by the natives at that time, was found lodged beneath the left shoulder blade of the animal." If the geologist who made this "scientific calculation" that proves the earth to be at least 25,000 years old is giving us the facts, then the God-makers who have a bible showing the earth to not be one-fourth that age have no moral right and should have no legal right to impose their false bible and their false teaching on the students. This account seems to prove that man was a mighty "lord of creation" more than nineteen thousand years before God-makers had set their myth at creating things, including a mud man.

Join the Church of Humanity and help to make us strong enough numerically to drive the false teachers out of the public schools by force of numbers.

Very Important.

The indications are that someone, or more, are trying to influence the postal authorities at Washington to deny the C. E. & G. D. the use of the mails at second class rates, which would cause its suspension if they are successful. I have received a letter from Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, Washington, D. C., setting 2 p. m., May 10, for a hearing to show cause why the authorization for admission of the Christian Educator and God's Defender as second class of mail matter should not be revoked. It is claimed we have not a legitimate list of subscribers. To save the paper for the educational work we are doing through it from suspension by the postal authorities we must convince them we have a legitimate list of subscribers. To do this the subscribers, church members and friends of our cause must aid me at once, without delay. Here is the plan to follow in aiding at once to save our church organ: I authorize the church member and subscriber to act as agents in securing subscribers, and will allow them 60 per cent on all subscriptions, at the regular price of 25 cents, they can secure and send in before May 5. Send me 10 cents for each subscription and keep the balance. Renew your own subscription at same price, 10c, for another year. When you have all the subscribers you can secure make out a list of them on a postal, or letter, stating they are subscribers to the Christian Educator and God's Defender and mail it to Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., in time to reach him before May 10. Friends, give this aid at once else the enemies of the Church of Humanity and truth will overthrow us through their influence through the postal authorities. PLEASE AID THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY NOW.

To Our Class, Attention.

I have received a letter from Hon. Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., notifying me that I will be granted a hearing at his office at Washington, Wednesday, May 10, "to show cause why the authorization for the admission of the C. E. & G. D. to the second class of mail matter should not be revoked and why the third-class rate of postage should not be charged for the transmission of that publication in the mails upon the following grounds: The list of persons to whom the publication is sent as to subscribers is not a 'legitimant list of subscribers' as required by law." The Church of Humanity raised the money to pay me for sending our church organ to you. In this plan of teaching the great discoveries we have learned we are following the precedent of the "Appeal to Reason" and think we are within our legal rights to do so. However, if the postal authorities think otherwise that will be final and we would be obliged to pay postage at third class rate. This we will be unable to do and will be obliged to discontinue sending the paper to you. The postage cost of mailing 5,000 copies at the second class rate is only $1.50, or one cent a pound in bulk, while at third class rate it would be $50.00, besides the trouble of placing a one cent stamp on each copy. I would be willing to do the extra work but the church is not strong enough to bear the additional expense. Now, this or the next issue may be the last the church will be permitted to donate to you. I shall be very sorry if it is, as I believe the discoveries we are teaching are the greatest that have ever been made and the teaching of them to you of the greatest importance. I think it would take five years' hard study on your part to learn these discoveries and many of you could not learn them in that time. I would be greatly pleased to donate my services free of charge to you in teaching you these discoveries, but will be unable to do so if the ruling is against us. Now you should be as much interested in learning these discoveries as I am. Being honest and sincere and having no desire to intentionally deceive the people by teaching them untruths that make idolators of them, and having a desire to know the facts yourselves, as a large majority of you must have, I suggest each of you send me a dime for another year's teaching. You will not miss that and it will enable me to keep you on the mailing list should the authorities prohibit the church's donation to you. Please inclose a dime or 5 2-cent stamps to me for a year's subscription to the C. E. & G. D. before May 5.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

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My hope is stronger than ever before that some of the anti-Christian publications, if not all, will join us in the near future in advocating organization of all students of that class of literature who have learned that God is a myth. The reasons why they should unite with the Church of Humanity and organize one grand educational campaign are irresistable and none should try to resist them.

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BIBLE LESSON NO. 14.

GOD'S CREATORS MAKE OF HIM A DETESTABLE FIEND WHOM NO CIVIMIZED MAN SHOULD RESPECT UNTIL HE LEARNS HE IS A MYTH.

Nobody who knows that Santa Claus is a myth finds any fault in him. First, because he is a good myth; second because all adults knows he is a myth. Only children who have not unlearned the lies about him can hate him for not bringing the toys they wished for. So it is in our relation to God. No one can hate him when he learns he is a myth like Santa Claus. We can only deplore the ignorance and superstition that seeks to compel us to worship a myth or would silence us while our children are being compelled to worship it.

God's creators have aided in his final overthrow as an idol of worship by attributing a savage, fiendish unreasoning nature to him.

Like the germs of death in every organized life this myth-God had the death germs implanted in his nature by his creators. His very creators are the ones who are responsible for his final dissolution as an idol of worship. As men become really civilized they will gradually become conscious of the fact that it is wrong to worship and glorify a lying God, a cursing God, a woman enslaving God, a sorrow inflicting God, a cruel God who produced thorns and thistles to spite his children. Those are the qualities given God by his creators in order to cause savages to fear and worship him. But those very qualities will cause civilized men to refuse to worship him. His creators were building an idol for savages to worship. They did not suspect that the posterity of the savages would ever become civilized. They did not know civilized man would not be pleased with the savage nature given God that so much pleased savages. Hence they gave God a nature that pleased savages but alienates civilized man.

The savages and the ignoramuses think the kings can do no wrong, or that every thing they do is right, no matter how cruel or atrocious it is. The same two classes think the same of God. Civilized and intelligent men hold kings strictly accountable to moral ethics and that good behaviour they exact from the most humble subject. They are even more exacting in the good conduct of rulers than in that of the lower classes since they have better environments. So in regard to God. His creators made him master of his environments and consequently they should have created him a perfect character. They should not have left a shadow of a trace of hatred, spite, anger or revenge in his makeup. They gave him power and wisdom to make no mistake, and the ability to instantly correct it had he made one, without the manifestation of anger. In their desire to overawe their fellow savages with God's magnificence his creators gave him unlimited wisdom and power over nature. That is the undoing of this myth-God. Instead of making use of that wonderful power, after failing in his wisdom attribute, to correct his creation mistake by creating another mud-man and rib-woman, how does he act? Let the book to which the God-myth has been fastened, as its producer, explain:

Gen. 3:17.

17. And unto Adam he said, because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hath eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Those who are made of the stuff slaves are made of will worship this man-made God to whom these decrees are attributed. They will thank and praise him for cursing the ground for their sake, and curse all who refuse to join with them. They will sing hymns of eulogy and flattery to him for giving them thorns and thistles in place of corn and wheat and abuse all who refuse to do so. They will write and preach of the goodness, kindness and sympathy of him for decreeing that they shall return to dust, and promptly consign every one to hell who refuse to be elated with joy over these decrees. Those who are made of the stuff free men are made of will declare their independence of this man-made God and swear by the eternal freedom they hope for their posterity they will never bend the knee in homage to this ground-cursing God. By the great labor saving inventions they will never bow the head in prayer to this thorn and thistle producing God. By the beautiful light of science they will never allow their children to worship this sweat shop God. By the great discovery that God is a myth they will do all in their power to rescue the people from idolatry of worshiping this imported heathen idol.

Read those decrees of your "Heavenly Father" again and think if an earthly father could not have treated those two children better had they been his—and he endowed with infinite wisdom and power.

Every father, worthy to be called such, treats his children better without infinite wisdom and power than this fictitious God did with them. If that is the best example God could give us as the result of infinite wisdom and power, we should all be glad our fathers did not have those powers. We disobeyed them many times, yet they never gave us such inhuman, fiendish punishments as this Divine Father gave his children. We would not have loved and respected them had they done so. We should not love and praise this "Heavenly Father" for conduct we would condemn in an earthly father. The good earthly father should be our ideal and we should repudiate this Heavenly Father as being unworthy of respect and emulation, much less praise and worship. Why should the clergy continue to abuse our loving, devoted earthly fathers and gloryfy this imported barbaric idol from a heathan land and age?

They tell us God has never repented of these wicked decrees against Adam and that we, as his posterity, still suffer the same penalties as he did for his disobedience. What an idiotic, barbaric injustice! All partially civilized countries have outgrown the heathen idea that children should be punished for the crimes of their parents. What in the name of sanity had we to do with Adam harkening unto the voice of his wife and taking a bite of the tree of knowledge? Every sane man and woman should refuse to worship and praise such a wicked man-made God, and have no desire to live with him or to have anything to do with him, but to learn the discovery that he is a myth and then join the Church of Humanity and help to teach that discovery to the world. According to the book of fables, named bible, it is about 6,000 years since this fiction God made these decrees. Why don't some God-creators have him repent of his wicked decrees and take us all back into the Garden of Eden and repeal the Divine curses placed on the ground and on Adam? Is not 6,000 years long enough for a Heavenly Father to nurse his Divine Hatred for his children because Eve stole an apple from him whom idolators say sees everybody all the time?

After all it is God who needs repentence and forgiveness from man for his wickedness. As he is a myth he can't repent, but all who learn that discovery freely forgive him for all his crimes of omission and of commission against our race for all time.

Had an earthly father passed such wicked decrees on his children he would have repented before six months and revoked them.

There are some things we should note particulary before leaving these decrees. God's ancient creators did not put a word in his mouth about a resurrection, or immortality, or repenting, or going to heaven or to hell. All these things have plainly been concocted by later priestly God-creators. The ancient God-creators had him inflict all his punishments in this life and then consign man to eternal dust. The fabulist stumbled onto the truth when he put in God's mouth "and unto dust shalt thou return." That is in line with modern science and the teaching of the Church of Humanity. But it is not on account of a decree of a myth-God. It was true before the age that God-creators appeared.

Again, this bible God-creator does not have him in this case extend the punishments to Adam's posterity after all. There is not a word in these decrees to indicate the punishment administered to Adam was to be extended to his posterity. The "original sin," "total dapravity" and God's curses on idolators on account of a supposed relation to a myth-man are all plainly devised by later God-creators.

Here is a myth-God punishing individuals for what he thought was the greatest crime—disobedience. He has not required any one to worship him, or pray to him, or sing hymns of flattery to him, or believe in the coming of Christ, or in anything else. He only required obedience. When his children failed in that he punished them. But not a word did he say to them about repenting and asking for forgivness; not a word about "believe or be damned;" not a word about sending them to hell; not a word about punishing their posterity for their disobedience; not a word about them ever having immortality to lose. All these ideas and many more have evidently been added by later God-makers. It is as wicked to lie about God as about a fish catch. The original God-makers made him bad enough and all later priestly mistakes that make him still more wicked and detestable should be unceremoniously thrown overboard, even by Christians. But all mistakes and incapacities attributed to God by his creators are freely forgiven him by the Church of Humanity. It promulgates the great discovery that he is a myth like Santa Claus, and hence is guiltless of all the inhuman crimes and vices charged to him by ancient and modern God-creators. If you believe in justice to God join the Church of Humanity and help to defend him. He should have millions of defenders to counteract the false teaching of the millions of his defenders.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What is the lesson on? 2. Do people find fault with Santa Claus? 3. Why not? 4. Who could find fault with him? 5. Can any one hate God when he learns he is a myth? 6. What do we deplore? 7. Who have aided in the overthrow of God as an idol of worship? 8. In what way have they done this? 9. What will men become conscious of as they become more civilized? 10. What is God charged with doing that make it improper to worship and glorify him? 11. Why did his creators give him that nature? 12. Does it cause civilized man to worship him? 13. Whose worship was God created for? 14. Did the God-builders ever expect the people to become civilized? 15. Did they know civilized man would not be pleased with the savage nature of a God that pleases savages? 16. What do savages and ignoramuses think of kings? 17. Do they think the same of God? 18. Do civilized men hold rulers accountable to moral ethics? 19. Should God's creators have given him a perfect character? 20. Why? 21. What should they have omitted in his makeup? 22. Why? 23. Why was God given supreme power and wisdom by his creators? 24. Was that God's undoing? 25. With perfect power and wisdom could he not have created a perfect man? 26. To what book has the God-myth been fastened as its producer? 27. Read the bible verses that decrees Adam's punishment because he hearkened unto the voice of his wife. 28. How will slaves act towards this man-made-God? 29. How will free men act towards this God? 30. Do not earthly fathers without infinite wisdom and power make a better success caring for children than a fictitious God did with them? 31. If the possession of infinite power and wisdom causes such failures as God made in caring for children, should not we be glad our fathers did not possess those powers? 32. Do fathers treat their children as cruelly as God treated his? 33. Would their children love them if they did? 34. Should we love and worship a Heavenly Father for conduct we condemn in an earthly father? 35. Is a good earthly father a better ideal father than God? 36. Should the clergy continue to abuse our fathers and glorify God? 37. Have God-creators ever made him repent for the punishment he decreed for Adam? 38. Do the clergy teach that God punishes us for Adam's disobedience? 39. Is it justice to punish children for the crimes of their parents? 40. Should any one desire to worship God or to live with such a being? 41. What is our duty to God? 42. About how long ago is it since the incidents in this fable are supposed to have happened? 43. Would a real live God hate his children that long because the first one disobeyed? 44. Is it not God who should repent and ask forgiveness of man for his wickedness were he a real being? 45. Why don't he? 46. Why do we freely forgive God of all crimes charged to him? 47. Contrast the teaching of this bible God-creator with the later teaching of God-creators and point out wherein they differ. 48. What fact does the fabulist put in God's mouth that is taught by the Church of Humanity? 49. Was that true before the time of God-creators? 50. Do these decrees of punishment for Adam extend to his posterity? 51. Contrast the requirements of modern God-creators of idolators in their duties and attitude to God that the bible God-creator does not require. 52. Is it reprehensible to lie about God? 53. Should modern God-makers make him more detestable than the ancients did. 54. What should Christians do with these later priestly mistakes about God? 55. What church freely forgives God for all the crimes and mistakes charged to him by his creators? 56. What does it teach about God? 57. If you believe in justice to God what church should you join and aid? 58. Why should he have millions of defenders?

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is the name under which those are uniting into one compact society who have learned the great scientific discovery that God is a fiction-made character like Santa Claus. They are thus uniting for the purpose of accomplishing the object and fulfilling the demands through a united effort that they as individuals are powerless to secure. Among the long felt wants that are to be accomplished through organization are: First, a bond of union and sympathy, companionship and friendship, and of mutual protection and defense among those who have learned this discovery. Second, the establishment of a uniform affirmative system of teaching this discovery through schools and instructors provided for that purpose.

Third, the establishment of local church societies for the benefit of the members and their families where good moral ethics are taught in connection with this discovery about God, and the latest discoveries in all branches of science. The many letters that come to my desk from those of all grades of Christian knowledge and temperament, as well as those from people who have outgrown Christianity, through a knowledge of the errors on which it based, put me in a position to know the needs and requirements of both parties. To illustrate my meaning I shall here introduce sample letters from Christians indicating their needs and dispositions and how we must prepare to meet them. The editor of "Primitive Monitor and Church Advocate," of Greenfield, Ind., writes:

Dear Sir: You have been sending me your paper for some time. You talk much about your late discovery, but never tell how or where you made it; how you know there is no God and no devil. Solomon said, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

In the last issue of your paper you ask 58 questions on the last page and 47 on the second page, but you answer none of them. How did you learn that God is a myth? Who told you so? You should prove what you assert. You remind me of a man that would tear my house down when it is 40 degrees below zero just because you did not like the way it was built and leave me to perish in the cold.

If you do not like the house I live in, then build me a better one and I will gladly change.

The Bible is God's book and it can not be impeached. It tells us of the only true God and our blessed Savior.

You can publish this if you want to.

Yours in hope of eternal life.

R. W. Thompson.

This letter indicates the Christian gentleman who is guided by reason in the best light and logic he has.

He is not afraid to read and hear the other side like a true juryman. He is open to conviction; susceptible to argument, reason, evidence, proof. He will stop teaching and practicing idolatry when he is convinced by proof that it is such, and that God is a fiction-made character. We owe all of our advancement in church and science and invention to this type of men who back up and support the pioneers in every line of progress with the encouraging words, "build me a better one and I will gladly change."

There is only one type of man and woman to whom we owe more and that is the pioneers themselves who will bravely endure the "40-degrees below zero" while they build the new. But their heroic sacrifice would be in vain did not this second type follow up then and occupy advance position when it is prepared for them.

The duty of the Church of Humanity to this man, who, I am glad to know, represents a very large per cent of the members of all mistaken Churches, is quite plain. Before that type can come to us we must build and furnish the new mental home for them. That means we must have a church organization more numerous and wealthy and popular than the one they are members of. We must have more. We must have schools and instructors, text books and a regular system of teaching that will meet every requirement, every question these people advance in a straight forward manly way. We must deal with their intellects and reasoning faculties and satisfy them with positive proof they can understand that their church is based on error and that ours is based on fact. Above all, we must treat them with the kind, considerate respect due ladies and gentlemen of the highest order. I would be glad to know we are making our sacrifices for only such people as these. But I turn with sorrow and regret to another type that must be dealt with in quite a different manner.

On the margin of a returned paper is this message: "Could'n't expect any thing better of a cur." No name signed, perhaps he is ashamed of it himself.

On another returned paper is this significant message that smacks of the infamous Spanish Inquisition: "Keep your paper, I would stop you sending it through the mail if I could." No name signed, he too may be ashamed to own it. If he is there may be a little hope for him since he has the sense of shame to some degree. This type of Christians are ruled by prejudice and fear and hatred. They cannot be reached by reason, argument, evidence, or proof or anything else of an educational nature from our side. They shut their eyes and ears to our teaching. There can be no hope to educate that type, and they will use all their political power and physical power they can to prevent us teaching the better type of Christians. They are the legitimate fruit of the most ignorant and brutal teaching of idolatry of which the following letter from the president of St. Charles College seems to be a true exponent.

Sir:

'The Christian Educator and God's Defender' two copies of which were lately sent to our college is the worst rag of a paper that ever entered St. Charles College You, the editor, are spreading by your lying paper and propaganda the most fatal error that will poison the fountainheads and sap the foundation of this beautiful country. Those who have the power, should stop you in your impious work by cutting you off from all communication with your fellowmen. Anyhow I hope that you will not insult us any more by sending that paper to our College.

Charles B. Schrautz
Pres't.

This is the President of a Catholic College. I am glad to know he does not represent near all the Catholics in this country. They like members of other churches represent all degrees of advancement in the knowledge of God from this college president to members of the Church of Humanity. I am glad to know there are seven ex-Catholics enrolled in this church. They have learned the truth about God and are free from idolatry and the fear of this mythical God and hell. They rejoice in their freedom and the great truths they have learned. I represent them. They employ me to teach what they have learned by contributing to the educational fund. They wish others to learn the truths they have that they too may be free from idolatry. They have as much right to the use of the mails as the President has. But he does not believe any one has a right to live if he does not accept his teaching. He represents all that is brutal in idolatry. Reason, evidence, proof of our discovery can never educate him. He is proof against it. He will not give us a hearing. He represents the type of christians that established the Spanish Inquisition and maintained it; that burned Bruno, tortured Galileo and killed or imprisoned every scientist and discoverer for hundreds of years. They brought on the midnight of the dark ages that turned the progess of the world back a thousand years. They have tried to block the progress in the study of God for ages and forced their false ideas of him on every one. Shall these people who have not learned the truth be allowed to prohibit others from doing so any longer? Have they not kept the world on its knees worshiping their priest-made idols long enough?. Should not the intelligent classes who read and hear all sides of the question be allowed to teach what they have learned about it? Must those who wish to know the truth about God, and put in a score of years studying him from every viewpoint, be "cut off from all communication" with their fellowmen because they have made the greatest discovery of all the ages, and desire to teach that discovery to others and thereby rescue their loved ones from idolatry?.

The duty of the Church of Humanity is as plain in its treatment of this type of Christians as the other. Nothing but numerical power will convince this type of Christians that those who teach a new discovery should not be driven off the earth. They refuse to consider our evidence and proof. They can only think of meeting our claims with physical force to prove we are mistaken The sword and the torch have ever been their arguments to prove all scientific discoveries false. Nothing but numerical and financial strength can they comprehend.

Hence it is the duty of all who do not wish the worship of a priest-made God forced on their children by the public schools to rally to the standard of the Church of Humanity and make it strong enough to convince this type of Christians that we know enough about God to be tolerated.

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Every father who does not want his children to worship or fear a ghost in the skies called God should take the C. E. & G. D. for them to read.

Every clergyman who would rather teach the people truths than errors should take the C. E. & G. D. and post up on modern discoveries concerning God.

Every one who wishes the people freed from idolatry should join the Church of Humanity and prove to them that there is no God to object to them being free.

Will some millionaire please step forward and plank down the postage to continue sending this little missionary to our Christian classes as Rockefeller and others are aiding the Christian missionary work.

I have received many good letters for the experience meetings but have no room to print them. Guess we will have to get field workers to establish local churches where these experiences can be given personally. Who will do the field work as State Instructors?

Extract from an Encouraging Letter.

Dickens, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I am very much pleased to learn that our paper is progressing with a good prospect of winning the race. I think you have struck the right cord for a leader in the music of the gods and spheres, and hope you will draw a large church together for the good of humanity. I will help what I can.

Enclosed find one dollar to help along the cause. I am distributing the papers sent me. I think the C. E. & G. D. improves with each issue and wish I was able to send you $100., as did Bro. Long of Payson. I think your arguments are based on self evident facts, and you have the faculty of making everything so very plain that he who "runs may read" and he who reads runs no chance of being mistaken. Your coaxing winning way ought to win thousands to your standard when they realize that it is the only religious banner of truth now flung to the breeze. I feel sure that in time you will win golden laurels for your crown of reason and truth. With heartfelt wishes for your prosperity and happiness in this world I am your friend.

JAMES E. MILLS.

Note to the Teacher.

Great Bend, Kan., March 31, '05.

Mrs. Eva Clark:—I have learned that God is a myth and that therefore he has no son named Jesus or any other name. I do not want my daughter taught to worship myths. I send her to school to learn truths, not fables. By reading the bible, singing hymns of praise and repeating the Lord's prayer in school you are teaching idolatry to the students. I most emphatically and conscientiously protest against such teaching. If you are unable to teach them the truth about God, for the sake of impartial justice to the school patrons, please omit the religious exercises in school. I have as much right to have my conscience respected in this matter as you have yours.

I have spent years of study and much money to learn the truth about God, that I may know it for my own satisfaction and to be able to teach my children the facts. All that labor is being lost by you refusing to learn the facts, and forcing your idolatry on the students.

I have tried to teach you through the Christian Educator the truth about God so you would cease teaching errors and idolatry. You have returned my paper marked "Refused."

How can I protect my children from false teaching when the law compels me to send them to you to be taught, and you impose on them an idolatry that is not required by law in your capacity as teacher? How can I protect my children only by teaching the teacher the truth about God? If you refuse this teaching and persist in your false teaching how am I to protect my children from being made idolators by the public schools that should be non-sectarian? I hope you will reconsider this matter and either try to learn the truth about God or else treat all the patrons of your school impartially by omitting religious exercises in the school.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. KERR.

The public school is being turned into an inter-denominational school to teach the students the basic principles of the Christian idolatry and prepare them for membership in any Christian church from Catholicism to Dowieism.

From the primer class to the seniors, in every grade, the Christian mythology is inculcated. Hymns of praise and idolatry are taught. Bible reading and prayer to idols are required.

If I refuse to send my children to these idolatrous teachers the truant officers will compel me to. When I try in a manly way to teach the teacher the facts about God she refuses my services, though they are given free at a great financial sacrifice to me. If I appeal to the school board to have the false teaching discontinued, they have not learned yet that it is false and refuse my request. If I appeal to the courts for relief from the enforced teaching of idolatry to my children, the judges have never learned the discovery that God is a myth and they refuse my request. Here is a vile, degrading, humiliating idolatry forced on my children that I am willing to give thousands of dollars and the services of my life to prevent, but am absolutely helpless. These teachers, school boards and judges would advocate war and even engage in it before they would submit to have their children taught in the public schools to worship the God of any other mythology. They would call it a violation of the dictates of their conscience and would rise in mass to prohibit it. It is as great a violation of the dictates of my conscience to have my children forced to worship the God of the Christian mythology as it would be of theirs were the worship of any other idol taught their children by force in the public schools. I know Christians have always assumed that those who did not worship their idol had no conscience. But that is a grave mistake on their part. We have a conscience, and it is imperative that all who do not wish their children forced to worship idols by our public school teachers must unite in the Church of Humanity and defend the rights of their conscience. Our conscience has as much right to assert itself and defends itself as has that of the Christians.

What manner of men are you who will not unite with us to protect your children from the false teaching of idolators who force your children to worship idols? Unite with us in the Church of Humanity and help by the force of numbers to influence teachers, school boards and judges to learn the truth about God and to have it taught in the schools instead of the falsehoods they now teach about him that make idolators of our children.

The Study of God

BIBLE LESSON NO. 15.

Bible God-Makers Make Him Insignificant Compared to Modern Man

"God," is the name of a man-created myth like Santa Claus. He is not responsible for the weakness of body and mind his creators assigned him. No one knowing these facts can find any fault with God or hate him in the least. Only those who believe him to be a real being and this bible a true account of him can criticise him for not filling the measure of his opportunities. But to overthrow this myth as an idol of worship it is necessary to compare it to a modern man to show its insignificance by the comparison. If people must worship something on account of its power and wisdom then they should worship some modern

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A Suggestion to the Church Members.

One brother wrote me he could not help the church financially on account of his crop failing last year.

Now I suggest that the farmers put in a larger acreage of their leading crops and set apart a portion of it, say one twenty-fifth for the Church of Humanity, and donate the proceeds to it. Members of Christian churches adopt that plan in some parts and it works well in building up their churches. They sometimes give as much as one-tenth to their church. Your church is greater than theirs. It is as dear to you as theirs is to them, and you should do as much, if not more, for it than they do for theirs. Laborers, teachers, clerks, and all who work for a salary could donate two weeks' wages a year to the church. Merchants and professional men could donate two weeks' income a year to the church. In this way you could all help to build up your church and not miss it. I am donating fifty-two weeks a year to the service of the church, besides some money. Is it asking too much of you to donate two weeks' service to the church in that way?

Raise Clubs—What to Do and How to Do It.

If Mr. Madden decides we can't educate the Christians by classes at the second-class rate of postage for our little educator, and no man with money cares enough for them to pay the extra postage, then let our friends raise clubs on the commission plan. Send for a bundle of sample copies, pass them around to your friends, ask them to subscribe, keep 60 per cent as commission for your trouble, send 40 per cent or 10 cents of each subscription to me. Of course you can give your friends your commission if you wish.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XVII.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

"God" is simply the name given to a priest-made character of fiction. He has no more reality than has Santa Claus. He is built up in the minds of children by parents, relatives, playmates and teachers in the same way Santa Claus is built up in their minds. They tell them what God says and does and his reasons for saying and doing things. In the building of Santa Claus in the child's mind as a real being the builders, excepting the children who have not learned the truth, are deliberately lying to them.

In the building of God in their minds they are telling untruths, but they are not all lying, because a very large majority of God-builders do not know any better themselves. Lies are untruths told knowing them to be such, while untruths are lies told not knowing them to be such. In building up Santa Claus in the child's mind the builders do not intend for him to remain there always as a reality. They would be ashamed of the child if when grown he still believing Santa Claus to be a real living being.

They expect the child to find out sometime they were lying to it. They place no prohibition on the child learning the real facts in this case. They offer no reward to the child for retaining the delusion, they threaten no punishment to the child for learning the truth about Santa Claus.

They do not hate, slander or abuse those who will not be a party to the deception. Neither do they poison the child's mind with hatred and fear of those who will undeceive it. They do not believe the earth will stop rotating, the sun cease to shine and the universe collapse if the child is undeceived and is taught the truth about Santa Claus by some one. Very differently the same builders treat the other myth, named God, they build in the mind of the same child. The two myths are exactly alike in the primary nature—purely mythical. While the one is universally known and admitted by adults to be a myth, the other is only now beginning to be known and admitted to be such by the very few. Hence it can by properly regarded as a discovery by them. So important is the discovery that it will necessitate the shifting of all religious and semi-religious societies and organizations to new foundations. Owing to such vast changes that must be made in societies to put them in line and harmony of teaching with this discovery it can be easily recognized as the greatest discovery made in historic times. It is indeed so great that it seems incredible to nearly all that it could have been made.

The attitude of the people to the myth named God must now be changed to that which they bear to Santa Claus. No adult should believe him to be a real living being, and parents should not allow their children to grow up believing it. It must now be considered a great favor by parents when some one will tell their children of this discovery concerning God and explain to them that God is simply a myth, like Santa Claus, having no existence whatever. It should be more disgraceful to be known as a believer in the reality of God than a believer in the reality of Santa Claus.

Owing to the many societies engaged in teaching the untruths about God that make idolators of the children, it will be necessary to organize societies of those who can learn this discovery for the purpose of teaching it to the children and thus save them from the disgrace of worshiping a myth. These societies will provide buildings, secure text books and employ instructors to teach this discovery in a systematic way the same as other branches of knowledge are taught. Every question will be answered satisfactorily and positive proof given in such a way that children can understand it.

In proving the discovery that God is a myth the same methods will be followed that are used successfully in proving that Santa Claus is a myth. These same methods applied to God proves him a myth as easy as it proves Santa Claus a myth, but they must be taught by organized societies to checkmate the influence of organized societies engaged in teaching errors about him.

The God-builders will be followed right up by by the truth-builders who will get in the lead as soon as possible. That is why all who do not wish idolators made of their children should join the Church of Humanity. It will take numbers to put the truth-builders ahead of the God-builders. If we get possession of the child first and build truth firmly in its mind we can defy all the God-builders to make an idolator of that child.

When a child is first truthfully told the story of Santa Claus and taught how children are deceived by lying Santa Claus-builders no one can fool that child. It will work precisely the same way with a God-myth.

To overthrow idolatry the truth-builders must organize and get into position to establish Sunday schools and local churches so they can have an opportunity to build up truth in the minds of children.

Here are the headlines of a list of fatal accidents taken from recent news items that would prove to any child five years old that there is no God and no Jesus in the universe were they rightly explained to it.

HEADLINES—"Six are dead in a wreck of a special," "Mother saw her 4 year old boy killed by cable car," "Ten miners drop to death in a shaft," "Two dead, two dying from asphyxiation," "Three instantly killed by powder explosion," "Thirty-five buried in ruins by earth-quake," "Four boys killed in fire panic," "A wreck kills five," "Many reported killed in a wreck near Vicksburg," "Laredo, Texas, wiped out by a cyclone, fifty people killed, immense cathedral destroyed," "400 killed and wounded in collapse of reservoir," "Child burned to death and mother will die of burns," "French mission in Congo wiped out and 4000 natives meet death in a battle," "Four children burned to death at Clarksburg, W. Va.," "Two children perish in fire at Ashland, Wis.," "Seven children perish in flames near Quebec," "Fourteen cremated in convent fire—one nun, nine girl pupils, four aged women."

Truth-builders could easily demonstrate to a class of Sunday school children by such object lessons as this, that can be gathered from the newspapers each week, that God and Jesus are myths and have no existence whatever. Hence it is as useless to worship them by prayer and hymns of praise as to worship Santa Claus in the same way. When these facts are placed before children by a truth-builder in the Church of Humanity and the inconsistency between them and the stories about a "Heavenly Father" and a "Jesus," told by the God-builders, explained to them there will be no question as to who they will believe. Our duty then to the children is plain and imperative. Instead of casting slurs, insinuations of weak minds and epithets at the children for believing the God-builders, as I am sorry to note some writers do, we must organize and provide buildings and employ instructors to teach them the truth. We were all children once. Our sympathies should be enlisted in their behalf. They have no way of knowing the God-builders are teaching them errors, if we those who know the truth, will not organize to teach it to them. Then the duty of all who believe children should be taught the facts about God and Jesus instead of being abused for believing errors about them should join the Church of Humanity and help to put it in a position to do the teaching.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1 What is the name of this study? 2 What is "God?" 3 What myth does he resemble? 4 How and by whom is he built up in the minds of the children? 5 Explain the difference between lies and untruths. 6 Which is used in building Santa Claus and which in building God in the minds of children? 7 Explain how one myth is not expected to remain in a child's mind as a real being and how it is expected to learn the truth about it? 8 Explain how the other myth is expected to remain in the child's mind as a real being and the influences used to compel its retention there as such? 9 In what primary feature are the two myths alike? 10 Do many people know God is a myth like Santa Claus? 11 Can it be regarded as a discovery by them? 12 Explain the importance of this discovery and its effects on organized societies of a religious nature? 14 Why should it be recognized as the greatest discovery made in historical times? 14 Does it seem incredible to most people that the discovery is possible? 15 Should the attitude of the people now be the same to both myths? 16 Should any adult believe God to be a real being? 17 Should parents allow their children to grow up believing God a real being? 18 Should it be as disgraceful to believe in the reality of God as in the reality of Santa Claus? 19 Why is it necessary to organize societies of those who can learn this discovery to teach it to the children? 20 What will be the duty of these societies? 21 How will they teach the discovery? 22 What will be the method followed? 23 Will the same method used in proving Santa Claus a myth prove God a myth? 24 Why must the teaching be done by organized societies? 25 Why should those who do not wish idolators made of their children join the Church of Humanity? 26 Why should the truth-builders strive to get ahead of the God-builders in teaching children? 27 Can a child be fooled by the Santa Claus myth after it is taught the truth? 28 Can a child be deceived with the God-myth after it has been taught the truth? 29 To overthrow idolatry what must the truth-builders do? 30 Where will the evidence be found to prove to the children that there is no God or Jesus in the universe? 31 Read the headlines under which the cruel slaughter of God-worshipers are recorded that could not be were God a real being? 32 Could truth-builders easily demonstrate by this evidence to a class of children that God and Jesus Christ does not exist? 33 When the facts are placed before children and their inconsistency with false teaching regarding God and Jesus explained to them will there be any question as who they believe? 34 Is our duty to the children plainly indicated here? 35 Instead of abusing them for believing fables as some writers do what must we do? 36 Should our sympathies be with the children? 37 Have they any way of knowing the God-builders are teaching them errors if those who know the truth will not organize and teach it to them? 38 What then is the duty of those who believe children should be taught the facts about God and Jesus instead of abusing them for not knowing the facts about them? 39 Should they join the Church of Humanity and help to put it in a position to do the teaching? If you think it is, fill out the following blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity and return it to me. I shall then transcribe it to the Book of Life and send you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity. Have all your friends and relatives you can influence send in their application too.

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people since theyare infinitely greater in power and wisdom than God's creator made him in the closing scenes of the creation fable.

GEN 3:

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living

Idolators believe this statement to be God's; but it is untrue and therefore "God's word" is worthless. According to the fable Eve was not then the mother of anybody. All animal life existed including the human pair created in the first chapter that was commanded to "be faithful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fowl of the air, and every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

If the clergy would put in one millionth part of the time and energy teaching the people the facts about God they use in trying to harmonize the many conflicting statements of the bible God-makers with eachother and with the facts as we now know them to be they would soon be freed from idolatry. The object of all teachers should be to help to free people from idolatry and not to make idolators of them.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD GOD make coats of skins, and clothed them.

What a heathen God! Is that the best he could do with all the power and wisdom assigned him? Why, any father in all partially civilized countries can make a better out at clothing his children than that. We should not worship God for his wonderful power and wisdom when every man we meet is so much greater than he. God did not know that his children needed clothing or how to provide it until they invented the art of sewing and made an effort to clothe themselves. They were not so cruel as God was and refused to kill animals for their skins for clothing.

So God brought death into the world himself and not Eve as we are taught by idolators to believe. The mythical woman should be cleared of this infamous charge and should be placed to the credit of this myth-God who, of course, did no such thing either. Had God been a real being instead of a creation of fiction he could have invented looms and sewing machines and every modern invention and art used in producing clothing and taught it to those children and not left them and their posterity without them for ages. Had the people never become wiser then God we would still be clothed with skins of animals. If you must worship God for his wonderful wisdom here displayed you should worship the inventors of looms and sewing machines as much more as modern methods of clothing ourselves are superior to God's method.

22 " And the Lord God said. Behold the man is become as one of us to know good from evil: and now lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

How little, mean and contemptible this fiction God is compared with a modern man.

Idolators place the blame for death being in the world on the disobedience of the myth-woman Eve, when the fable plainly indicates that there was no immortality intended by the myth-God. He had the tree of life, which alone could give immortality to those who partook of it in the garden. But it was never intended by the myth-God to allow his children to eat of it. So they never had immortality after all and there was no "fall" that "brought death into the world."

When the man got so far advanced as to dress up in a coat of skins all he lacked of being a God was to eat of the tree of life.

What a contemptible God to look like a savage dressed in a coat of skins! Not one idolater in a billion would recognize his idol and worship it if he met it on the street.

So God drove his children out of the garden through fear they would eat of a tree that would cause them to "live for ever" What a wicked malicious "Heavenly Father!" What a contemptible "Lord God" when compared to an earthly father who gives his last dollar, and makes a debt that will enslave himself for years to pay off, in an effort to prolong the life of his child only a short time at most.

How can idolators overlook these heroic fathers and glorify a myth who would not allow his children to live?

How can they believe this myth wants them to live forever with him in an imaginary world when he would not allow them to live with him in this world? He would not allow our ancestors to live with him in the garden of Eden forever.

If the posterity of those out-casts had any spunk they would resent the insult by refusing to worship and praise him or live with him in heaven or any other mythical place. They would not worship and praise and desire to live with an earthly father who treated them so shamefully. Why then be so infatuated with this myth-father? If we must have a double standard for the treatment of these fathers let us give the best treatment to the real one who can and not to the myth who cannot reciprocate our love and devotion.

Not for a warranty deed to the universe would a good father have the wicked disposition to treat his children as did this fiction God treat his.

This then is the heathen idol imported in the brain of our puritanical ancestors which had been forced on them by the sword of Constantine. This is the heathen idol said by idolators to have denied our ancestors access to the source of knowledge; prohibited them from acquiring eternal life and guarded the way with a flaming sword, and then drowned a world of their posterity for lacking in the knowledge he denied them.

This is the fiction-made idol who had his illegitimate son Jesus, crucified on a cross to save a few from the effect of his mismanagement when he could easily have saved all by allowing them free access to the source of knowledge and eternal life.

Give a good earthly father the power attributed to this fiction-God for ten minutes and he would make some radical changs in our environments. With one wave of his hand he would instantly banish sickness, disease and death forever. With one tap of his little finger he would instantly transform this storm-swept planet of ours into a perpetual summer resort. He would paint the withered cheek of age and sorrow with the eternal bloom of youth and joy, and along each one's pathway would be gentle zephyrs from southern seas and flowers forever in bloom. He would at once arise to the measure of his opportunities. He would make the fabled trees of knowledge and of life realities. With one hand he would pass the tree of knowledge to every being and ask them to partake freely thereof. With the other hand he would follow up with the tree of life and give all a perpetual lease on life. In short he would make all co-equal and co-eternal with himself. All would have unlimited power but they would have the wisdom to use that power rightly.

Contrast the use a good man would make of the power attributed to a myth-God to the use he is said to make of them and it makes God a contemptible criminal of the greatest magnitude for not using those powers to good advantage. He is represented as being it in his power to give knowledge to all yet refuses to do so preferring to curse us and send us to an eternal hell where he can take a delight perpetually torturing us for not having the wisdom he alone can give but will not.

Modern God-makers say he wants us to live with him in heaven, but the bible God-makers here tell, by inspiration from the myth, how he drove our ancestors from the tree that alone can give eternal life, and prohibited them from living with him forever in the fabled Garden of Eden. And this is the wicked man-hating God who has come down to us through the brain of our ignorant ancestors from a heathen land and age. We are under obligations to accept and worship this man-made idol of ancient savages.

My countrymen arise, and shake off the fear of this myth, refuse to be an idolator in this beautiful land and age, protect your children from the ignorance that seeks to enslave them to a wicked man-made God, join the Church of Humanity and make it strong enough to force the worship of this heathen idol out of public schools and let God come into our homes as does Santa Claus a harmless myth.

Idolatry cannot be checked without teaching the people the straight truth, about God. That connot be done without an organization to provide instructors and buildings for that purpose.

Hence the necessity of all who wish their children perpetual freedom from idolatry uniting to establish a perpetual society that will teach the truth about God until all the world learns it.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON

1 What is the lesson about? 2 What is God? Is he responsible for the nature assigned him? 4 Should anyone hate God for his wicked nature? 5 If he was a real being and the account of him true would there not be grounds for criticising and hating him? 6 What is necessary to do to overthrow this myth as an idol of worship? 7 If people must worship something what should it be? 8 Why? 9 Repeat what idolators say is God's word? 10 Is it true? 11 Why? 12 If the clergy would use a fraction of their time in teaching the truth about God they use in trying to harmonize contradictions of God-makers what would be the result? 13 What should be the object of teachers? 14 Read what a God with infinite power and wisdom can do when he engages in tailoring. If that don't make idolators ashamed of their idol what will? 15 Cannot any half civilized father or mother make a better out at clothing their children? 16 Should we worship a god when every parent we meet is greater than he? 17 Who first taught god the art of sewing and that his children needed clothing? 18 Was God more cruel than our ancestors when he engaged in the clothing business? 19 Who then brought death into the world? 20 Should Eve be accused of it any longer? 21 Had god been a real being what could he have done? 22 How would we still be dressed were we not wiser than god? 23 If idolators must worship some tailor should they not worship some modern one who is more proficient in the business than god? 24 Read god's account of why and how he prevented our ancestors from gaining immortality and living with him forever? 25 Was it not real mean in our "Heavenly Father" to not allow his children to have immortality and live with him forever? 26 Did this ficton god ever give or intend to give immortality to the myth Adam and Eve? 27 Was there any "fall" of man? 28 How near did Adam come to being a god "as one of us?" 29 Since Adam was so near like god when he learned "to know good and evil" and to wear a coat of skins would God's worshipers know him from any other heathen if they met him? Why did god drive our mythical ancestors out of the garden of Eden? 31 Does that demonstrate the wicked nature of our mythical "Heavenly Father?" 32 Contrast the treatment God gave his children to that of a good father? 33 Should idolaters overlook the virtues of a good earthly father and glorify the evil disposition of a "Heavenly Father?" 34 Should idolators believe a God wants them to live with him in heaven when he would not allow their grandpa to live with him in the fabled garden of Eden? 35 Should not idolators resent the shameful treatment their grandparents received at the hands of a mythical-god and refuse to live with him in a mythical heaven? 36 Would they desire to go back and live with a father who drove them away from home so they would and place "a flaming sword which turned every way" to keep them coming back to get medecine that would save their lives? 37 Which father should we love the most, the real or the mythical one? 38 Would a good father desire to have the wicked disposition assigned God? 39 Describe some of the wicked things this myth-God did and how he could easily have provided all with knowledge and eternal life had he desired to do so? 40 Describe how a good earthly father would use the power attributed to God? 41 In contrast to have a good father would use infinate power and wisdom is not God a wicked criminal unworthy of respect for not making better use of his powers? 42 Describe how he prefers to use them? 43 What is the difference in the teaching betweed modern and bible god-makers as to god's desire that human beings should live with him? 44 How has this man-hating god came down to this generation and and from whence did he come? 45 Are we under any obligations to accept and worship him? 46 Repeat the appeal to our countrymen. 47 Can idolatry be checked without teaching the people the truth about God? 48 Can that be given without an organization to provide instructors and buildings for that purpose? 49 Is it necessary for all who wish their posterity perpetual freedom from idolatry to establish a perpetual society that will teach the truth about God until all the world learns it? If you recognize this nacessity please join the Church of Humanity at once as it is being established for that purpose.

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The Church of Humanity.

Some society should teach the truth about God. The Church of Humanity has undertaken that task. It is now definitely discovered that God, Satan, and the Holy Ghost are creations of fiction, that heaven and hell are myths and that death is the cessation of life permanently. People will continue to worship a dead Jew named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God until they are taught the truth about them. It is as honorable and as necessary to tell the truth about God as it is about other things. There cannot be an exception to the rule that it is best to teach the truth about the universe in which we live as science reveals it to us. Science has now revealed the truths that there is no God, devil, Holy Ghost, heaven nor hell in the universe. There are no schools or societies established to teach these most important truths. Hence the necessity of establishing them. These truths cannot be taught other societies and individuals without an organization for that purpose. Existing schools and colleges cannot teach them until a majority of their patrons and the teachers learn them, because as long as the majority are ignorant of them they will not allow them taught in schools they control. Existing churches and societies cannot teach them until a large majority of the members, officers and teachers learn them, because the teachers cannot teach until they first learn these truths, and the members will not allow them taught until they first learn them. If a clergyman learned these truths and attempted to teach them to his congregation it would dismiss him for heresy. If a member of a church learned them and told other members and the clergyman what he had learned he would be expelled for heresy. Hence the imperative necessity of organizing another society to teach these truths and into which the clergy and members of all other societies can come and be welcomed when they progress in the knowledge of God beyond their own societies. Other societies and organizations cannot come bodily over to the Church of Humanity; but any priest or preacher and his entire congregation can come and unite with this church individually as soon as they learn the truths on which it is founded. Then the priest or preacher can re-establish his congregation under the auspices of this church and teach it the truth about God to which it will gladly listen and pay him for delivering. While the older members would know the truths and would not need a teacher yet their children are ever coming on to be taught these truths, and many of them would find pleasure in attending these meetings as they do now in other churches, and find duties to perform as officers of the various societies needed and as under teachers. Through the establishment of this church the clergy can be given employment when they learn the truth about God and their services as teachers are therefore most valuable instead of being thrown out of employment as they are now if they learn the truth about God and are honest enough to refuse to play the liar and hypocrite.

The most intelligent Christians who learn the truth about God can now join this modern church and continue to be useful members of society instead of being forced to play the hypocrite in other churches in order to retain a place in society, or of backsliding and dropping out of church societies when they are really in a position through advanced knowledge and experience to render society more valuable services.

Those who never took an active part in church societies on account of being farther advanced in the knowledge of God than any previous church can now join this church and become valuable members of society as officers and teachers. Children can now be taught the true knowledge of God including all the fables about him in the bible without being made idolaters, and that is the crowning advantage of this church.

Never has there been in all past ages an organization that taught mythologies without the object of making the students idolaters. This church will teach the Christian mythology with the direct object of preventing its scholars of ever becoming idolaters.

As showing the composition of the Church of Humanity I shall state that of the 91 founders 46 had never united with any other church. The other 45 members have been drawn from sixteen Christian churches as follows: Roman Catholic 8; Methodist 8; Lutheran 7; Presbyterian 5; Baptist 4; Missionary Baptist 2; Methodist Episcopal 2; Campbellite 2; German Lutheran, Latter Day Saints, Methodist Protestant, Menonite, Wesleyan Methodist, Quaker, Deciples of Christ and Christian, one each.

This shows that the Church of Humanity is composed of equal numbers from the ranks of other churches and from non-church members. That is great encouragement and shows a general demand for an organization to teach the scientific truth about God which this church does. There can be but one truth about God, and that must be a universal, scientific truth capable of demonstration to all the people alike and of recognition and acceptance by all. Only a few have thus far learned that truth but it is their imperative duty to organize and get in a position to teach it systematically to others and thus eventually put an end to the idolatry of worshiping a creation of fiction named God and a dead Jew named Jesus.

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If you are too far advanced in the knowledge of God to join any of the Christian churches you should join the Church of Humanity and be a useful member of society.

If you are a member of a Christian church and have mentally outgrown its heathenish creed don't remain a hypocrite nor backslide, but slide forward into the Church of Humanity where you can teach things in harmony with your conscience and your intellect.

The assertion of some that women and children keep up Christian churches is a mistake, except in the sense that one might say children kept up public schools.

Women and children compose the largest part of church congregations.

Men found churches, fill the pulpits, write the creeds, fill the principal offices, conduct and direct all business and furnish the money to keep the churches up.

If the men withdrew their presence and support from the Christian churches none of them would remain in business a year. Of course those churches are out of line with the intelligence of the Twentieth century, but for pity sake don't charge it to the helpless women and children.

It is folly to abuse Christian churches for not teaching the truth about God. In the first place they do not know the truth about him, and in the second place they are founded and organized for the purpose of teaching the ancient errors about him. They are as unable to teach the modern scientific truth about God as is a babe to teach mathematics.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XVIII.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

In presenting evidence that all can understand that proves that God is a myth we follow scientific methods of observation, experience and investigation that resulted in the discovery of all the knowledge possessed by man. Hence the truths we have discovered in regard to God are scientific truths or the revelations of science.

To prove God's existence simple assertions have been made without it being thought necessary to support them with proof. It is asserted by those who teach God's existence that he loves people; that they are his children; that he cares more tenderly for them than an earthly father could do for his children. In support of this claim they make other unproved assertions which they mistake for proof of the first. The clergy, evangelists and all religious teachers gather quite a list of cases where people were in smashups, storms and all kinds of catastrophies and did not get killed. They give as a reason for this that they were saved by the power of God and report how thankful they were to him.

All such cases are proved by observation and investigation to not have been the result of any care from unseen beings. Three facts observed prove that positively:

First. Others who were as worthy of protection did not escape.

Second. The same result of some being killed and others escaping is observed in cases of other animals of all kinds wherein no one claims that a God interfered.

Third. By keeping track of those whom it was said God protected we find a little later on meet as horrible a death as they escaped before.

These observations prove conclusively that the loving and protecting God the clergy tell us of does not exist. While the cases of temporary escape from danger of death does not prove the existence of a protecting God, the millions of people who did not escape that the teachers of idolatry overlook prove there is no God in existence.

These cases happen daily and should be continually called to the attention of the people, and their significance pointed out to them, until they fully recognize them as positive evidence that there is no God.

It is the duty and plan of the Church of Humanity to collect this evidence and to present it to the people as positive proof that God is simply a creation of fiction like Santa Claus and has no real existence.

This evidence is collected from the daily papers and is true as some of the readers may personally know it to be.

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECKS.

Five men killed in wreck at Casey, Ia., Oct. 31.

Twelve killed and forty-five injured in wreck at Sheffield, Mo., Oct. 30.

Ten killed, fifteen injured in a wreck at Scranton, Pa., Nov. 8.

CONCLUSIONS. Since no father would allow his children to board a train he knew would be wrecked and they killed were they on it is positive proof that the loving God we were taught to believe in does not exist.

Seven men killed and eight probably fatally injured in mine explosion at Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 4.

COMMENT. A father would not allow his children to enter a mine when he knew it would explode and they be killed.

CONCLUSION. The Heavenly Father is a myth.

Seven killed in a cyclone at Mountainview, Ok., Nov. 4.

COMMENT. A father who had control of cyclones would not drive them over his children and kill them.

CONCLUSION. The God we were taught to believe existed does not exist.

Three of an exploring party of four that became lost in crossing a wide stretch of desert in Mexico starved to death.

COMMENT. A father with the ability to do so would go to his lost children and feed them.

CONCLUSION. The God we were taught to thank for our daily bread does not exist.

Five men, all having large families, were killed in a mine explosion at Hazel Kirk, Pa., Oct. 30.

CONCLUSION. This lesson teaches us that the God who takes care of widows and orphans we were taught existed does not exist since the best care he could have given these would have been to protect the husbands and fathers from destruction.

Two girl are burned to death in a flat in Lowell, Ind., Nov. 7.

COMMENT. A father would rescue his burning children had he the power to do so.

CONCLUSION. The God we were taught to pray to and beg protection from the fires of hell does not exist since if he did he would have protected these children from that fire as it was worse than hell-fire because that is not supposed to kill anyone.

Five missionaries are reported killed at Lienchow, China.

COMMENT. A father who wished something done and knew his children were unable to do it and would be killed would not send them but do it himself.

CONCLUSION. The God we were taught to believe existed, and who wanted us to induce all the world to worship him, does not exist, since he could do that service for himself in less time and with no danger to himself if he existed.

ATROCITIES OF RELIGION IN RUSSIA. The world is reminded of the religious frenzy of the Dark Ages when Christianity had supreme power in Europe by the Christian barbarism in Russia now. Within the last few weeks thousands of Jews have been killed and their property looted by the Christians on account of a difference in their religious belief.

COMMENT. A father would not allow his children to slaughter each other over the meaning of his orders to them but would state them so plainly in the hearing of all that all would understand them alike.

CONCLUSION. That Heavenly Father whom we were taught to believe gave us the Bible as his instructions to us for a guide in faith and actions does not exist.

If you, dear reader, believe the logical conclusions in this object lesson and have not joined the Church of Humanity please join it at once by filling out the following blank and return it to the editor. It will then be transcribed to the Book of Life as a record and a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

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WANTED. The editor wishes to correspond with some lady or gentleman with ability to present the truths the Church of Humanity is based on, to the people from the rostrum with a view to permanent employment.

One party writes me that this paper will fail unless it "gives other churches hell." Now we have no "hell" and don't want any to give other churches or their members. It is teachers and text books they need. If our children were being taught mistakes in geography, geology and astronomy should we give them "hell" or should we provide them with true text books, schools and teachers? The Church of Humanity prefers the latter course. Other churches are teaching our children mistakes about God, Jesus, heaven, hell, and life. Now we propose to adopt text books, employ teachers and establish schools that will teach the truth about those subjects. Then send our children there to be taught instead of to the mistaken teachers. That is the civilized way of doing and will be effective.

The study of God was the last study left in the hands of the clergy but like their teaching on other branches of knowledge that was formerly left to them they were all wrong on that too. One by one all branches of knowledge were taken from the clergy as it was discovered they were not teaching the truth about them and placed in the hands of the school teacher.

Now the Church of Humanity takes the study of God from the clergy and places it in the hands of the teacher to be taught to the people with religion and worship entirely eliminated from it. It is found that the clergy is as badly mistaken in their teaching of God as they were in their teaching of geology and astronomy, and that teaching can no longer be left to them.

As the people gradually come to recognize the fact that the Church of Humanity is the only institution that teaches the truth about God, thousands of children will be intrusted to its care to be taught the truth about God. The church must arise to a realization of its duties and responsibilities by providing the schools and teachers.

The clergy and evangelists have a large list of accounts where people were not killed in disasters to rehearse to congregations to prove that God takes care of people. The erroneousness of their conclusions can be easily determined by applying the scientific method of finding out the truths of other things—by observation, investigation and experience. Just keep track of those people whom the clergy say God is protecting and you will find a little later on they are killed in a wreck or by some disease, or some accident which will prove that no God had anything to do with their previous escape

Kansas City, Mo. expected to telegraph $10,000.00 raised by subscription to Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of the national relief committee in New York for the persecuted Russian Jews. Jews are persecuted by the Christians in most all European countries because they do not believe Jesus was a son of their tribal idol, Jehovah, or God. As a permanent cure for the religious persecution of the Jews and everybody else I suggest the Jews of America raise funds by subscription for the Church of Humanity to teach the Jews that their Jehovah is a creation of fiction and to teach the Christians that their Jesus is simply a dead man. That will stop the barbarous religious slaughtering in Russia for all time.

Don't Do It.

I have just received two letters from parties who apply the name of God to "nature," "love," and "good."

They say they believe in that kind of a God.

That is misleading, evasion and dodging the question to keep from making an honest admission that one is mistaken in thinking there is a God. It gives aid and encouragement to idolaters for they will say you admit there is a God and believe in his existence.

Advanced theologians are adopting that subterfuge and silly sophistry when driven by the force of Twentieth century intelligence to repudiate the Jewish tribal idol "Jehovah" that they had been worshiping. I hope none of the members of the Church of Humanity will be led astray by such tactics on the part of theologians. God is no part of nature or its manifestations,and no part of nature or its attributes or powers is God. So don't apply the name God to "love," "good," or "nature" for it would be as inappropriate as to apply the name of the other myth, "Satan" to them.

Let us all be honest with ourselves and everybody else by simply admitting we were mistaken in thinking there was a God and that now we have learned the truth that there is none.

When we become as determined to save our children from idolatry as the Christians are to make idolaters of them then we will succeed and not before.

Parents should unite with the Church of Humanity. Children should unite with the Church of Humanity. Everybody should unite with the Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity eliminates religion, peity and worship from the study of God as they have been eliminated from all other branches of scientific knowledge.

The Church of Humanity urges all parents who wish their posterity free from the heathenish idolatry of worshiping a dead Jew and an old Jewish creation of fiction named God to unite with it at once.

Who would have their children worshiping a creation of fiction named God and a dead Jew named Jesus when it can be prevented by placing in their hands "The Truth About God" which can be had for 25 cents a year?

Withdraw your financial support from the churches that make idolaters of your children through their false teaching about God and give it to the Church of Humanity that will keep them from idolatry by teaching them The Truth about God.

The Church of Humanity wants to get faculties to enable it to take care of and teach all children intrusted to it the truth about God that they may never become idolaters. All parents who wish that result should unite with this church now.

WANTED. The editor wishes to correspond with some lady or gentleman able to teach vocal and instrumental music suitable for use in public meetings of the Church of Humanity with a view to permanent employment.

Please send the editor 25c in stamps, coin or postoffice money order at once for your subscription to enable him to get second class postage on this paper. This is a sample copy and you may not get another copy if you are not a subscriber.

If you get more than one copy of this first issue it is to enable you to get subscribers for it. All members of the Church of Humanity and regular subscribers are authorized to solicit subscriptions for our church paper at 25 cts. a year.

The members of the Church of Humanity refuse to worship God and Jesus not because they are sinful, which the clergyman may assign as the reason, but because they have learned the facts that God is a myth and Jesus a dead man.

Brother Long is dead, but he is the most potent factor in the work of the Church of Humanity which he helped to found. His bequest has made it possible to re-publish its organ and to renew the church work with increased vigor. He has thus immortalized his name by saving the church at a critical time.

"Tokio, Nov. 14.—The mikado left today to pay a visit to the Shrine of Ise, where he will make a report as to the successful termination of the war with Russia to the spirits of his ancestors."

It is strange that such a sensible, practical people will lapse into such tomfoolery. Wonder if he will give them pointers on how to lick the spirits of the savage Russians.

When the people begin to be aroused to a realization of the terrible disgrace of worshiping a fictitious character named God and a dead Jew named Jesus then thousands of children will be sent to the Church of Humanity to be taught those truths that will prevent them from becoming idolaters. Then tens of thousands. if not millions, of dollars will flow to the church treasury for that purpose. The Church of Humanity must arise to fill the measure of its opportunities and responsibilities.

The Church of Humanity welcomes women and children to membership and urges them to unite with it, but since men have founded all the false churches they must found the true church. Women and children are naturally timid and can be excused for being afraid of a dead man named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God, but for a man to be afraid of such things is enough to excite both pity and contempt for him and makes him unworthy to be called a man.

We pay hundreds of dollars to have our children educated in other branches of knowledge, but they are still left idolaters when they get through. The Church of Humanity adds the study of God to the list of necessary studies of a common school education. It will teach this branch of knowledge and free all who learn it's teaching from idolatry and prevent all who are not idolaters from ever becoming such. Hence it should have the generous financial and moral support of all who wish such an organization established.

The greatest mystery to solve by the coming ages will be the question: "Why were the Americans, in the morning of the Twentieth century, so stupid as to believe the Christian mythology true and worship its fiction created God and a dead Jew named Jesus?"

Join the Church of Humanity and thereby put your record in writing that you were not one of the stupid class. The Church of Humanity will be one bright morning star of the Twentieth century that heralds the coming of that intellectual age when the world will be free from idolatry.

Through taxation parents pay out large sums of money to have their children taught the common school branches of knowledge. For food and clothing and books for the children while they are attending school much more money is required. They gladly do all this for their children that they may be intelligent. But that intelligence is offset largely by allowing them to be taught the idolatry of worshiping a dead Jew named Jesus and a Jewish myth named God. Parents can now greatly increase the intelligence of their children by placing in their hands the Truth About God which the Church of Humanity will furnish them for 25 cents a year.

On November 15th twenty-four Protestant evangelical denominations, comprising 18,000,000 communicants assembled in Carnegie hall, New York City, for the interchurch conference on federation. Now, gentlemen, the first business you should do is to send a delegation to learn of the Church of Humanity that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are creations of ancient fiction, that heaven and hell are myths and that death is the permanent cessation of life. Then agree that each of the twenty-four denominations represented will begin at once to teach their people the truth and rescue them from the idolatry of worshiping a fictitious character named God and a dead Jew named Jesus.

This is the psychological age and country in which to throw off the idolatry of heathenism. The Christians are too busy chasing the almighty dollar to take time to chase one of their number who refuse to worship a dead Jew named Jesus and an old Jewish myth named Jehovah. Perhaps though they are all getting ashamed of religious persecution. If they are it is the finest compliment that can be given their intelligence.

There is absolutely no law or organization to prevent Christians of every denomination joining the Church of Humanity.

This they should all do as soon as they learn this church is teaching the truth and not lead others, especially children, into idolatry by their example.

By working together in harmony in an organization the Christian churches are successful in teaching their children to worship a dead Jew named Jesus and a Jewish tribal idol named God. They also teach the children of our church members the same idolatry. We as a church and as individual members must do our duty by our children in teaching them the truth about God which alone can save them from idolatry caused by the teaching they receive from the idolatrous churches. So we must learn a valuable lesson from the Christians in uniting and organizing. While we have truth on our side they have a supurb organization on their side which more than offsets the difference between truth and error. Errors with organization can always win against truth and unorganization.

I guarantee the people, including our own posterity, will worship a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus until they are taught not to do so. It will take a strong, determined organization to do the teaching. Will you be one of the heroes?

The Christians are doing all in their power to get all children to worship a Jewish creation of fiction named God and a dead Jew named Jesus. That is pure heathenism of the first magnitude, but what are you doing to save the children from heathenism? Nothing but an education in the Truth About God can save them. Are you helping to the full extent of your power in that education? That education can only be given them through an organization for that purpose. Are you helping to establish that organization by having joined the Church of humanity and aiding it to win more members and a wider circle of readers for the Truth About God?

THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION IN SHORT CHAPTERS. Learn the Truth About God. Join the Church of Humanity. Help to get others to read and to join. Organize and incorporate. Establish schools and colleges to teach the children the Truth About God. Civilized.

The world is not in sight of civilization so long as it worships a creation of fiction named God and a dead man named Jesus.

I wish each church member to represent the church in his or her locality or city and solicit subscriptions for their church paper and members for their church. A bundle of sample copies of the papers and blank applications for membership will be sent them for that purpose on application. Don't fail to help your church as much as Christians help their churches. Then our church will win for it has truth on its side and that should be a good factor in our favor.

A Catechism
Of the True Knowledge of God By the Church of Humanity. No. I.

For the kintergarten class and beginners in the study of God.

I. GOD.

1. What is God?
God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus.

2. What is a fabulous being?
An unreal character in a fable.

3. What is a fable?
A story that is not true.

4. Is there any real live God then?
No, there is no God in existence.

5. Why do so many people believe there is a God?
Because when they were children they were taught fables about God for true stories.

6. How do children learn the fables about God?
They are told the fables while they are quite young and then read them in books when they get older.

7. Who tells children the fables about God?
Their parents, relatives, Sunday school teachers, priests and preachers.

8. In what books do they read the fables about God?
In the bible, catechisms, prayer books, hymn books, tracts, Sunday school papers, lesson leaves and school books.

9. Do the people who teach children these fables about God know they are only fables?
No, they think they are true stories

10. Does anybody know the stories about God are not true?
Yes, members of the Church of Humanity know they are fables.

11. What is the duty of the Church of Humanity?
To teach the children that the stories about God are only fables.

12. What are the seven great fables about God that are generally taught children while they are young?
The fable of creation; the fable of the garden of Eden; the fable of Jesus being the son of God; the fable of man's immortality; the fable about a heaven; the fable about a hell and the fable about Satan.

II. CREATION.

1. Where is there a written copy of the fable of creation?
In the Bible.

2. What does that fable say about creation?
It says that God made everything in six days and tells how he made them and on what days.

3. Is that a true account of the beginning of things?
No, it is not.

4. Why not?
Because God is a myth like Santa Claus and can't make anything.

III. GARDEN OF EDEN.

1. Where is there a written copy of the fable of the garden of Eden?
In the Bible.

2. What does that fable give as a reason for God hating all the people?
Because Adam and Eve ate some fruit of a tree in the garden of Eden that God told Adam not to eat of.

3. Is that the reason God hated all the people and punished them?
No, it is not.

4. Why not?
Because the fable is not true, and God is a myth like Santa Claus and can't hate nor punish anybody.

IV. JESUS.

1. Who was Jesus?
A poor, ignorant, deluded man who lived in Judea about 2000 years ago.

2. Where are written stories about him?
In the Bible.

3. Are those stories all true?
No, some are selfevident fables.

4. What are the leading fables about him?
Those that say he was the son of God; that he cast out devils, turned water into wine, made storms obey his command, brought the dead to life and did not stay in his grave when killed and buried.

5. How do we know those fables are not true?
Because there is no God to have a son, no devils to be cast out and water, storms and dead people cannot hear nor obey the commands of anyone. If Jesus is not a myth he had a father as other people have and when he died he stayed dead as other people do.

V. MAN'S IMMORTALITY.

1. In what book are fables saying God will bring dead people to life again?
In the Bible.

2. What do the fables say about dead people coming to life again?
They tell about a great judgment day that is to be in the future when the dead are to be called to life again to be judged and sent to heaven as a reward or to hell as a punishment.

3. Will God cause all that to be done?
No, he will not.

4. Why not?
Because the stories are only fables. Dead people can never come to life again, and as God is only a fabulous being like Santa Claus he cannot aid them.

VI. HEAVEN.

1. Where are the written fables about God taking people to heaven?
In the Bible.

2. What do the fables say of heaven?
They tell about people being taken bodily up to heaven, and that some people will be taken there after they are called to life again.

3. Will any body ever get to heaven?
No, none will ever get to heaven.

4. Why not?
Because the fables are not true. There is no such place as heaven. Dead people cannot come to life again to go anywhere. God is a myth like Santa Claus and cannot take neither live nor dead people anywhere.

VII. HELL.

1. Where are the written fables about God sending people to hell as a punishment?
In the Bible.

2. What do the fables say of hell?
They say it is a place of fire in which God will punish those he hates.

3. Will anyone ever suffer in hell?
No one will ever suffer in hell.

4. Why not?
Because the fables are not true. There is no such place as hell, and no such a being as God to make such a place.

VIII. SATAN OR THE DEVIL.

1. Who is Satan, named also Devil?
He is another fabulous being like God and Santa Claus.

2. In what book are fables in which Satan is mentioned?
In the Bible.

3. What do the fables say of Satan?
He is accused of being unfriendly to God and man and of trying to get Jesus to worship him, and getting into people and causing them to be sick, or crazy, or do miracles, or mean things.

4. Does Satan do any of the things he is accused of?
He does not.

5. Why not?
Because Satan is a fabulous being like God and therefore cannot do any of the things accused of.

6. Can you put in one declarative sentence what you have learned about God, Satan, heaven, hell and immortality?
God and Satan are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths, and the dead do not live again.

IX. THE BIBLE.

1. What is the Bible?
It is a book believed by some people to be the words of God and all of it true.

2. Is it the words of God?
No. God being a myth, cannot write nor dictate the writing of books.

3. Are all the statements in the Bible true?
No, there are many mistakes and fables in the Bible and we should not believe such no matter in what books they are found.

4. Should we believe in and practice all the things the Bible teaches people to do?
No, there are many crimes and vices and improper things the Bible teaches and approves of that we should not believe in nor do.

X. OUR CONDUCT TOWARD BIBLE MYTHS.

1. What should be our feeling toward God?
We should neither fear, love nor hate God, but treat him as we do Santa Claus becaus he is a fabulous being like him.

2. What should be our feeling toward Satan, or the devil?
We should neither fear, love or hate him because he is a fabulous being like God.

3. What should be our feeling toward Jesus?
We should have sympathy and pity for him because he thought he was laboring for the good of the people in saving them from the wrath of a God who does not exist. We should neither worship him nor abuse him but point out his hallucinations and errors that people of our time may be freed from the idolatry of worshiping him.

4. What should be our feeling toward heaven and hell?
We should have no fears of going to hell nor hopes of going to heaven because there are no such places in existence and when we die we will stay dead forever.

XI. OUR CONDUCT TOWARD THOSE WHO HAVE NOT LEARNED THERE IS NO GOD.

1. How should we treat those who have not learned the discoveries that God in a fabulous being; that heaven and hell are myths and that death is the end of life?
We should treat them kindly and place before them the evidence that prove these discoveries true and aid them in learning them and then urge them to unite with us in the Church of Humanity and help us to teach others these great discoveries and thus save the people from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a myth named

XII. OUR MORAL CONDUCT.

1. What is our moral duty?
We should obey the laws of our land, uphold and support those that are necessary for the establishment and perpetuation of good society, and advocate the enactment of other laws that will tend to promote peace, prosperity and progress, and the repeal of the laws that are detrimental to these ends.

NOTE 1. This catechism covers the fundamental truths and teachings of the Church of Humanity and is easily comprehenden by older people who will teach it to the children at home and in Sunday schools.

NOTE 2. The teacher should be familiar with the principal Bible-fables on which the Christian religion is based, and be able to tell those fables in an interesting way to children, and bring the meaning of this condensed catechism to their understanding and comprehension by an elaborate account in detail of the Bible stories, ever keeping in their minds that the stories are only fables.

If you have children, and do not wish them to disgrace themselves and the age in which they live by worshiping a creation of ancient fiction named God and a dead man named Jesus, you should join the Church of Humanity at once and help it to get strong enough to establish a school to teach your children the truth adout God, for it is the first attempt ever made to organize a society for that purpose.

If you do not take enough interest in your children to help to found a church that will teach them the truth about God, others will take enough interest in them to teach them errors about him that will make them idolaters.

The clergy say your children are totally depraved and degenerates who will take a delight in committing all kinds of crimes if not scared into being good by teaching them the ancient fables about God and hell for truth. You should resent the insult, if you love your children and have any self-respect, by turning them over to the Church of Humanity to be taught the truth about God.

The advantages of organization are brought to our comprehension with irresistable force when we remember the bequest of $2,755.00 to the Church of Humanity by Bro. Long, and the revised will of another brother bequething $200.00 to the church at his death. Other members of the church I believe will make bequests to it also. Hence we should push the work of gaining numbers so we can organize and incorporate and be in the best position possible to use these bequests to the best advantage for the church as intended by the donors. Besides we are liable any time to get large donations from the living to push our educational work with.

If you are a member of any other church and know that God is a myth you should join the Church of Humanity and not remain a hypocrite under the false idea that others would not remain good citizens if they knew as much about God as you do.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity believes in doing things, and in the motto "Do it Now." It is composed of people who have learned by investigation, observation and experience that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and that dead people do not come to life again. So it is preparing to teach these scientifically demonstrable truths as a new branch of study to be added to the necessary branches of a common school education. The new branch of study is named "The Truth About God." Those who complete the course of study in this branch of knowledge are eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity and a certificate as graduates in the knowledge of God. The object of these graduates uniting in an organization is to establish a uniform, graduated course of study in The Truth About God, and to establish schools in which children can be taught these final truths direct before they are caught in the meshes of the Christian mythology from which not one in a thousand can ever hope to escape. We also intend to rescue all we can of those who are lost in the labyrinth of idolatry where on bended knees with bowed head and tear stained eyes they implore dead Jews and creations of fiction to lead them to the light. Being practical people living in a practical age we intend to shorten the route to ultimate and final knowledge of God many years.

We do not believe it necessary to go east all around the earth to reach the first station west of us. Likewise we do not think it necessary for each one to make a life study of mythologies including Christianity by going back through all historic times studying their Gods and Devils, hells and heavens, Saviors and Bibles to learn at last that God is simply a creation of fiction.

We intend to shorten the route to the knowledge of God for our posterity by placing the results of a life's research for that knowledge into one sentence, and a very short one—God is a fabulous being. We will teach children to give that answer to the question: What is God? Then they will express a fact that has taken our race many thousand of years to learn and but very few know it yet. Millions have devoted their lives to the study of God without finding the true answer. Many widely different answers are given but all are proven untrue, but this, by investigation, observation and experience.

In teaching a child the shape of the earth we have it say "round like a ball" so it can understand its shape by comparison to a smaller object that it can comprehend better. That is giving the child in one small sentence the final knowledge of the earth's shape that took our race perhaps millions of years to learn. And it is but comparatively recently that its shape was discovered and became generally known. We do not think it necessary that the child should first be taught all the false ideas and speculations as to the shape of the earth before its true shape was discovered. As the child grows older we teach it a few simple proofs of the earth's pherical shape in the shortest way.

So in teaching "The Truth About God" we give the final knowledge in the sentence "God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus" so that people can more easily comprehend him by comparison with a myth they do understand. Of course we will give ample proof of that fact in a course of study so all can understand it who take that course of study.

For ages to come children will be taught something about God. If we who know the truth about him will not do our duty to teach them that truth we have only ourselves to blame when they are taught the errors about him and made idolaters by those who have not learned the truth. We must ever remember that the children are in a very few years the men and women and parents, teachers, editors and authors, the legislative, judicial and executive powers that rule the world. To eradicate idolatry in our race then is to begin with the children. Then the permanent eradication of idolatry will gradually advance into all the activities, societies and powers of the world as the children advance in age.

This simple process of ruling the thought of the world was ages ago learned by the propagators of idolatry. Hence their elaborate organized system of inculcating their idolatry in the minds of children. Truth About God can only be successfully engrafted in the mind of our race by the same process. The Church of Humanity recognizing this process of changing the mind of the world will adopt it and make every ligitimate effort to get its fundamental truths taught to the children. If by following certain methods and tactics in teaching errors the world can be put on its knees in worship of idols and myths, by following the same method and tactics in the teaching of truth it can be freed from idolatry and raised off its knees again.

But of necessity some of the adults must learn it first and band together in an organization, establish schools and employ graduates in the knowledge of God to do the teaching, then send their children there to be taught the evidence that prove God a myth. Local churches and Sunday schools will be established wherever a few graduates are near enough each other to do so. Until that time comes a simple home teaching will be substituted to give the children the right start in learning The Truth About God. That is the plan and method contemplated by the Church of Humanity to overthrow idolatry. If you are the least bit desirous of having that false teaching discontinued and are not a member of the Church of Humanity I earnestly invite you to fill out the blank application in this paper and return it to the editor. It will then be transcribed to the Book of Life and a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God returned, making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

Do It Now.

New Year's Greeting.

Here's to the founders of the Church of Humanity. May their heroic devotion to the cause of truth result in the overthrow of idolatry and the permanent rescue of posterity from that heathen practice.

Here's to the Christians. May they remember the suppression of scientific truths by idolaters that brought on the Dark Ages and do it no more forever.

Here's to the editors of anti-Christian publications. May they comprehend the fact that their support is dying of old age and they have made no provision to educate children in the facts that prove Christian teaching regarding God untrue. May they remedy this fatal defect before it is everlastingly too late by uniting with the Church of Humanity and urging their readers to do likewise to the end that it may grow strong enough to establish a system of teaching children and furnishing them society that will keep them from becoming idolaters and make them readers and supporters of editors and authors that are engaged in the laudable task of freeing our race from idolatry.

Here's to our dear Christian mothers. May they ever remember that we love them with deepest filial respect and devotion regardless of their idolatry. May they comprehend the fact that we have actually and truly discovered that God is a creation of fiction and Jesus simply a dead man, and that we do not worship them owing to this discovery. May they have no fear that our race will retrograde into savagery on account of this discovery, for we are as anxious as they to have the world free from crimes and vices. May they always know that we are following their highest moral teaching in devotion to truth, justice and morality. May their declining years be full of peace and joy and never a wave of grief and anxiety cross their loving breasts on account of their progressive children discovering new truths in the great book of the universe.

Here's to our Christian brothers and sisters. May they know we can love and respect them without worshiping their idols. May they still respect us although they may not have the time or inclination to verify through investigation the truths we have learned.

Here's to the Christian wives whose husbands are life members and founders of the Church of Humanity and who object to them teaching their children its truths. May they read every day the following Bible requirments and believe and obey them: "Thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee."—Gen. 3:16. "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands."—Col. 3:18. "As the church (Christian church. Ed.) is subject unto Christ so let the the wives be to their husbands in everything."—Eph. 5:24. Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will rearn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church."—1 Cor. 14:34, 35. "Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands. * * * For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorn themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands; even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord."—1 Peter 3:1,6. "Let women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."—1 Tim. 2:11, 14

May they obey these laws under

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Unite! Unite!

My Christian brother writes me accounts of revivals in his neighborhood conducted by trained evangelists resulting in hundreds of conversions. Those children are bound by the unbreakable chain of fear in the idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a a creation of fiction named God. Not one in ten thousand can ever be rescued. Conversion means closing their ears and eyes to the teachers of The Truth About God. They are henceforth enemies to truth for life through the power of fear and bribery and hatred inculcated by the evangelist. All over the country the revivals are going on. Children by tens of thousands are being converted. They are your children, and your neighbors. They are those who in a few years will be the parents of the next generation. Their idolatry will be perpetuated by them in the support of other evangelists to convert their children and thus the endless chain of idolatry sweeps on through the ages.

Their idolatry is infused into laws and customs impossible seemingly to change. Who are to blame for all this perpetuation of the ignorance, superstition and idolatry of our race? Certainly not the children, they have no opportunity to learn the Truth About God. Not the evangelists, they are the deepest effected victims of the false teaching. Not the parents, they had been converted in childhood and remain converted though many of them take no active part only to pay the evangelist. So there are none left to shoulder the blame but the few who have learned the Truth About God, they know the facts and should know the remedy and apply it. If idolatry is ever overthrown it must of necessity be done by those who know the Truth About God, it cannot be done by those who do not. Hence the responsibility rests on them alone. The overthrow of idolatry can only be accomplished through the educational process. That process cannot reach the people, especially the children, except through an organization of those who know the Truth About God for that purpose. You see idolatry everywhere fastening itself upon the United States and compelling them to teach and defend it. Self interest, business principle, common object, effective work and common sense should suggest to us all the importance of union. I suggest that the editors of all the publications in the Free Directory in this paper unite and aid it in the educational work it is trying to establish for our common good. That will set the pace and other editors will then fall in line with them. Then let each one urge his readers to unite in the Church of Humanity as a common society for them all. That will make a tangible result and showing for all time for the labor of each editor in the cause of truth and civilization. Through this society his converts to truth can perpetuate his teaching from generation to generation and form an endless chain for truth and right and civilization that will be a match in time for the endless chain of ignorance, superstition and idolatry. This union of people in a common cause will enable them to support and maintain our college where young men and young women can be thoroughly trained and taught in the Truth About God and sent out as National, State and County Instructors to counteract the false teaching of the Christian Evangelists. Then our readers would be on an equal footing with their Christian brothers. We could then hire these college graduates in the Truth About God to come and give our children such a course of teaching in a course of lectures that would forever save them from becoming victims of the Evangelists' false teaching. That would make our children readers of our books and papers and supporters of our schools and societies and perpetuators of the Truth About God.

In an editorial in the Truth Seeker of January 13, just received, is an account of the effort made to fasten idolatry on us as a state institution by a bill introduced by Congressman B. G. Daws, of Ohio, for the repair and construction of chapels at permanent army posts. Idolaters are ever seeking to enforce the worship of their idols by law. It is only a question of a few years when this will be done if we fail to do our duty in promulgating the Truth About God. Woe unto us then. We will be compelled by law to worship a dead man and a creation of fiction or suffer the horrors of the Spanish Inguisition as martyrs to truth. Fear of that should unite us and urge us forward in the educational work which alone can save us from such a dreadful fate.

"The bill," says the T. S., "puts the control of the chapels into the hands of the Secretary of War who is a Freethinker who does not speak his sentiments." No one who does know the Truth About God will have the moral courage to stand by it and defend it as a public officer until he is backed by the power of an organization of influence. If the publications mentioned will aid in the task of find- and uniting the people who have learned the Truth About God we would have an organization that would give public officials the necessary moral support to enable them to do stand up in defense of truth and right. While we still have the liberty to unite and give the people the necessary teaching in the Truth About God that will prevent them from taking that liberty from us we should by all means do so.

Self defense demands it. Prudence demands it. Common sense demands it, and we are very foolish indeed if we don't, UNITE! UNITE!

Some Bible Truths.

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.—Job 7:9.

For the living shall know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them as the one dieth so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast * * *

All go to one place. All are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Ecc. 9:5; 3:19, 20.

They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise. * * * Is. 26:14.

Those who believe every word of the Bible true must believe the above Bible quotations. They must also believe what the Church of Humanity teaches that there is no resurrection of the dead, The Bible also says: "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised." —Eccl 15:16. That is in line with the teaching of this church and is proof to those who believe the Bible that Christ is simply a dead Jew.

It further says: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain." —Eccl. 15:17. That is what I have been telling you Christians all the time.

Now that the Bible says so I wonder if you will refuse to believe it because its teaching agrees with that of the Church of Humanity.

FREE DIRECTORY.

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey st. New York City	W	vol 31	$3.
Blue Grass Blade Lexington, Ky.	W	vol 14	$1.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.	M	Vol 5	$1.
Higher Science, Cor. A & D ave. Los Angeles	M	Vol 5	$1.
The Humanitarian Review, 862 E Lee st. Los Angeles, Cal.	M	Vol 4	$1.
Ingersoll Memorial Beacon, 78 La Salle st. Chicago, Ill	M	Vol 2	50c
Liberal Review, 117 E 31 st. Chicago, Ill.	M	Vol 1	$1.
The Culturist, 414 Home st. Cincinnati, O.	M	Vol 1	$1.

The above publications contain much that tends to free their readers from idolatry and keep them free. Readers of this who do not know of these publications should send a dime to each for sample copies, and subscribe for those they like best.

Other publications engaged in like work can have a free notice here by sending me sample copies.

WANTED— The editor wishes to correspond with persons with ability to present the Truth About God to the people from the rostrum.

THE PROGRESSIVE READING CLUB. TO THE CHURCH. I wish all the founders of the church to resolve themselves into a Progressive Reading Club to study our church text books. As Remsburg's Bible is the best work on the Bible I know of to prove it the product of man in every particular, and disprove the Christians' claim that it is the product of a God, I have adopted it as our text book on the Bible. Each member, that is not now supplied with a copy of this book, should procure one at once and be a member of the club. The regular price is $1.25 post paid. By ordering of the editor you can get a year's subscription to T. A. G. and the book for $1.25.

REMEMBER you can get a bundle of these papers to distribute for 1c per copy.

Christians should not forbid their children to learn the Truth About God.

EDITORS AND AUTHORS, who know the Truth About God, let us unite with our readers in one educational society to enable us to maintain a college for graduating young people in the Truth About God and sending them out as National, State and County Instructors to teach the people the Truth About God.

THE HEROIC 100. There are 95 members now enrolled as graduates in the knowledge of God and founders the Church of Humanity. When the 100 mark is reached I shall present each with a souvenir card with the name and address of each member. If any have changed their address since last report to me please send me the address now so the card will be correct to date of issue. This will enable each member to correspond with all the other members and know who and where they are. There should be a fraternal feeling of fellowship among us found nowhere else. As our church grows in numbers we will have closer comrades until we can begin to have local churches and Sunday schools.

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The Study of God

INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XIX.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

Come, Christian, give me your hand while we take a walk. I have some things to show you. Are you from Missouri? "Yes." So am I. You will believe when shown?"Certainly." I do. When known facts contradict theories the theories should be abandoned, should they not? "Sure." Why, there are no grounds for a quarrel between us.

Well, here we are at the railroad wreck. It is at Lincoln, Mass., Nov. 26, 1905. "At least fifteen persons were killed outright, burned to death or suffocated and thirty more seriously injured in a rear end collision at 8:15 tonight between two passenger trains," says the account. "The fog concealed the signals. The majority of those injured were women."

See the mangled dead! Hear the sobs of grief as children, husband, wife or mother finds their loved one there and seeks for signs of life but get no response to their loving inquiries from the silent lips. Hear the shrieks of the dying, pinioned fast while flames creep upon them! See the frantic effort of loved ones to rescue them! See strangers risking their lives in the flames to save the helpless! Where, O where is that Jesus who is willing and able to save!

Where. O where that God, that Heavenly Father, that Supreme Being that the Christian world worships and that fraternal orders require a belief in!

"He is working as the love principle and power in the hearts of the rescuers."

That does not seem reasonable because you see its utter helplessness in the presence of an element you say he created. I have that sentiment too and it furnishes me with the positive proof that God is a creation of fiction. Is it reasonable that he would furnish the proof of his non-existence?

Was not that power inadiquate to remove the fog that caused the wreck? Why did not that love prompt the caution of a pilot engine in the fog before a heavily loaded passenger train? Would not that have been done had the Czar of Russia or the Sultan of Turkey been a passenger? Does your God care more for either of them than he does for all the common people of America?

"Well I think he has too much to do to take care of all the people." So then he is not love at all, not omnipotent, nor omnipresent, nor omniscient? "He has all those attributes and love and goodness but he has made these laws of nature that we must guard against" Then he cannot or will not make known his love and goodness to us nor control his creations for our good. Did not these poor mangled people, whose lives are extinguished forever, love, praise and worship God and Jesus on the theory that they had provided for and protected them from harm so far through life, and that they would continue to do so? Was not that what they poured out their heartfelt thankfulness for? Was not care and protection what they prayed for on that theory? "I guess it was" Here are facts, my friend, and in their presence conflicting theories go down and must be abandoned. "He saved some of the people and they should be thankful to him for that." Could he not have saved all as easily as a part? Were not these dead as worthy of love and protection as those that escaped? If a man killed all your family and spared you would you feel it your duty and obligation to love, praise and worship him until he concludrd to kill you too? If your God makes it rain and rule the elements as you believe he does, did he not cause the fog that obscured the signals? Did he not know what the result would be? When a man does such things intentionally is he not guilty of manslaughter and punished as a murderer? Why should we praise a God and hang a man for doing like things? "Well I don't understand God's ways, but I know he will save me from hell if I love and obey him. "How do you know he will when you just now admitted you did not nnderstand his ways? See those who always worshiped him perishing in those flames appealing to him with their last dying breath to save them. Is not that as terrible as any hell could be? Could they suffer more if in the hell you imagine exists? Have those people not loved and obeyed him as you think he demands? They are total strangers to you yet would you not have prevented the wreck had you the chance? Would you not have rescued all without injury had it been in your power? "I surely would." Then you who have the will but not the power are infinitely more worthy than your God whom you think has the power but not the will. Why then should I not worship you in preference to God? "I would not allow you to. It would be degrading yourself and humiliating to me." But would it not be more disgraceful in me to worship a less worthy object, and would it not be a less worthy being who would demand it? "Some preachers teach that hell is not a place of literal torture in fire but it means remorse, self-condemnation, expulsion from God's loving presence." But they also teach that God is present evsrywhere. What is his presence worth here? See the evidence of deepest sorrow and despair of those relatives as they try in vain to find signs of life in their perished loved ones. Could any grief of your imaginary hell be greater? And these your God's lovers and worshipers whom you say he protects from hell. "Well, God will make it all right in the next world by rewarding the faithful." But, as you don't understand his ways, how do you know there is another world or how he would manage it?

Here we are in the very presence of your imaginary God and see the suffering by fire equal to one theory of hell, and the sorrow and grief equal to the other theory of hell and these sufferers God's own people, yet he does not lend a helping hand. What basis have you for your theory that he would be a more loving sympathetic, caring God in some other world? Before such reason and logic the theories of God's better behavior in another world must fall, my friend, must fall! Before the actual, demonstrated facts that prove there is no God to know or care for us in this world the theory that there is must fall, my friend, must fall!

And here are more evidence, and all reasonings applied to the foregoing case will with equal force apply to this additional evidence.

"Madrid, Dec. 2—Two railway trains collided near Aranjuez today and eleven persons were killed."

"Jersey City, N. J. Dec. 2—Three laborers killed and four mortally wounded by a mail train."

EXPLOSIONS. "New York, Dec. 19—Three persons killed and ten injured by premature explosion of dynamite."

"South River, N. J. In an explosion at the International Powder works four men are killed."

"Mongahala City, Pa., Nov. 15.—Eight men killed and blown to pieces by a mine explosion near Bentleyville."

"Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13.—Five men blown to antoms at the works of the Du Pont Powder Co."

"Marquette, Mich., Dec. 16.—Five men are killed by dynamite works blowing up at this place."

"Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 2.—21 men killed and 33 entombed by an explosion in mine No. 1 at Diamondville today."

SHIPWRECKED. "Duluth, Minn. Nov. 29—Nine men perish on wrecked steamer Mataafa in storm."

"Southampton, Eng., Nov. 20.—123 lives lost by wreck of steamer Hilda during storm near St. Milo France."

MISCELLANEOUS DISASTERS.

"Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18—Mother and son perish in flames."

"Amsterdam, N. Y. Dec. 13—Three children drowned while skating on pond."

"Albany, N. Y. Nov. 19—Girl of fifteen years old killed by train while taking home flowers for the supper table."

"Washington, Dec., 29.—Five men killed by cave-in while excavating for bank building."

"Glascow, Scotland, Nov. 19—Thirty-nine men were burned to death and thirty-two severely injured today in a fire in a lodging-house on Watson street."

But why prolong the story of death and destruction? Is not this enough to convince any one that the loving God and Jesus who are able and willing to answer prayers for protection are myths? If they can't be moved to pity by such suffering of their worshipers in this world how could they be in any other world? If they have no power to save in this world how could they have in any other world?

"Well, I confess I don't understand it." Of course you don't. I knew that all the time. We are again in harmony of opinion. I know the reason you don't understand it. You have been taught errors. When that teaching faces such an array of facts, reason and logic that proves it untrue as you have here been shown it confuses you. It will continue to do so until you realize the truth that the Christian churches are teaching mistakes that never can be harmonized with every day facts as we know them, and that the Church of Humanity is teaching truths that are in perfect accord with those facts.

"What does it teach? It teaches that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven hell are myths and that there is no resurrection of the dead. "I never can believe that. My mother didn't believe it." Your mother was doubtless one of the best mothers that ever lived; gentle, good and kind, but there are many discoveries made that she did not believe could be made that you know are now made. I call your attention to the trolly cars, telephones, X rays, wireless telegraphy, liquid air and radium as samples of the many. We can give up the faith and belief of our ancestors in regard to God with no more disrespect to them than to discontinue using their style of implements and methods of using them for those of better make and later methods.

Were your mother living now she would change her belief in regard to the discovery of all these things if shown them and very likely would believe in God being a creation of fiction if given the evidence of it as plainly as you have been today. "Well I'll study over the matter." Thank you. That is all I ask except that you give equal weight to the evidence you have taken today of God being a creation of fiction that you do to the theories of the clergy. And should you conclude the preponderence of evidence is on the side of his non-existence I cordially invite you to become a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

Application for Membership

In the Church of Humanity.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Circular Letter No. 2.

To The Church of Humanity:

Very Important.

Grear Bend, Kan., Dec. 8, 1905.

Brothers and Sisters of the Church, Greeting:

I wish your advice on an important matter to the church

We will need a college under our control in the near future to which the members can send their children to be given a course of study in the "knowledge of God" under the management of our church.

I know of no better locality for such a college than in this city.

There is a $35,000.00 hotel here that is vacant. It was built in 1887 of cement and limestone basement and three stories of brick on that; is 100x110 feet, is cemented on two sides next the streets, is just across the street at the N. E. corner of city park in center of city.

It will need some internal repairs such as plaster, paint, papering, lighting and heating before it could all be used. It had been fully equipped with heating, lighting, sewerage, baths and closets, but some repairing would be necessary before establishing them again, There are 32 rooms on the fourth floor and 25 on the third floor.

Some of them are in suites adapted for family use. Most of them have flues so that students could board themselves if desired. The seoond floor is divided into large rooms suitable for library, class and assembly rooms.

The basement has rooms suitable for kitchen, dining and gymnasinm rooms, and also for a publishing plant. The builders had built it for their own use and it is well built.

We could get this valuable property for $7,000 is taken at once. Educators who have examined it say it is adapted very well for educational purposes. As our church members are scattered all aver the United States here is a central location. It would do for our denominational college. In a very few years our church will need all of this building for a college and publishing house. But we must buy it now if we are to get it at all. So please answer the following questions and mail the answers to me by return mail. Number your answers to correspond with number of question on another sheet.

1. Shall I buy the building for the Church of Humanity? If answer is "yes" then;

2. Shall I pay $2,000 of church funds on it?

3. How much will you pay now on it? 4. How much will you pay annually on it for five years?

5. How many children would you send to this college to be taught the "Trne Knowledge of God" and a business education next year.

I will head the purchase fund with $2,000 cash. That with $2,000 of church funds would leave $3,000 to be raised yet.

I will promise to send three children to the college. As soon as we are organized and incorporated trustees would be elected to take charge of the college. If we are to save our posterity from idolatry and become a power we must be doing things. I believe a business college can be established at once to teach stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, and penmanship, commercial arithmetic and spelling. A course in the "Study of God" would be added as soon as it can be prepared.

Great bend has a population of 3500; is situated on the Arkansas river, is the county seat of Barton county and surrounded by a rich agricultural region. It has two railroads, Mo. Pacific and A. T. & S. Fe, and has a prospect of a third road.

As it is in the center of the Kansas wheat belt it is about the second largest flour producing town in the state. It has good walks and groves, has water, light and phone service and is a good residence town.

I think it a good place for the location of our denominational college and that we would do well to locate here. In this matter I must be guided by the vote and support of the church. So please send in your answers to the questions by return mail as this fine property will be held for us only a few days. I send a view of the building from the southwest corner. There are no street cars now.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Kerr.

Doing Things.

The above circular letter with cut of building was sent the founders of the Church of Hunanity Dec 8. The first few responses received seemed to indicate that the majority thought the college plan premature until we had a larger membership and I answered them that the plan would by given up As later answers came a large majority favored it and a few sent pledges of financial aid. So I bought the property for a college for the Church of Humanity. I paid $2,000 of the church funds on it and advanced the balance myself If the chnrch can establish and maintain a permanent business college with a course of study in The Truth About God as one required branch of the college teaching, with at least fifty students taking that course of study, I shall give the church my equity in the prosperity as a part of my contribution to the freedom of our posterity from idolatry.

If, after giving those who wish their children free from the worship of a dead man named Jesus and a character of fiction named God a chance to establish a course of teaching that will accomplish that result, it is found not enough wish their children free from idolatry to maintain the teaching that will free them, then the property can be rented or sold and the equity divided. I think it not best to make the course in the study of God compulsory for a year or two, giving the parents the option, but induce them if possible to allow their children to take the course. At a suitable time I would make that one of the required studies of the college. We must remember no child is born an idolater, or with any inclination to worship a dead man or a creation of fiction handed down by our ignorant ancestors. We must remember children are made idolaters by idolatrous parents and teachers. They are compelled to attend Sunday school, parocial schools, and churches where idolatry is taught and practiced. We must also remember that to save our children from idolatry we must establish societies and schools where The Truth About God is taught and require our children to learn it. Forcing idalatry upon children, which will be done as long as there is an idolatrous parent can only be checkmated by those free from idolatry requiring children to learn the facts about God that will keep them free.

Some may think we should do this teaching at home, and we should to a certain extent, but a few considerations will convince them that it is not to be depended on, and is not effective. It is not satisfactory to either parent or child. Christians have better facilities than we have for giving their children home teaching but none of them depend on it. They prefer to organize, establish societies and schools and pay out millions of dollars to give their children a thorough training in the knowledge and practice of idolatry. We all prefer to tax ourselves to support the common schools rather than to do the teaching at home. The Truth About God then must be reduced to a course of study and taught our children by the same general method used by the teachers of errors regarding God. The common schools cannot teach it until it is popularized by thousands having first learned it. The plan contemplated to secure students to take the course in the study of God is to solicit the co-operation of the Freethought press by having it place before its readers this opportunity for them to give their children a thorough course in the up-to-date knowledge of God that will forever save them from idolatry in connection with a first-class business education in the branches named. The course of study in The Truth About God will not be added until children whose parents demand it attend the college. This will give a large number of our population an opportunity to have their chileren taught those truths that will save them from idolatry that no other institution of learning offers them.

If you want the world, including your posterity, to be free from the worship of dead people and creations of fiction you should join the church of Humanity at once, if not a member, and help to create a power that can do the freeing by the educational process.

Those who trust to nature and evolution to correct the false teaching of Christian churches are entertaining groundless hopes, since if they were of value they would have given the truth to the world in the first place instead of permitting errors to suppress the truths of nature for thousands of years. Hence evolution in the ideas of God must be forced forward by adequate teaching through the instrumentality of organization by those who have learned the truth about him.

The worship of a dead man is indefensible from every view point, and should be discontinued.

A long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether and we will have the Christian world off its knees by the close of this century.

A happy and prosperous New Year for all except those engaged in crime, vice, and false teaching.

Some good New Year resolutions:

To guard ourselves against committing crimes and vices.

To love and respect parents, husband, wife and children.

To seek and recognize the true, the beautiful, the sublime in nature and life.

To examine again the foundations of your belief in God's existence with the light of modern science and discard the untrue and accept the truth that light reveals whatever it may be.

To then unite with the Church of Humanity to enable it to proclaim and teach that new-found truth.

New Year's Greeting.

pain and penalty of being sent to an imaginary hell by a mythical God until they too join the Church of Humanity where these laws are all repealed and woman put on equality with man.

Here's to the clergy. May they take a greater interest in civilization and the promulgation of the universal truths of nature in preference to the mistakes of a small sect of idolaters. May they again examine the foundations of their mythology with the search light of modern sience and find it but a ghost story verified by the reported dream of a love-sick swain, with a sub-foundation of a talking snake fable in a much older mythology. May they blush with shame to their very soles when they think of palming off on innocent children these stale fables for truth. May they take no delight in seeing poor ignorant fellow-beings worshiping dead Jews and creations of fiction. May they respond to the higher conscience of nobler manhood and join the rescuing party that is seeking to save from such heathenism our fellow beings.

Unite! Unite!

COPY OF LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE INGERSOLL MEMORIAL BEACON.

Great Bend, Kansas, Feb. 10, 1905

Mr. W. H. Maple,
Chicago, Illinois.

Brother Maple:—

I wish to congratulate you for your advocacy of organization in the last "Beacon" under the heading "About Organization." I hope you will continue advocating it and the union of anti-Christian editors into one organization until it is an accomplished fact. Nothing they could do would help more to free the people from idolatry than to organize a compact harmonious society of themselves and their readers and establish a uniform affirmative teaching regarding God, and give their readers an opportunity to aid in the teaching by forming local societies for themselves under the national organization.

To so organize there must be a definite object to be undertaken of vital importance to attract and hold us together in a harmonious working organization. I shall here mention a few of the objects that could not be successful as basis for union among anti-Christians, some of which have been tried and proved insufficient.

1. The combining of several unrelated reforms in which people honestly differ, and which are only problematically or theoretically believed to be best, and then only for a part of the people.

2. The nine demands of Liberalism. Very few people are vitally interested in them or can be made to take any interest. They are at most only protests against effects of false teaching and make no provision to correct that teaching.

3. To make people "Freethinkers." All think they are free thinkers now and so they are.

4. To provide a free platform for all ideas. That brings pandemonium, disrupts any society and disgusts everybody.

5. To teach Agnosticism. Very few care to listen to what others don't know. They prefer to listen to and pay people for telling and teaching things they do know. It is preposterous for one who says he is ignorant of a subject to assume to teach it.

6. To tell people they are fools to hire others to do their thinking. We must all depend on teachers and professional people who make a special study of their work.

As to Haeckel's 30 theses, if I remember correctly, he teaches nothing regarding God and his theses seem indefinite, difficult to understand and some seem not applicable to this country, being of a political nature not needed here. As a basis then for organization we must take something of vital importance to all and that will hold them together when organized. Some common, central object that will cause people to work freely for regardless of miner differences and for which they will plank down their money freely in liberal sums to secure.

In my judgment no object can fill the bill as a basis for organization except the rescue of our posterity from the idolatry of worshiping a dead Jew named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God. With that as the primary object to be accomplished we can organize to teach the discovery now positively made that God, Satan and the Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and that death means the permanent cessation of life. The teaching of this discovery is the only thing that can accomplish the object in view. The organization will be the necessary machine to do the teaching. Hence all who wish the object accomplished will be compelled to join and support the organization through which alone the object can be reached.

That organization having such a grand object to accomplish will formulate a system of teaching, establish colleges to prepare and train the teachers, send them out with authority as instructors. It will establish subordinate, or auxiliary, societies for women, children and young people, and local societies for all its members. That will give society for all classes and ages and give all opportunities to become workers in the great cause. It will make a demand for vast sums of money and will have the ability to use it for what the donors desire.

We who have large families and a little property pay out hundreds of dollars in taxes and other hundreds for books and board and clothing to give our children an education, but when they are through they are on their knees worshiping dead Jews and a creation of ancient fiction. That is because they are not taught the truth about God, but are taught the errors and mistakes about him. That is a most hideous, shameful, disgraceful position for our children to be placed in after all our heroic devotion and sacrifices to give them a chance to become intelligent, useful, progressive citizens.

This state of affairs must be remedied by an organization that will be able to give the children a course of study in the truth about God as a supplement to their school education. The truth about God should be taught as a discovery which it is. Never mind who made the discovery, that is unimportant. Hundreds have made it and thousands have contributed to the proof of it. As soon as the machinery is ready to do the teaching in the proper way through properly trained and qualified teachers, parents will come forward and plank down their money to have their children taught the great discovery.

It seems to me the teaching of this discovery is the only thing worthy of our time and money and that nothing can be of more importance.

As the Church of Humanity has the nucleus of such an organization already formed, would it not save time and trouble to just fall in line and help to develop it? We have nearly a hundred members now. If you and the other editors you appeal to would do that, the Church would soon have enough members to formally organize and incorporate. I think 1000 members would be enough. I would then call a delegate convention for that purpose. You would all have equal voice in its organization and be equal founders of the Church. Could anything be more fair? Could you ask more of any other organization? Is not the object sought the grandest that could be selected? Is it not worthy of our combined energies and devotion? Are we not all equally vitally interested in the undertaking? Why should we who have a common object in view toil on feebly, singly and accomplish nothing only making of ourselves a laughing stock and butt of ridicule for idolaters when through a harmonious union and concert of action we could shake Rome to her very foundations in twenty five years? Will we be sensible like all other classes engaged in a common work and unite to accomplish something that cannot be done otherwise, or will we remain foolish and accomplish nothing through our stupid idea of "independence," "liberty," and "doing our own thinking." Come, let us be sensible, let us unite to accomplish an object worthy of the heroes of any age. We do not have to go to Europe to find an idea to unite on and battle for. Europe has not yet discovered that Jesus is only a dead Jew and God a myth. Let America be the first to proclaim and teach this discovery, greatest of all discoveries in historic times. Let us stand out in bold relief as the fearless champions of this discovery and marshal our forces to wage an educational battle with Rome. Let us stand by and defend our children to our latest breath and last dollar against that irresistible power of organized idolatry that seeks to put them on their knees to worship dead Jews and creations of fiction.

Come, rally round the standard the Church of Humanity has raised, swear by the General Jackson your posterity shall not bow down to the heathen idols, imported by ignorant foreigners, from Arabia.

Now brother Maple, you have my unreserved ideas as per request. Let the other editors dish up theirs and if possible let us find some common basis of union and object that is of vital interest to editors and readers alike. If you and all the editors you appeal to could see your way clear to join and help the Church of Humanity, with the permanent rescue of posterity from idolatry the object, the teaching of the great discovery the means and the church organization the instrument to accomplish the work, it would be the greatest event of modern times. The hope of saving posterity from idolatry could be marked up several hundred per cent, the world would seem brighter for us and our readers and we would be assured our race would be made wiser and happier for our having lived and labored for its good.

Then let us UNITE, UNITE.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

P. S. You can use this in the Beacon if you with.

Proposition to Editor of Anti-Religious Publications.

GENTLEMEN:—Since some of your own members and some of your readers have suggested that Prof. Haeckel's 30 theses form the basis of a common organization for all local organizations, editors, authors and readers who have learned that Christianity is based on errors and are teaching that discovery I suggest that, as they cannot be accepted in full as he presents them, they be reconstructed by you until they can be indorsed by all and then proceed to organize on that basis.

SUGGESTIONS: 1. Object. Let the primary object for a great common union or organization be the preservation of posterity from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a myth named God.

2 NECESSARY MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECT. Let the teaching of the discovery that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and death the permanent cessation of life be the means to accomplish the object.

3 NECESSARY MACHINERY. Let the organization be constructed as the necessary machinery to do the teaching that alone can accomplish the desired object.

BASIS OF ORGANIZATION. The above three fundamentals are, in my opinion, all that are necessary for the construction of a great universal organization. It does not seem to me necessary to incorporate in the basis for the organization the conclusions of any of the natural sciences as Prof. Haeckel does in his 30 theses. Our organization would be compelled to teach the advanced discoveries made in all the natural sciences to maintain its position as the exponent of science and the eradicator of idolatry.

We would be left perfectly free then to keep step with the advancement of every science and accept and teach their discoveries as soon as made and proven. Through the machinery of this organization all advancements in the sciences would be handed down to the common people so that they would no longer be designated "the ignorant masses." That would be a service most earnestly to be desired and one surely received with gratitude and thankfulness by the common people.

As the teaching of the discoveries enumerated above necessarily include the teaching of the leading natural sciences to prove them I can see no need of enumerating them and of giving their findings as basic principles of the organization.

However, for the sake of a harmonious union of all our forces in one common organization, so badly needed to do effective work, I suggest that a delegate convention be called to meet at some central location in the United States to formulate, if possible, a basis of union of all our forces into one common organization. The basis of representation could be one delegate from each society, and the editors and authors of publications and books that prove religions untrue. If that does not appear feasible, then let the discussion go on through the papers until a satisfactory basis of union and organization is arrived at. As the Ingersoll Memorial Beacon has taken up the discussion of the subject of a basis for a common union and organization let it be taken up by the other editors and continued until a satisfactory basis is found. How many can indorse Haeckel's 30 theses as modified by me in this issue? How would you further improve them? Have you a better basis to offer?

Ernest Haeckel's 30 Theses.

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the sciences mentioned are verified by many qualified professors of those sciences then of course the Church of Humanity can accept the theses as above condensed and modified as they also include now the basic teaching of the church.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is composed of law abiding citizens. They believe in law and order and try to practice every virtue that constitutes good citizenship. They believe in civilization and progress, in peace and industry, in happy homes and prosperous families. They desired to know the truth about God as every intelligent citizen should. Many of them joined the various conflicting Christian churches while young through the influence of mistaken teachers. Others thought it best to investigate the claims of the different sects more thoroughly before joining any. The desire of all to learn the truth about God led them to investigate the claims of the various religions and their sacred writings and compare their claims with the truths of science discovered in the great book of the universe.

This investigation led them to recognize and accept the discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are creations of fiction, that heaven and hell are myths and that life ceases at death. They recognize Christianity as a mythology and its Gods as idols. Hence they refuse to worship such and are uniting for the purpose of teaching these great discoveries to the people that posterity may be kept free from idolatry through a correct knowledge of God. After learning those discoveries they could take no other course without forfeiting their selfrespect. They cannot worship a dead man named Jesus any more than they could worship any other dead man. They could no more worship God than they could the God of any other mythology. They know the people will continue in idolatry until they are taught the discoveries that has freed them. They know from the history of progress that only the very few make discoveries and that those few must teach them to the many if they are ever to know them. They recognize the truths that people must be taught the things they should learn; that the bulk of our race ever has and ever will follow leaders and teachers; that the few must ever teach the many; that it is as absurd to believe or expect each person to do his own thinking in regard to God as it would be to believe or expect each farmer to invent and manufacture his own farming implements, or a child to learn to read and write without a teacher. They know that if the teachers are mistaken all their scholars will be mistaken. They know that the clergy are mistaken in their teaching regarding God and therefore all those who accept them as teachers must of necessity be mistaken. They know that the few who have learned these discoveries must establish an organization able to support instructors to teach these discoveries to the people and rescue them from idolatry.

If you, reader, have learned the discoveries and are not yet a member of the Church of Humanity it is your imperative duty to join it and become one of its founders and organizers. You owe this duty to posterity. You owe it to yourself, to your relatives, neighbors and friends. You owe it to civilization and progress. To see the people all around you including your loved ones worshiping myths and a dead man without doing your best to enlighten them, when you know the truth, brands you as a moral coward unworthy the respect of yourself much less that of anyone else. The Christians have in their homes the Bible, religious books and papers, yet they know that it is not enough to insure the idolatry of their children. They know that books and papers can teach nothing of themselves, not even their own contents. They know there must be teachers to use those books as text books and give the children personal instruction from them. The children must be in classes and the book taught them in lessons. Hence the organization of Sunday schools and class meetings and prayer meetings, and all the young people's societies. Even adults are unable to learn from the Bible without a preacher or priest to give them personal instruction in sermons to aid them in the study and understanding of the Bible. We never can save our own children from idolatry much less rescue others from it until we recognize the necessity of organization and follow the example of the Christians in their method of organization and teaching. The truth about God must be taught by the same methods that errors about him are taught. It is not the organizations and methods of teaching, except in a few cases, that the Christians adopt in teaching we object to. It is the errors we object to. Were they teaching the truth about God I would join their church without a moments hesitation and help to aid and support their teachers and organizations. But they do not know the truth and could not teach it if they did in any of their organizations. Did the laymen attempt it they would be turned out of the church organization at once. Did any of their clergy attempt it they would be expelled for heresy. Hence the imperative necessity of new organizations to teach the great discoveries that must be taught the people before they can stop worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a myth named God. The organization of the Church of Humanity is the first step ever made in the right direction to free people from idolatry through the educational process. We have 98 enrolled life members and founders of the church. There must be some more who have learned that God is a fabulous being. If there are we want to find them so they can be invited to unite with us and help in the founding and organization of this church. It is unreasonable to suppose that there is anyone who knows that God is a myth and will not aid in establishing a society to teach that truth which alone can rescue the people from idolatry. The greatest help you can do to aid in freeing the people from idolatry is to tell them officially in black and white that you know God is a myth and that you do not worship him. You can do that effectually only by joining a society that is based on that truth and makes its teaching a primary object. The first thousand members will be the founders of the church. It will then formally organize and incorporate. You should hasten to have your name enrolled as a life member and founder of this church. Do not delay. Procrastination is the thief of time. You might miss the honor of being a founder of this modern church by neglect of your duty now.

Send in your application for membership on the blank application in this paper. DO IT NOW!

Man Has no Immortality.

The teaching of the Church of Humanity that man has no such a thing as an "immortal soul" is sustained by Prof. George H. Howison head of the department of philosophy of the University of California.

"He startled his class in ethics recently," says an exchange, "by declaring that not only do animals reflect and reason, but that every living thing is immortal, if man is immortal.

"It is now very generally admitted that animals do reason.

"Moreover, it is plain that some animals are more intelligent than others. Some have a better quality of gray matter in their brains than others. They are better thinkers. There are more convolulions or wrinkles in their brains.

"The more wrinkles in any brain —man or animal—the more brain force.

"As to the immortality of animals the argument, of course, is by analogy.

"Science does not undertake to say that any soul is immortal, but philosophy steps in to say that all life is from one source, is alike, and if one life is immortal, all life must be immortal"

All Christians admit that animals, except man, have no immortal soul. Then, since all life is alike, it is plain that man has no immortal soul either. That fact should be taught now in the place of the errors of the ancients who could not understand the nature of life so well as our modern philosophers and scientists. No good end is served by trying to make ourselves believe errors and with holding the truths of nature from the people. It is very plain that thought is produced and made manifest by organized matter in aminate form. It is just as plain that thought ceases when the amination ceases, and is not an independent, self-existent, conscious spirit that can be separated from the body.

An Index to the Character of Christian Savages.

It is reported to the press by telegrams from Manila that in a battle with outlaws in the crater of Mount Dajo on the island of Jolo 600 men, women and children were slain by American troops and the Moro constabulary under American officers. I suppose those Moros had believed the stories that the Americans were so civilized that they would not murder innocent women and children in battle with an enemy.

The Christian manufacturers of battle ships and munitions of war will be greatly elated over this incident. They will know that it will help to teach China that she must build up and equip a powerful army and navy to protect herself against the Christian savages of America and Europe, and that will create a big demand for their wares.

Parents should be so ashamed to have their children worshiping a myth named God and a dead Jew named Jesus that they would help to establish an arganization to teach them the truth about God without being asked twice to do so.

For children to be worshiping idols is a serious reflection on the intelligence, or neglect of duty of their parents.

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The Study of God

INTERNATIONAL LESSON

DAILY PROOF THAT THERE IS NO GOD.

OBJECT LESSON XX.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

No idolater ever worships his idol voluntarily, makes sacrifices to it and supports its priests except he be taught that the idol is doing and will do infinitely more for him than he is doing for it. In up-to-date phrazeology, the idolater is made to believe he is working a magnificent "graft" on his idol. He is taught to believe he is getting billions of dollars worth of service from his idol in exchange for building it joss houses, supporting its priests and doing the little manhood-debasing performances the priest says the idol requires.

Likewise, no idolater ever ceased idolatry voluntarily except he be taught that his idol is unable to "deliver the goods," and is shown by actual demonstration he can comprehend that he is the one "being worked" in the "confidence graft." The reason why idolatry is so hard to overthrow is because both priest and idolaters stubbornly refuse to learn the truth about their idol. The priest does not want to know, or the idolaters to know, that he is mistaken; partly through fear of losing his present profits in the "graft" and partly through his ignorance in believing his idol's ability to fulfill, in another world, the promises former priests made for it.

The common idolaters, following the lead and reasoning of their priests, do not want to know the truth about their idol, thinking they would thereby lose the present imaginary aid they receive from it as well as the part it is to fulfill in another world. They reason that as they have already fulfilled a big share of their part in the "graft" they are now entitled to their reward from the idol that they would lose did they learn the truth that they had been "buncoed." The idolaters, priests inclnded, do not seem to recognize that their case is similar to those who have bought a "gold brick" or a bunch of "green goods." Instead of trying in every way possible to keep from learning the truth about God and the true value of their investment in his worship they should follow the example of the victims of the "gold brick" and "green goods" swindle who are generally anxious to have their purchase examined by experts to determin their real value. Since a part of the idol's contract, made for it by the priests, is to be fulfilled in another life in another world, and since there is no such life or world, the idolaters never know how badly they have been swindled if they do not find it out before they die. Perhaps that is the reason priests try every means to prevent the idolaters from learning the truth. But one can hardly believe that members of his own race can be so totally depraved as to deliberately prey upon the love one has for parent or child. The man who would knowingly lie to a mother about his ability to make it possible for her to see and know and converse with a dear child in some other world, for the purpose of extorting money from her, is, in my estimation, the vilest, meanest depraved wretch on earth, compared to whom all other classes of swindlers are honorable.

An international organization to educate and maintain competent experts in the value of contracts made with the self appointed agents of idols is badly needed to establish such experts in every community in the world. There is not, in all the world, a neighborhood that is not "worked" by some idol "grafter." The people are helpless. There are no experts they can appeal to as disinterested parties to advise them on the value of the claims. Your posterity and mine will forever be at the mercy of the idol-mongers in every land and age until such expert agencies are established for their protection.

The Church of Humanity is advertising extensively to find those who know the truth about idols and who care enough for the protection of their posterity to join with others in founding such a protective organization. Pending the finding of enough members to formally organize and incorporate it will go right on giving its expert evidence as to the value of deals made with the clergy who are the self-appointed agents to peddle God and Jesus around as the boss idols of this age, giving more in return for your money and self-debasement than any other idols on the market.

Many millions of our fellow beings have been "taken in" through their cupidity by the glittering prospects of working a "graft" on these idols through their agents. For a little weekly cash to these idols, whom the agents say own the universe and a certain amount of flattery that no decent man would accept, these idols are to give in return protection from harm, prosperity in this world and an eternity of idleness and bliss in another world. What a "graft" on these idols!

The Church of Humanity comes upon the scene as an expert on the value of these deals to the dupes and stands ready and willing to protect all from being swindled by the idol peddlers, as do the assayer and currency expert to protect the prospective victims of "gold brick" and "green goods" swindlers if consulted in time.

Our expert testimony is as definite, clear and positive as that given by the experts in the other cases, and can be as confidently relied on. With us it is no guess work or hear-say, or mere opinion or beliefe. The evidence is clear and all can understand it when taught its meaning.

Here is the evidence, that cannot be disputed, that proves the popular idols, God and Jesus, cannot fulfill one promise in this, or any other world made for them by the clergy. Hence they do not exist and you lose everything you expected them to do for you when you made the deal with their pretended agents. I cannot, for want of space, give these sad accounts in full. Everybody should read the daily papers wherein they will find full details of these disasters that prove God to be a fabulous being.

"Boston, March 14.—Twenty-eight men went down to death on the British King which foundered far out at sea on Sunday night.

"Lahore, Punjab, India, March 10.—Eight persons killed and twenty-six injured in an earthquake at Kakoola.

"Helena, Mont., Feb. 6.—Three little girls of J. B. Cypher were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home.

"Lake Charles, La., March 8.—In a wreck at Bon Ami a fireman is killed and two engineers probably fatally injured.

"Walsenburg, Colo., Feb. 20.—Thirteen miners killed in a mine explosion at the Maitland coal mine.

"Fort Erie, O., March 11.—Two killed and nineteen injured in a train wreck at Godsend.

"Meridian, Miss., March 3.—A cyclone kills 35. Hundreds of families homeless.

"Gambier, O., Feb. 24.—Three boys are dead in the ruins of burned buildings.

"Paris, March 10.—About 1200 miners killed by an explosion of fire damp in a coal mine at Courriers France.

"Paris, March 12.—Seventeen men lost their lives in an attempt to rescue the bodies of those who perished in the mine disaster at Courrieres, France.

"Denuer, Colo., March 16.—From 40 to 50 passengers were killed or roasted alive in a collisinn of two passenger trains near Florence, Colo.

The details describing the suffering of many of the victims of these great disasters are terrible.

No God or Jesus was in sight or hearing of any of these recorded disasters, that cover a large portion of earth, to fulfill their part of the agreement between dupes and idol-mongers wherein the idols were to care for the dupes for a certain amount of love, praise and cash. The dupes fulfilled their part abundantly. The idols can't fulfill theirs. Idols that are unable to fill their part in this world of the agreement are as unable to fill it in any other world. All love, care, protection or other thing of value promised by the idol-mongers to be delivered by said idols in this, or ony other world, for cash down, continued ignorance and hyporacy, are worthless.

Idol-mongers should be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses. It is as positively proven by these disasters that no one can get anything of value from God or Jesus for their investment in them than if they bought a check on an imaginary bank of a confidence man. If one can be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses, why can't the other where the case is as probable? But where nearly all are idol "grafters," expecting to get the liberty to continue crimes, protection from harm, abundant prosperity in this world, and everlasting happiness in a ready-made "mansion in the skies" for so little invested there is none to make much of a remonstrance against those who give them such a fine chance to "fleece" the idols.

The only way then to overthrow idolatry is to teach the would-be idol swindlers that they are the ones that are swindled and that the idols really give them nothing in return, and that it is the middle man, or clergyman, who gets all there is of value in the deal. The constant dripping of water will wear away stone, and I believe the constant pouring of proof will wear through the thickest skull. With that object in view there should be a hundred young men in our college preparing to go out among the people as instructors to pour the evidence on them thick and fast that they are being swindled by dealing in idols. It is not money invested that constitutes the greatest loss, it is the act of worshiping a man created God and a dead Jew which constitutes idolatry of the rankest kind and disgraces not only the idolaters but all of us and the age and country in which we live for all coming time. If you wish future generations to give us credit for one redeeming act to counter balance the contempt in which they will hold us as idolaters I urge you to join the Church of Humanity and aid in making a start to overthrow that idolatry.

Application for Membership

In the Church of Humanity.

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When the children of publishers, lecturers and writers against the Christian mythology become converts to that superstition it shows a grave failure of duty of the parents for which they cannot be excused.

Parents cannot save their children from idolatry until they are willing to pay as much in time and money to teach them the truth about God as the Christians are to teach their children idolatry.

Nothing Unusual About It.

Some of my Christian critics say the claim of the members of our church that they have discovered that God is a myth is absurd since the wisest men of all ages could not make the discovery. There is nothing in that criticism to prove that we could not have made it. Every year there are new discoveries made in nearly all branches of knowledge that was never known by those "wisest men."

Many of the greatest discoveries made were made by common people who made no pretense of being "wise." Many of those discoveries were so simple when understood that the wonder is, not that they were made, but that every body did not know them long before. For ages the "wisest" chemists have been trying to discover a process of tempering copper, yet it was discovered by by a newsboy named Robert Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif. who "exhibited a copper ax and several knives tempered to the hardness of steel to experts," says a news item of March 4. He asks $1,500 000 for the secret.

The discovery we made that God is a myth is so very simple when understood thatit is astonishing that all people cannot make it for themselves. We do not ask $1,500,000 for the discovery. We are anxious to teach it to others through our publication for 25 cents a year. It should not take anyone long to learn it. It is not necessary for you to learn all the languages, dig in all the ruins, study all the sacred writing or to be an expert in all branches of knowledge to learn that God is a creation of fiction.

All that is necessary is to listen to a God-maker a few minutes and then look about you a few minutes and you will at once discover that he had just been making God as he went along with his story or was only repeating what some other God-maker had said or written. There is ample proof in every home, in every newspaper and in every church to teach anyone that God is a myth when one knows how to recognize that proof and apply it.

The Idol in Wall Street.

Mrs. J. Alden Gaylord mixes her idolatry and business in Wall Street as shown by a news item.

"I never did like cowards and therefore I asked God to help me to stand up like a man. I am in Wall Street, with God's help, to make money. I am not here of my free choice, but from necessity and by a guidance of a higher power. I feel that I have the assistance of God," she says.

Some, who don't know that God is a myth, may wonder if he is a "bear" or a "bull" and if the common scrub stock will stand any show when on the opposite side of the market.

"Idol" is the "Key."

"Idol!" Mrs. Eddy, "Idol," is the "key" that unlocks the meaning of the scriptures, and of the Christian religion.

The God of the Jews as of the Christians of today is simply an idol—a man-made God—a creation of fiction—a myth. The "key" you discovered is a false one, or it may be a skeleton key since it has made a good many skeletons. Here are two that may be charged to it:

"Denver, Colo., Feb. 9.—Belle Brown, 20, who came here to marry Frank Senter, a baker, and found he had died the day before, is dead of a broken heart.

Senter was a Christian Scientist and died of a nasal hemorrhage, refusing medical aid."

FREE DIRECTORY.

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Liberal Review, 117 E. 31 st. Chicago, Ill.	M	Vol 1	$1.
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Educate Your Neighbors.

I have received some letters asking me how many church members and Sunday school scholars our church has in Great Bend, saying they are alone in a priest-ridden neighborhood and are therefore unable to do anything in the organization line.

It is said a poor excuse is better than none but that is no excuse for not laying the foundation for organization. Would you expect to build a church edifice before laying the foundation first? The foundation of a church society must precede the organization as it does the edifice. Education must precede organization. You must teach the people what you want them to know. The people of your neighborhood are no more superstitious and idolatrous than they are here. They doubtless can learn the truth about God as quickly and as easily as they can here. It will cost you no more to teach them than it costs me to teach the people here. In fact it will cost you much less if you have a paying occupation, as you will not need to abandon it as I have to do. You can go right on making money and do the necessary educational work at the same time. It will take three to five year's educational work before you have the foundation for the organization completed, and that only for a small society at first. We have no society here either, but hope to have some day when the necessary teaching is done.

As I am not a public speaker and so far have been unable to hire one far enough advanced in the knowledge of God I must depend on suitable literature as you do. You might begin the educational work by ordering a hundred copies of our church paper each month for free distribution. They are only 1 cent a copy in bundles.

Don't be discouraged if they can't learn it in a year or two. Let them know that the discoveries are made that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and that the dead do not live again. Give them a start in how to learn these truths. The sooner they begin to learn them the sooner they will be ready to help you organize.

Too Much God?

One man writes that I have too much about God in the paper to suit him.

He may belong to one type of Christians who do not wish to know the truth about God if it is not what they had been previously taught.

But if he only wants a variety of reading matter he should subscribe for a few of the Freethought publications mentioned in this paper. A dime to any of them will bring him sample copies. Then he can choose those he likes best.

The belief in the existence of a God is the root from which spring every religion and idolatry that can be seriously objected to by civilized man. The Bible and Jesus could be discarded as objects of veneration and worship, but idolatry would continue so long as the God idea is retained.

When the idea that there is a real God is driven out of the peoples minds then will idolatry of Bibles and saviors cease. The foundation of all religions will then be destroyed and the foliage consisting of revelations and saviors and prophets and popes wither and die of their own accord. Real truths of nature and teachers of those truths will take their places. The brain of man will not become a vacuum, as one Christian informs me it will, but a store house of true knowledge instead of being a store house of fables and idolatry.

As our special mission is to teach the discovered fact that God is a myth and to organize those who know that fact into a society to spread and perpetuate that teaching this little sheet will be confined to those objects.

The primary object now is to find those far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be elegible to membership and induce them to join with us in this educational work.

Following Abraham's Example.

Thomas Darrell, fifty-five years old, an inmate of the Johnson Co. (Ind.) Infirmary killed a roommate, named Cyrus Brown, in obedience to the command of two angels who had come to him in a dream, he says. He says there was no ill feeling between him and the victim, and cannot explain why he did it except that the two angels told him to kill Brown. Of course he was arrested. He will be sent to an asylum or the gallows. The fables in the Bible of dreams and visions taught to children as truths and of great value are responsible far undue importance attached to dreams. Abraham is held up as "the father of the faithful" and an example to follow because he was willing to sacrifice his son in obedience to a command he received in a dream. The Christian world believes that Jesus was the son of a God by the evidence of a dream Joseph is said to have had in regard to the matter.

Superstition?

In obtaining evidence as to who murdered J. M. Christmas and wife and young son at their home near Cottonwood, Ala., a detective resorted to a novel plan. A news item says: "A detective from Chicago hid in the woods near Cottonwood and posed as an escaped murderer from Georgia. He hired a negro whom he suspected to bring his meals to a spot near where he also hid a ventriloquist. A mule grazing in the woods was made by the ventriloquist to talk to the negro, whose superstition was worked upon until he confessed the details of the murder to the mule. The detective overheard the confession and tonight arrested two parties and will make other arrests. The case reveals a remarkable example of the superstition of the negro race."

It does! 'Peers to me I have heard a number of the whites say, and have received letters from a number of others, saying that every word in the Bible is true, and that a person is both wicked and stupid who does not believe it.

Num. 22:28 reads: "And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and he said unto Balam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29. And Balam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now I would kill thee.

30. And the ass said unto Balam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine, unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said nay."

If it isn't superstition to believe this Bible yarn, what is it? From that negroe's view point was not that talking mule a parallel case to Balam's ass?

Perhaps that "remarkable example of the superstition of the negro race" is only a reflection of the religious education they received from the "white trash."

Parents who are free from idolatry through learning the truth about God must be made to understand that they are responsible for the idolatry of their children and that they can't evade that responsibility by trying to shift it to the teachers of idolatry.

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Death of C. C. Moore.

The founder and editor of the Blue Grass Blade died February 7 at his home, Quakeracre, near Lexington, Kentucky. The following extracts from the account of his life's work and funeral appeared in various papers giving them a write-up:

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Charles Chilton Moore editor of the Prohibition-Infidel paper, the Blue Grass Blade, and one of the most noted Atheists in the world, died at his country home, "Quakeracre," in this county this afternoon, after a long illness of asthma and heart trouble.

Charles C. Moore was one of the most remarkable characters in the state and was probably the most picturesque editor in the world. He was born of wealthy and influential parents, and early turned his attention to the ministry. He was a grandson of the late Barton Stone, who was the co-worker of Alexander Campbell in the establishment of the religious sect so numerous throughout the Middle West and commonly referred to as the Campbellite religion.

After receiving a thorough education which would fit him for the ministry young Moore was ordained and became the pastor of the Christian church. * * * The Civil War caused him to abandon his calling for a time and he joined the Confederate army.

After the war he again engaged in preaching for several years.

About this time he was visited by a former college class-mate who called himself a non-believer, and after services one Sunday night he took up the task of converting his companion. The two discussed religion the entire night, Rev. Moore meeting every objection of the doubtful one and finally convinced him that he was wrong and that the Bible was true and that Christianity was founded on truth, righteousness and love.

In convincing his friend, however, Moore opened up a new line of thought for himself, and the more he thought the more convinced did he become that he was wrong, and it was not long after this that he startled his congregation by the announcement that he had come to disbelieve the truth of the Bible and could not therefore continue as their pastor and guide. This announcement created one of the greatest sensations of the day, and leading ministers of the Christian denomination visited young Moore for several weeks and besought him on bended knees to renounce his unbelief and come again into the church.

Moore was deaf to all their appeals, however, and quit the pulpit for good."

From the Louisville Herald.

"Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—The body of Charles Chilton Moore, the noted Infidel and teacher, was laid to rest this afternoon in the beautiful Lexington cemetery, amid the most remarkable and unusual scenes ever witnessed at a funeral in this city.

The funeral procession was one of the longest seen here in years, and fully one thousand people had wended their way to the cemetery chapel before the hour set for the services in order to hear the funeral orations delivered by those of the same faith as the deceased and the crowd then followed the remains to the grace where they stood with bared heads while the last oration was delivered as the body was lowered to its last resting place.

The first address was made by Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, of Versailles, Ky., the most noted woman freethinker of the present age, and she was followed by Dr. J. B. Wilson of Cincinnati, while Moses Kaufman, of this city, made a brief address at the grave.

The unusual ceremonies were perhaps the most solemn ever held in the cemetery and were in strict accordance with the wishes of editor Moore, who asked that the funeral be conducted in this manner and named the three people he wanted to deliver the orations if it were possible for them to do so. *

The funeral was attended by many prominent people of the city among whom were many of the leading ministers who stood by in silence and heard the beautiful expressions of sympathy and love for the dead with no hope held out for a meeting in the next world."

As I have not space here to reproduce the three great orations delivered at the funeral of this noted converted preacher by converted christians, and the fuller comments of the press, that I would like to give, I ask all my readers, who are not subscribers to the Blue Grass Blade, to send a stamp to its editor at Lexington, Ky., for the two copies of it dated Feb. 11 and 18, containing them in full.

Mr. Moore was one of a coterie of a dozen or so co-temporaneous editors and publishers in this country who heroically lead the forces teaching the truths about nature and life in their conquest of ignorance, superstition and idolatry. He will be greatly missed from the vanguard of the destroyers of idolatry who are all too few to cope with ignorance and superstition intrenched as they are in fear, prejudice, custom and organization. We can hope though that the place made vacant by a fallen hero will be more than filled by volunteers who will take up the work where he left off and continue the educational work with renewed vigor and push forward, even more energetically and systematically, in the great world work of overthrowing the idolatry of worshiping a man-made God and a dead Jew.

In the next issue I expect to point out where we should profit by his example in following his course in some respects and by following a different course in other respects; and wherein the orations at the funeral can be improved on.

Then and Now.

The belief in prophecies is deeply inculcated in the minds of all by the rehersal of 'Noah and the Ark" fable in the Bible by the teachers of idolatry. The destruction of the inhabitants of the world, with a few exceptions, was due to a disbelief in the prophecy of Noah, they teach. They hold the lost world up to ridicule for its skepticism and condone its destruction as a just retribution of their man-made God.

Now the negroes of Memphis, Tenn., are going to profit by the dreadful fate of the antediluvian world and don't intend to be caught naping as it was. Consequently when Aunt Ginnie Cole, an old negress, prophecied that on March 25 Memphis would sink beneath the waters of the Mississippi river they began hiking. Negroes are leaving Memphis by the hundreds, frightened out of their wits by the prophecy, says the account. Neither persuasion nor ridicule has availed to dissuade the black believers, and a negro exodus appears inevitable.

The point to be seen in this case is that while some think that the reason the ancients disbelieved in Noah's prophecy was because they were ignorant and think the reason why people believe in Aunt Cole's prophecy is because they are ignorant.

A $1,000 Bet on Clergymen Won.

A comedian named Henry E. Dixey was refused membership in the Pittsburg Y. M. C. A. on the ground of being an actor says the New York World of March 12.

Mr. Dixey was so indignant that he offered to give one thousand dollars to charity if it could be shown that there are more actors than clergymen in the State prisons of the United States.

Aside from considering men as to whose antecedents there is doubt the poll of the prisons stands as follows: Actors; 21; Clergymen, 44. Besides Florida reports "many colored preachers," and South Carolina reports "no white ministers" intimating there are some colored ones.

All this proves there is no God to answer the daily prayers of the clergy to keep them from sin and crime. It proves that the clergymen are mistaken when they tell how God destroyed their desire for strong drink, tobacco; cigaretts and cigars when they were "converted." Had there been a God doing all that he would have destroyed their desire for the greater crimes that landed them in the State prisons.

It proves that the clergymen are not "called" to their occupation by an omniscient God when with a very little fore-sight he could have seen them in State prisons where their example in crime is a louder sermon for evil than any they could deliver for good.

It proves that idolatry, and ignorance of the truth about God is not a preventative of crime as the idolaters affirm it is.

It proves that we need not teach our children lies, about there being an omnipresent God as an unseen sleepless, sleuth detective ever on their trail to find an excuse to roast them in an endless hell, in order to scare them into being idolaters under the false idea that they will then be safe from the commission of crimes. Many of those who are hired to teach our children those lies, and are supposed to believe them, are themselves behind prison doors for the commission of great crimes.

Shall We Have Funeral Services.

The orations at the funeral of C. C. Moore was a grand success as an educational lesson to idolaters. Perhaps they did more to shake the faith of the idolaters in the reality of their idols than any thing else. I believe funeral orations, as an educational feature, should be delivered at the graves of all members of the Church of Humanity. Mrs. Henry and Mr. Wilson I believe, could fill the bill by making some little changes in some of their sentiments and joining the church.

Then as State Instructors for the church they should be entitled to preachers' rates on all railroads, and perhaps would be allowed them.

They are well prepared for such duties and could respond to a call on short notice. I ask all the church members who are not readers of the Blue Grass Blade of Lexington, Ky., to send stamps for copies of the Feb. 11 and 18 issues of that paper and read the orations of Mrs. Henry and Mr. Wilson delivered at the funeral of Mr. Moore, the editor of that paper. I want you to see them and to judge if those people would do to conduct funeral services for our members. I believe by all means we should make some arrangements to have funerals of our members conducted by persons selected for the purpose. We should most certainly not accept the services of idolaters under any circumstances. By having one or more officially authorized to conduct our funerals they could prepare for the duties and hold themselves in readiness to respond to calls on a moments notice.

There are quite a number of very old people in our church and it is a matter of prudence that they make arrangements for their funeral services in advance as Mr. Moore did.

The Christians use this sad event to inculcate superstition and idolatry. It is right and sensible that we should use it as an occasion to inculcate truth and wisdom. It will be a great consolation to know in advance that when one is consigned to the grave his course in doing his duty as he understood it will be ably defended and justified.

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The primary object of this publication is to find those far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be elegible to membership in the Church of Humanity, and to get them enrolled as life members and founders of it. I want the church to have 1000 members before I call a national convention of the members for formal organization and incorporation. If you, reader, wish to be one of the founders of it please send in your application for membership at once.

Harboring a Deadly Viper.

When any idolatry is allowed to fasten itself to a government to be fostered and protected from criticism by it, it soon seeks to dominate that government and would help to destroy it rather than relenquish its presumed right to control it. We have an example of this arrogance of a state fostered idolatry in France now. The Catholic brand of idolatry has been supported by France with government aid for a hundred years. Now that idolatry, led by its priests, would incite a war of rebellion rather than allow the government to take an inventory of its church property according to law.

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The Church of Humanity.

The evolution of the church as represented by the Church of Humanity is so marvelous as to be beyond the comprehension of most people at first. Very few can recognize that this church is in reality an evolution of all previous churches. So strange to them is the truth about God that they are unable to comprehend that it is truth at all, or that this church really teaches the ultimate knowledge of God, the goal to which all churches aspire.

But there is such a wide space between the most advanced Christian church and the Church of Humanity that other churches cannot see that this church is in a straight line with themselves as viewed from idol worship at the beginning of historic times to the final emergence of our race from it. Idolatry has been a fungus growth on the intellect of our race. If it ever filled a useful purpose it has most certainly outlived that usefulness and is now a great incumbrance to the advancement of our race in wisdom and civilization, as perhaps it ever has been. All sacred mythologies have been false leads, or by-paths, along the rough journey of our race from savagery to civilization. They have cost it thousands of years and indescribable suffering, before they were found to be false and were abandoned or retraced. The Christian mythology has cost a large part of our race hundreds of worse than wasted years and perhaps more suffering and treasure than any other mythology, and the end is yet a long ways off.

A few however, have seen through the rifts made in the mythologies by the scientists, and have made the greatest discoveries in historic times—the discovery that there is no such beings as God, Satan and Holy Ghost or such places as heaven and hell in all the universe, and that conscious life ceases at death. These discovered truths are the basis on which all who have learned them are uniting under the name of the Church of Humanity to teach them to others, and especially to the children, that idolatry may be eliminated from our civilization in time.

These discovered truths are to be the uniform international scientific standard by which to measure and determin the mistakes of all religions, churches and creeds and their hundreds of branches.

The devotees of each religious sect have always used their creed as a measure to judge all others creeds and the discoveries of science by. Their creed being wrong it was a false standard to measure with. At last we have found a true standard of creed measurement. This standard measures all religious creeds uniformally, impartially and correctly. When people once learn this scientifie standard of measurement they will be experts in the art of testing the true value of any form of idolatry they may be asked to subscribe to and support.

Looking back through the ages we can see the fatal errors made by all people in every age and clime for want of this standard of measurement. Looking forward to coming time we can see the universal good it will do. People will no longer be imposed on by being led into the practice and support of idol worship by false prophets and leaders. But these great discoveries will be made in vain unless the evidence of their reality be taught the people. People will continue in idolatry until they thoroughly learn the proof that these discoveries are really true. To shorten the time it will take the people to learn these discovers they must be taught to the children. They cannot be taught them without teachers. Teachers cannot be provided for them without organization. Organization cannot be accomplished unless those who know these truths now are willing to join the Church of Humanity to make it strong enough to organize. You, who know these truths, will not join with us unless you object to having idolatry forced upon you and your posterity as it will be by law sometime if more people are not taught these discoveries. Then these discoveries would be suppressed by law and another term of dark ages would be inaugurated with all the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition revived. It is said history repeats itself. Do you who have read the history of the Dark Ages want them repeated? They will be as soon as the idolaters of all creeds unite as many of them are now trying to do. The liberty we now have to teach these discoveries will be taken from us as it was taken from Gallileo and Bruno to teach the truths of nature they had discovered. Our only safety lies in teaching these discoveries to more people so the task of suppressing them would be made impossible. Those who have learned the truths on which the Church of Humanity is based can surely recognize the importance of organizing to teach and perpetuate them. Therefore I most earnestly invite all such persons who are not yet members of this church to send in their applications for membership at once. Do not delay. Do IT NOW.

My "Graft."

A friend heard a man remark, after looking at a copy of our church paper a moment, "that man is working a graft."

The truth of that remark depends on what one means by "graft," how an enterprise turns out, and on the value one sets on things accomplished.

If I can be of any aid in accomplishing the object I desire, and am not placing too great a value on that object, and if the gaining of things of great value for very little comparatively invested is a "graft," I plead guilty. Now I shall give you the measurements and you can easily see what a magnificent "graft" I will have if I succeed. I have six children and I value their preservation from the idolatry of worshiping a myth named God and a dead Jew named Jesus at one million dollars each. All my descendants—don't know how many—at one million dollars each. All that I expect to invest for this great value is my time and ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

Unlike most other grafters I am perfectly willing to give the "snap" away and even urge others to come in with me and make as great a profit. Some have not so many children to raise their profits so high as mine but I will not ask them to invest so much in the enterprise. One dollar is all I ask for letting a man in on the ground floor. He then stands an equal chance with myself to win. In this age of "Frenzied Finance" when most every one is crazy to find a "graft" to work I think here is a magnificent opportunity that should not be missed. Gentlemen, send in your applications for membership.

Children Sacrificed to Idols.

Christianity has made millions of converts by rehersing stories of heathens sacrificing their children to their supposed God. They tell of children being thrown to alligators, into the Ganges and into volcanos as a sacrifice to their God to appease his wrath or insure his blessing. But what can you say of Christians who sacrifice their children in this land and age to their idol—a man-made God? Certainly no heathen was ever more ignorant of the real nature of his idol. Certainly no heathen ever deserved more severe condemnation for the sacrifice of his child to his idol than do modern idolaters under the name of Faith Curist, Divine Healers, &c.

We often read of children suffering with diseases, that are generally easily cured by qualified physicians, but are refused medical aid and left to suffer and die; a sacrifice to an idol—a man-made God. A case in point is that of Grace Bates, three years old. Here is the account as given by the press:

"Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Declaring that a parent who failed to provide medical attention for his sick child is guilty of criminal negligence, Coroner Jermon yesterday held David Bates, a member of the Divine Healing Congregation of Faith Tabernacle, in $2,000 bail for a further hearing today.

Ambrose Clark, assistant pastor of the Tabernacle, was arrested on a warrant issued by the Coroner.

Bates's daughter, Grace, died Tuesday night at his home, No. 144 West Tioga street, after three weeks' illness of typhoid fever.

J. Wesley Ankins and Ambrose Clark, pastor and assistant pastor of Faith Tabernable, frequently prayed over the sick child and told the parents that God would heal her, and that doctors and medicine were anti-Christian."

No child was ever more truly sacrificed to an idol through the ignorance of an idolatrous parent, than was this child.

Were it not that the community worships the same idol and does not wish to bring it into disrepute this case would not be named "criminal negligence" but rank idolatry of the most heathenish type wherein human sacrifice is required. Did any heathens come to our land with a different idol on which they depend for aid in sickness they would be held up to ridicule by Christians as being heathen idol-worshipers that could not be tolerated in this land and age

If you, reader, wish the idolatry that requires the sacrifice of innocent children overthrown by the educational process, join the Church of Humanity and help in the overthrow.

If you have children they are worth saving from idolatry. You cannot save them except by having them taught the truth about God. That teaching will cost you time and money. But no teaching is more important. If you neglect your duty they will have to depend on the teachers of errors concerning God who will make idolaters of them. Can you afford to do that?

When we read the press dispatches giving Dowie's curses on his enemies as he ferociously charges on them in Zion City we are forceably reminded of the malevolent disposition of the old Bible prophets including Jesus.

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OBJECT LESSON I.

[By the International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.]

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

Every evangelist of idolatry point to the one who escaped death as a living monument to the protecting power of a loving God.

The Church of Humanity point to the one who did not escape as a prostrate monument to the truth that there is no God in the universe.

They point to the happy mother whose child returned to health. We point to the weeping mother whose child perished. They point to the living millions, we to the perished trillions.

They make millions of converts to idolatry with their evidence. Why should we not make hundreds of converts to truth with ours? They have the living to add their testimony that a God protects them. are not the silent dead as good witnesses that no God protects? The living can be mistaken in their testimony, the dead cannot be.

In a few years the living witnesses to the protection of a God are dead, and thus prove they were mistaken about there being a protecting God.

They then become our witnesses, for the dead cannot lie.

So the living who escape destruction temporarily are no evidence at all that there is a God, while those who perish are positive evidence that no God exists.

It will not be so difficult to rescue people from idolatry when they once know there is no God who knows or cares anything about them. They will not care then whether there is a God or not and will listen to the evidence of his non-existence with as much interest as to that of his existence since it will not effect their existence in the least whether there be a God or not.

And here is positive daily evidence that no God knows or cares for human beings:

"Silverton, Col., March 20.—Sixteen men have been crushed or suffocated to death by the avalanches in this district in the last three days.

"Boston, March 20.—In a blizzard at sea the Lady Antrim was wrecked and her crew of five men perished.

"Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 27.—Six miners were killed and twelve badly injured, most of whom will die, by an explosion in the Little Cahaba Mine No. 2, at Piper, Ala.

"Vicksburk, Miss., Jan. 23.—The steamer Helena was blown up at Whitehall Landing and four men killed.

"Fargo, N. D., March 27—Two men were roasted to death in a freight car near Garden station.

"Dallas, Tex., Apr. 6.—Prof. Renau, a teacher, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

"Norfolk, Va., April 4 —Many are reported dead and injured in a train wreck at Juniper Station.

"Fort Worth, Tex., March 27.—Three persons fatally hurt and twelve others badly hurt in a train wreck at Carthage.

"Redding Cal,, Feb. 21.—A landslide caused a train wreck in which six persons are killed.

"Birmingham, Ala., March 27.—Two miners are killed and several injured in an explosion in the Reader mines.

"London, March 27.—In a terrible storm at sea off the Northern Portuguese coast a ship went down with all on board.

"Brantford, Ontario, March 27.—Two Salvation Army recruits just arrived from England were struck by a train while on a bridge and killed.

"Fairmount, W. Va., March 23.—Thirty men are dead, twenty-five injured and 35 unaccounted for as a result of an explosion of gas in a shaft of the Century coal mine at Century.

"London, March 20.—Advices from Faihoku, capital of the island of Formosa, state that an earthquake on that island destroyed 1400 houses and killed 1,014 people and injured 695.

"Naples, Italy, April 11.—As a result of the volcanic eruptions of Mount Vesuvious 2000 people have lost their lives."

And so the daily destruction of life goes on all over the world oblivious of idolatrous creeds.

This proves that not one form of idolatry has the slightest effect to stay the unintelligent forces of nature in their work of destruction of human life.

It proves there is no such a being as a God to control or modify the forces of nature in the interests of our race in the slightest particular. Why should any care if there be a God or not when we have daily evidence that no such a being knows or cares for our race, or any member of it?

Why should we not all feel free to learn the truth about God when that knowledge will protect us from being imposed on by idolaters who refuse to learn the truth?

Why should any of us wish to worship an imaginary being that has not the slighest existence in fact?

Why should we make our children idolaters or allow others to do it?

Can't you see by this evidence that no God knows or cares for those who were the victims of these disasters?

Can't you admit that some of them at least were as good idolaters as yourselves?

Can't you believe that as they worshiped the same God you do if he was a raality he would have protected them if he is protecting you from harm?

The imaginary God you worship you believe fills all space, sees and knows everybody all the time, loves and cares for everybody, especially those who love and worship him.

Can you see the slightest difference in the treatment accorded by nature to the idolaters and the non-idolaters? Can you see any difference in the treatment between man and other animals nature makes in these destroying forces?

Logical Conclusions:

1. Since every form and brand of Christian idolatry, hope, faith and belief were represented by the victims of these recorded fatalities none of them can be true or have the slightest influence as a protector from destruction.

2. Since there is no God to care for the body and all it contains in this world there can be none to care for any part of it in any other world.

3. Since God is a fictitious character the worship of him is rank idolatry and should be discontinued.

4. Since the people cannot know that God is a myth until they are taught it, the few who do know it should join the Church of Humanity and make it strong enough to do the teaching.

Do It Now.

Apply the Scientific Standard.

Creed-Measure.

People are coming to grief every day because they have not learned to apply the Scientific Standard of measurement to the various forms of idolatry.

The Standard Creed-Measure is the basis of the Church of Humanity and reads as follows:

All Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and death is the permanent cessation of life.

Memorize this measure and you will be prepared to instantly reject any form of idolatry presented to you for acceptance and support.

Here is one case where the ignorance of this measure and how to apply it caused fatal results:

"Chicago, April 5.—Faith in divine healing caused the death of Mrs. Lucia Due. Due and his wife conducted a faith cure cult. Mrs. Due was attacked with violent erysipelas. Due summoned Dr W. J. Anderson, but refused to allow him to apply restoratives.

"He summoned me so that at the inquest he could say he had called in a physician," said Dr. Anderson. "When I was called to the house the woman was unconscious and I told him she had but a short time to live.

"No, no, the Lord will heal her," said Due. I told him the woman had not more than five hours to live and suggested that I be allowed to apply restoratives. "It can do no good, medicine never helps one." said Due."

Another case where the knowledge of the Standard Creed-Measure should have been applied was at the funeral of S. S. Wilard of Springfield, Mo. A "divine healer" named N. O. Tate, says the account, tried to restore the dead man to life by prayer and had to be thrown out after more than an hours praying so the funeral could proceed.

Thousands of people of Zion City are now coming to grief because they refused to learn and apply the Standard Creed-Measure when the Dowie spur of idolatry was offered them. When too late to save their property they found out that they were humbugged, and now are saying some uncomplimentary things about the "First Apostle of Jesus Christ," and are in rebellion against his authority. The new leader, Voliva, says "we don't believe that any man among us is a direct authorized agent of God." They will retrace their little side journey in idolatry back to the old heathen track instead of throwing the entire system of the Christian mythology overboard with its latest high priest that they have discovered at last is a fraud.

Regardless of the impression, Freethinkers, Secularists, Infidels, Rationalists and Atheists have that their children are smarter than these idolaters the fact remains that they are not. The brains of of the posterity of all these people are not one bit more developed than that of the idolaters. It is not a question of brain development but of education in the true knowledge of God. The children of the most abject slaves to idol worship can learn the truth about God as easily as can the children of non-Christians. Your posterity and mine will be as easily deceived by the Eddies and Dowies and saviors as any. The only way to save them from being humbugged by such idol mongers is to establish an organization able to give them the necessary teaching in the truth about God. Do you Mr. anti-Christian wish your posterity to be left to the mercy of the religious fakirs of the future? If not you will join the Church of Humanity and help to provide them with a sufficient standard of creed-measure with which they can protect themselves from such imposters.

Do It Now.

Blind Leaders of the Blind.

Mount Vesuvius, about 15 miles from Naples, Italy, and surrounded by a dense population, is an active volcano. It is estimated 2000 lives have been lost and many thousands more are in momentary danger of extinguishment. The priests are exhorting the terrified people to "pray my children; you may be sure God will not desert you" instead of telling them the truth that there is no such a being in the universe and to save themselves by flight.

As a result of that blind leadership "in many places the entire family was found dead, kneeling about their humble shrine. They were slain at prayer by the deadly gases."

Those people sacrificed their lives to their faith in the priests' hoodoo about a non-existing being caring for them. Your posterity and mine will ever be led by the blind leaders of hoodooism until they are taught how to protect themselves by the use of the standard measure for hoodooism on which the Church of Humanity is based and which reads as follows: All Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and conscious life is forever ended at death.

When the very lives of your posterity depend on knowing this measure and how to apply it you are very indifferent if you will not give one dollar for life membership in a society that will teach them how to apply the measure if it gets euough members.

If you care to have the blind leaders, who lead the people into the very jaws of death, deposed join the Church of Humanity and Do It Now.

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

W. H. KERR, Editor, and Temporary International Instructor for the Church.

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Devoted to teaching the Discovery that God is a Myth like Santa Claus.

This Church invites all who wish the people freed from idolatry to unite with it.

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The Church of Humanity.

With this number of The Truth About God the Church of Humanity completes its first chapter in society building.

The first 100 have been found who have learned the truth about God and desires that truth promulgated and handed down to coming generations that they may be saved from the idolatry of worshiping a man-made God and a dead man named Jesus. They have applied for and received certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity. They are the first hundred founders of the church. Their names and addresses with a short biography of each are given in this issue. We invite a full comparison in every particular between the character and worth of the members of this church and those of any Christian church. Note their honorable occupations and professions that include a wide range of diversified activities. Note their nationality, and the previous church connections of half of them. Are they not as honorable, as trustworthy, as good citizens as the same number of Christians anywhere? Are they not as good relatives, friends and neighbors as the Christians are? Why then should people refuse to learn the truth about God? What advantage then have idolaters over those who learn the truth and refuse to be idolaters? Is it not better to know the truth than to be ignorant of God's nature? Have not those the advantage who will learn the truths of nature and be prepared to protect themselves from being made idolaters by the teachers of idolatry? Would you rather your posterity knew the truth about God than be left in ignorance of his nature to fall a victim to the teaching of errors by the ignorant?

These people want posterity saved from the idolatry of worshiping a man-made God and a dead man. Hence they are uniting in an educational movement to give the necessary instruction to the young that alone can save them. They want all who know that God is a myth to unite with them. It should be less difficult to find the next hundred members with the first hundred members to help. The next chapter of one hundred members should be added in less than six months. The first hundred invites every subscriber to The Truth About God who has not done so to join the church at once and complete the second chapter in our church founding. Each one has a personal interest in this educational work. Do not wait for others to join first. No one can do your duty for you in this matter. We would not have known a single truth of science had no one taught it until all knew it. We would not have a single great labor saving invention had no one used it until all were ready.

If the few who have learned the discovery that God is a myth will not unite to teach that discovery until all are ready to receive it the people will remain idolaters forever and will never know the truth about God. Then don't wait for people who can not or will not learn the truth. Organize to save your own posterity from idolatry through the educational process. Some people still believe the earth flat and stationary. Would you refuse to have your children taught the truth on account of those people? Would you wait until they learn it? Why should you wait until the idolatres learn that their idol is a myth before you organize to teach your children the truth? Do you expect those who do not know the truth about God to teach anything but errors about him? There is only one course to take if you want anybody rescued from idolatry and that is for those who know the truth and want it taught to band together in a society and teach it. If you will not do that then you don't want the truth taught for there is no other method of teaching that will meet the requirements. The men have founded every church xcept the Christian Science church and they must found the society that teaches the truth about God. Children cannot do it. Women cannot do it. We will not expect or require them to. If the men are too cowardly to say they know that God is a myth we cannot expect the women and children to say so. If men are afraid of a God that does not exist, hurting them in any way for saying so, we cannot expect the women to be more brave.

If men are afraid to acknowledge they have learned that God is a myth for fear of it effecting their social or business relations with those who have not learned that truth how can we ever expect women and children to do so. Women and children are more sensitive as a general thing to what they believe is the local popular prejudice. Men alone have the power to change conditions and prejudices. Men can see beyond local affairs and present time. Children and most women cannot. When men popularize the truth about God by building up a strong educational society the women and children will be naturally attracted to it. When the men erect the substantial frame work of the society then suitable work must be planned for the women and children so they can aid in society building. I am glad to acknowledge the presence of a number of women and children in our church and appreciate fully their worth and aid and will continue to extend a glad welcome to them. The church should have at least 1000 members before it formally organizes and incorporates. Let the men who know that God is a myth set the right example by placing the acknowledgement of that fact above financial or social considerations.

The preservation of a child from idolatry should outweigh all other considerations of its father. He should not for a moment think of his financial or social matters in deciding whether to allow his child to be made an idolater by those ignorant of what God is. What must be thought of a man so totally depraved that he will knowingly make his wife and children worshipers of a myth-God and a dead Jew and pretend to be so himself in hopes of getting thereby an advantage in a little financial dicker? Is he not lower in moral worth than those who are idolaters through ignorance? Does he not deserve the scorn and contempt of even the idolaters who can see his motives beneath his hypocricy? The honest idolaters who are such from ignorance of the nature of their idols admire and respect the sincere man no matter how great a difference in their teaching. The promulgation of a new discovery that is at first unpopular gains in popularity and respect as more people accept it and proclaim its truth. Hence the more people who recognize the truth about God and join a society that proclaims it the more popular that truth becomes and the more popular its advocates are. Therefore all those who wish the people to learn that God is a myth and cease idolatry should popularize that truth for them by proclaiming it themselves by uniting with a society for that purpose. That is the only course to take to popularize that and its believers and teachers.

We have found 100 who have learned that God is a myth and are not afraid or ashamed to acknowledge that they have done so. That makes the discovery 100 times as popular as it was, and I believe that when this church has 1000 members and is organized and incorporated the discovery will become so popular that people will apply for admission to it without waiting for an invitation to do so. But there is now a standing invitation by its 100 members to all the subscribers to the Truth About God to unite with them in the Church of Humanity and thereby add another chapter to it at once. Now readers let each of you, who are not members, accept the invitation of one of the members to join with him or her in this society, and the second chapter in our society building will be at once completed. Do not refuse the kind invitation extended to you by these people. Keep me busy this month filling out certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity. Nothing you could possibly do would please me and all the members more. Popularize yourself and the truth you know by promptly accepting the invitation to let the world know you have learned it. If you were undecided as to whether there is a God or not the terrible destruction of life at San Francisco by earthquake and fire in April should thoroughly convince you that God is a fabulous being and make you eligible to membership in a church that says so. Then accept the invitation of your comrades.

DO IT NOW. DON'T DELAY.

The earthquake at Frisco says by its actions there is no God and no intelligence back of it that knows man. Let us all believe and teach what it proves to be true by its actions.

The indiscriminate destruction of life by earthquake and volcano give the lie to every theologian and teacher of idolatry.

The Church of Humanity is founded on the truths of nature, hence is in perfect accord with the ravages of nature that know not man.

All other churches are founded on the mistaken guesses of man and are therefore contradicted by the forces of nature.

INVITATION—The 99 members and founders of the Church of Humanity invites, through their church paper, each subscriber to it who is not a member to unite with them in church membership during May. Now all do so. Nothing would please them more. Let each subscriber accept the invitation of a member I want to report another chapter to the members in June.

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Finding Those Who Know the Truth and Want it Promulgated.

There are so few people who know that God is a myth and they are so widely scattered that it is a difficult matter to find them. After they are found it is a great task to urge most of them to do their duty in helping to found a society to promulgate that truth without which no one can be freed or saved from idolatry. The Church of Humanity is advertising extensively for those who know the truth about God that they may be invited to unite and found a society for the rescue and preservation of their children from the idolatry of worshiping a creation of fiction named God and a dead Jew named Jesus. It appears to me that all such people should not wait for a second invitation to unite for this purpose that they can see can not be accomplished without it. It is very encouraging though to know that some can recognize their duty and do it as soon as this subject of organization of our forces for educational work is called to their attention. The following are a few of that class who have promptly responded to the call:

"Henry Crouse, Moab, Utah.

The Truth Seeker of April 7 invites me to send 25 cents to you for a years subscription to the Truth About God. I am 72 years old. Am particularly interested in the truth. Have been groping many years. It is time for every person to cease to be an idolater of myths, fictions and falsehoods.

J. W. Day, Raymondville, Mo.

Enclosed find 25 cents for one years subscription. Also blank application for church membership, information about college etc.

E. W. Rodes, Golden Pond, Ky.

Please find money order 50 cents. Send your application blanks, and send us two copies of paper, 'Truth About God."

W. C. Sappington, Grandy, I.T.

Kindly send me blank application, also information about your college. Find 25 cents for subscription to the Truth About God.

Chas. A. Lee, Jacksboro, Tex.

Find enclosed 25 cents for "Truth About God." Send blanks and information in regard to membership in the Church of Humanity.

John Marsh, Saybrook, Ill.

Please send blanks for membership in the Church of Humanity, also information about your college. 25 cents enclosed for the "Truth About God."

Joseph H. Cloud, Wilmington, Del.

Enclosed please find order for two subscriptions to the "Truth About God," and please send blank applications for membership in the Church of Humanity. Saw ad. in Blue Grass Blade.

William Faraday, Altoona, Pa.

Enclosed find 25 cents for the "Truth About God." Send me blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity and information about the college. Saw your ad. in Humanitarian Review and am desirous of becoming one of the founders and organizers of the above church which teaches doctrins in accord with my belief. I believe when the truth is known and taught regarding these subjects the world will be better.

W. D. Harp, Kathleen, Fla.

I saw your ad. in Blue Grass Blade. Enclosed find 25 cents for the "Truth About God." Please send information about the Church of Humanity with blank application for membership.

John P. Williams, Dallas, Ga.

Enclosed find stamps for copies of Truth About God. I want to join the Church of Humanity, send blank application. I know there is no conscious existence after death, and that all the teaching about a real God, Devil, heaven and hell is nonsense and fables. I want to belong to a society that teaches truths instead of the fables.

A. H. Gibbs, Kansas City, Mo.

Just saw your ad. in Ingersoll Memorial Beacon. Please send me "Truth About God." I will be glad to become a member and subscriber if it is as good as it sounds in ad."

Let the good work go on until every reader of a Freethought publication is a member of the Church of Humanity and doing his or her duty in promulgating the truths that alone can free the people from idolatry. A man's first duty is to learn the truth about God and free himself from the idolatry of worshiping a creation of fiction and a dead man. But his duty does not end there by any means. He must free his children and loved ones. He can not do that alone. He must help to build up on organization that will be able to provide trained instructors for them, as the idolaters provide for the teaching of errors that make idolaters of the people.

Don't wait to send for blank applications for membership. Fill out the one in this paper, or write out one like it and answer all the questions in rotation and send it to me. I will do the rest. DO IT NOW. DON'T DELAY.

You are Away Behind, Doctor, Add Some More to It.

Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's church, Rochester, N. Y. is the defendant in a heresy trial in the Protestant Episcopal church.

He is accused of having delivered sermons disputing the divinity of Christ, the Immaculate Conception, the bodily resurrection and the Trinity. One witness testified that on the night of Dec. 21, 1905 the Dr. said in his sermon, "Jesus was born of parents belonging to the middle class. He was born of a simple father and mother. He was the son of a carpenter. The fact that the early Christians predicated a miraculous birth of Christ is to be regarded as one of the greatest misfortunes that has ever befallen mankind."

Dr. Crapsey will make no attempt to repudiate the utterances credited to him but will insist that a broad view of the theological questions involved would justify everything he has said. A book, "Religion and Politics," which he published containing some of his alleged heretical sermons will be offered in evidence against him.

Well, well Dr., you are in a pretty pickle. Too far advanced to be of any service to a sect of Christian idolaters but not far enough advanced by nine-tenths to be elegible to membership in the Church of Humanity. You don't know enough about God to teach the cradle class in this church.

Now, good Dr. Crapsey, I advise you to add to your other repudiated theological ignorance the affirmations that God and Satan are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and that death ends conscious existence. Then employ, not idolatrous lawyers to defend you, but a few modern scientists who know something of the origin of life on this planet and of the formation of suns and systems of worlds in space. Make yours a trial between modern civilization and ancient barbarism, between knowledge and superstition, between scientific truths and theological idolatry, between truth and falsehood. Then if the idolaters throw you out by force of numbers come right forward and join the Church of Humanity where you will be welcomed with open arms and where there will never be any danger of you outgrowing your church or of being put out on account of becoming too wise.

If you had any lingering idea that it might be possible that God was a real being as claimed by idolaters all doubts should have been removed forever from your mind by the San Francisco disaster that proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that God is only a myth.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS: Unite with the Church of Humanity. It is a movement of your class of readers and students of nature to have an organization of, by and for themselves to perpetuate the truth about God they have learned and hand it down to posterity that it may be saved from idolatry. Unite with those of your class and help in the founding of their society.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow idolatry.

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey st. New York City	W	vol 31	$3.
Blue Grass Blade Lexington, Ky.	W	vol 14	$1.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.	M	Vol 5	$1.
Higher Science, Cor. A & Dave. Los Angeles	M	Vol 5	$1.
The Humanitarian Review, 852 E Lee st. Los Angeles, Cal.	M	Vol 4	$1.
Ingersoll Memorial Beacon, 78 La Salle st. Chicago, Ill	M	Vol 2	50c
Liberal Review, 117 E 31 st. Chicago, Ill.	M	Vol 1	$1.
The Culturist, 414 Home st. Cincinnati, O.	M	Vol 1	$1.

The invitation, with blank attached, to join the church on fourth page is published in a leaflet, 1 cent each. Send for some to hand or mail to those you think would join the church if invited to do so. The church members should each order a few.

The lesson is crowded out this month, but the earthquake at San Francisco should be lesson enough for one month to prove that God is a myth and cause those who can understand the truth it teaches to join the Church of Humanity.

TO THE CHURCH MEMBERS: As Mr. J. E. Roberts has resigned as minister of "The Church of This World" at Kansas City and is "out of a job" why not invite him to unite with us and do field work for the Church of Humanity as a state or national instructor? Will some of the members write to him in regard to the proposition? He should be kept in the lecture field. Others can raise corn and beans, but very few are able to raise people from their idolatrous knees. Such people are most needed now. Not one of them should be allowed to engage in other occupations for want of "calls" if it can be helped. Address, J. E. Roberts, Hotel Baltimore, K. C., Mo.

Application for Membership

In the Church of Humanity.

W. H KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or St.....

..... State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

Membership Roll of the First 100 Life Members and Founders of the Church of Humanity.

NO.	DATE	NAME	POSTOFFICE	STATE	Age	SEX	OCCUPATION	NATIONALITY	LANGUAGE	Previous Church
1	Mar. 23	Wilcox. Dr. M. W.	Oklahoma City	Okla	37	Male	doctor	American	English	None
2	April 18	Weaver, F. S.	Mussman	S. D.	55	"	farmer	American	"	None
3	June 29	Molee, Elias	Tacoma	Wash	58	"	writer	Norwegian	"	Luiheran
4	July 6	Fredrich, Emil	Mt Sterling	Ky	51	"	florist	French	"	Catholic
5	Dec. 12	Wallace, W. W.	Chicago	Ill	71	"	student	American	"	None
6	Dec. 12	Kerr, W H.	Great Bend	Kans.	48	"	farmer	American	"	None
7	Dec 12	" , Florence P	"	"	47	Female	housekeeper	American	"	Lutheran
8	Dec. 12	" , Alice Bertha	"	"	5	"	school	American	"	None
9	Dec. 12	" , Josephine	"	"	7	"	..	American	"	None
10	Dec. 12	" , Robert H.	"	"	9	Male	..	American	"	None
11	Dec. 14	Bertaux, John	Roseland	"	34	"	miner	Belgian	"	Catholic
12	Dec. 16	Hansen, P. C.	Greenleaf	"	63	"	farmer	Danish	"	Lutheran
13	Dec. 17	Semple, Etta	Ottawa	"	48	Female	magnetic healer	American	"	Baptist
14	Dec 17	Lutterman, A.	Ackley	Ia	48	Male	carpenter	Cerman	"	Ger Luth
15	Dec. 21	" , B. A.	Lennox	S. D.	40	..	school teacher	German	"	Methodist
16	Dec. 31	Chapman, Dr. H. J.	Speed	Kans	36	..	physician	American	"	None
*17	Jan17,04	Long. Charles	Payson	Utah	83	..	gardener	English	"	Lat D St
18	Jan. 18	Beeson, James	Hytop	Ala	67	..			"	
19	Jan 20	Wallace, E. E.	Great Bend	Kans	42	..	photographer	American	"	None
20	Jan 20	Guston, H. O.	Cerro Gordo	Ill	63	..	retired farmer	..	"	Presbyter
21	Jan. 21	Mizzles, Jas. E.	Newhope	Ark	29	..	editor	..	"	Miss Bapt
22	Jan. 24	Wise, J. B.	Topeka	Kans	52	..	book agent	..	"	Lutheran
23	Jan. 25	Miller, Joe R.	Morgantown	W. Va	42	..	laundry	..	"	Presbyter
24	Jan. 29	White. Moses	Newhope	Ark	46	..	farmer	..	"	Methodist
25	Feb. 9	Walcott, W. W.	Lyons	Kans	55	..	..	..	"	None
26	Feb. 12	Kerr, Ethel F.	Great Bend	"	14	Female	school	..	"	None
27	Feb. 14	Jones, J.	Sailor Springs	Ill	64	Male	retired farmer	..	"	Methodist
28	Mar. 29	Ernst, E. Z.	Olathe	Kans	54	..	publisher	..	"	Menonite
29	Apr. 8	Lynn, I. I.	Ballard	Wash	50	..	retired farmer	Norwegian	"	Lurheran
30	Apr. 18	Heald, F. H.	Los Angeles	Calif	48	..	editor	American	"	None
31	Apr. 19	Holman, John S.	Pontiac	Ill	78	..		English	"	None
32	Apr. 25	Billard, J. B	N. Topeka	Kans	57	..	mill & grain	French	" Fr	None
33	Apr. 26	Kelly Miles	Glen Riddle	Pa	47	..	merchant	American	"	None
34	Apr. 28	Hammack, Wm	Frederick	Md	37	..	piano tuner	American	"	Baptist
35	May 17	Burtram, E	Pontiac	Ill						
36	May 24	Dunbar, Wm C	Fulton	Kans	67	..	farmer	American	"	None
37	May 28	Johnson, Mrs Emma	Great Bend	"	62	Female	housekeeper	American	"	None
38	June 21	Lee, Mrs C E	Portersville	Calif	81	..	poultry	American	"	None
39	June 23	Fredrich, Mrs Dorothy	Mt. Sterling	Ky	51	..		German	"	Lutheran
40	June 23	" , Bertha	"	"	17	..	school	American	" Ger	None
41	June 23	" , Harry	"	"	15	Male	..	American	" "	None
42	June 23	" , Fleurette	"	"	9	Female	..	American	" "	None
†43	June 29	Kerr, Mary Belle	Great Bend	Kans	20	..	.	American	"	None
44	June 29	" , Winnie A	"	"	18	..	..	American	"	None
45	July 12	Burrow, F E	Malvern	Ark	25	Male	farmer	American	"	Miss Bapt
46	July 16	Claverie, P L	Portersville	Calif	47	..	laborer	French	" Fr	Catholic
47	July 24	Newsom, J Q A	St. Louis	Mo	68	..	inventor	American	"	None
48	July 24	Newsom, Joseph N	"	"	43	..	engineer	American	"	Methodist
49	Sept. 26	Lee, Mrs M A	Blue Earth	Minn	66	Female	housekeeper	American	"	Methodist
50	Sept. 30	Stangeland, O	Manila	Wash	57	Male	farmer	Norwegian	"	Methodist
51	Oct. 5	Mills, James E	Dickens	Ia	63	..	grain buyer	American	"	None
52	Oct. 5	" , Mrs Ella V	"	"	52	Female	editor	American	"	None
53	Oct 16	Heider, Henry	West Salem	Wis	62	Male		German	" Ger	Lutheran
54	Oct. 16	Marr, J F	Ft. Madison	Ia	84	..	retired bldr	American	"	Methodist
55	Oct. 16	Hoover, Harry	Carnegie	Penn	71	..	carpenter	American	"	Methodist
56	Oct. 16	Drake, Wm	Montpelier	O	65	..	retired farmer	American	"	None
57	Oct. 17	Harris, N J	Tuscaloosa	Ala	44	..	dentist	American	"	Methodist
58	Oct. 17	Sherman, W B	Boone	Ia	59	..	grocer	American	"	None
59	Oct. 17	Hisey, A T	Tama	"	50	..	writer	American	"	Quaker
60	Oct. 17	Stoner, Jefferson	Des Moines	"		..	brick mason	American	"	Methodist
61	Oct. 18	Rowe, M	Redmon	Ill	71	..	farmer	English	"	Methodist
62	Oct. 18	Ryder, W L	Monticello	"	70	..	retired lawyer	American	"	Baptist
63	Nov. 3	Frantz, Joseph	Schenectady	N. Y.	27	..	tinner	Roumanian	"	
64	Nov. 4	Shepherd, Mrs M	Olathe	Kans	41	Female	laundry	American	"	None
65	Dec. 10	Coryell, Reginald	Custer	Idaho			publisher			
*66	Dec. 10	Heston, Watson	Carthage	Mo	58	Male	artist	American	"	None
67	Dec. 10	" , Mrs Lottie	"	"	52	Female	dressmaker	American	"	None
68	Dec. 12	Drake, H Hudson	Amarillo	Tex	72	Male	hotel keeper	American	"	None
69	Dec. 12	Kraybill, Mrs L R	Coffeyville	Kan	37	Femele	lecturer	American	"	Baptist
70	Dec. 29	Ellsworth, O	Denison	Tex		Male	news stand			
71	Dec. 31	Dyer, C M	Cloverdale	nd	42	..	telegraph opr	American	"	None
72	Jan. 2 05	Coursen, C E	Simpson	Kans		..				
73	Jan. 14	Clark, Charles W	Allerton	Ia	61	..	machinist	American	"	None
74	Jan. 14	White, Otis	Salida	Colo	60	..	farmer	American	"	None
75	Jan. 18	Morin, F G	Chicago	Ill	32	..	letter carrier	American	"	Catholic
76	Feb 10	Kerr, G M	Ingalls	Kans	39	..	farmer	American	"	None
77	Feb. 10	" , Mrs Flora	"	"	19	Female	housekeeper	American	"	None
78	Feb. 17	Felten, C H	New Baltimore	Pa	33	Male	miner	American	"	Campbelite
79	Feb. 18	Stoll, L S	Smithland	Ia	59	..	physician	French	" Fr	Catholic
80	Feb. 18	" , Mrs S E	"	"	58	Female	housekeeper	American	"	Catholic
81	Feb. 20	Thomas, Paul	Ruskin	Tenn	28	Male	telegrapher	American	"	None
82	Feb. 26	Kinberly, C R	S. Bloomfield	O	42	..	teaching	American	"	Dis of Chr
83	Mar. 6	Davis, Aaron	Frederick	Md	86	..				Lutheran
84	Mar. 28	Walsh, J W	Louisville	Ky	77	..	tailor	Irish	"	None
85	Apr. 27	Riedl, Franz	Olmitz	Kans	44	..	lumberman	Austria	" Ger	Catholic
86	May 1	Barr, H L	Vincennes	Ind	21	..	student	American	"	Campbelite
87	May 1	" , Charles	Barnesville	"	13	..	farmer	American	"	Christian
88	May 6	Harvie, Isa	Nevada	Mo	39	Female	dressmaker	Scotch	"	None
89	May 23	Lippel, C	Newark	N. J.	47	Male	laborer	American	"	Gypsy
90	Aug. 16	Wilson, W F	St. Paul	Minn	43	..	cook	Irish	"	Presbyter
91	Nov. 3	Philbrick, Helen	Sabra	Mont	45	Female	authoress	American	"	Baptist
92	Dec. 12	Marble, A D.	Oklahoma City	Okla	64	Male	patent atty	American	"	None
93	Dec. 20	Foster, Mrs. F. M.	Dorchester	Mass	60	Female	housekeeping	American	"	None
94	Dec. 30	Mayo, J F	Sycamore	Kans	60	Male	merchant	American	"	Presbyter
95	Jan 6, 06	Maxwell, C	Gomez	Tex	74	..	ex-preacher	American	"	Methodist
96	Jan. 23	Thompson, E M	Walsh	"	37	..	farmer	American	"	None
97	Jan. 24	Leary, Charles	Bellingham	Wash	54	..		American	"	
98	Feb. 2	Golub, Lewis	Schenectady	N. Y.	27	..	restaurant	Russian	"	None
99	Apr. 14	MacLeod, Bruce	Atlanta	Ga	39	..	phys. director	British	"	Ch of Eng
100	Apr. 15	Miller, Richard	Falfurrias	Tex	27	..	immi. agent	American	"	None

* Members who are dead.

† Married. Mrs. C. Markel, Claflin, Kans.

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An Urgent Invitation From All Its Members

TO All Readers of Freethought Publications And Scientific Works That Disprove The Existence of a God to Unite With Them in the Church of Humanity

TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN FROM IDOLATRY.

BY

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JOIN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY. DO IT NOW. DON'T DELAY. This is a movement of all the readers of Freethought publications and of scientific books that disprove the existence of a God. We must organize to save the children from idolatry. Papers and books are not doing that and cannot do it. It requires personal teaching by qualified instructors to use the books as it does in teaching other branches of knowledge to children.

The teachers of idolatry are making converts to idolatry of our own children while we delude ourselves with the idea that we have more sense than the Christians and that Christianity is bankrupt and nearly dead. It is not dead and never will be until the people are taught the truth about God. We, who read and understand anti-Christian publications and scientific works that prove that God is a myth, must organize to promulgate those truths.

Let every one of those readers unite in the Church of Humanity now to propagate and perpetuate their knowledge. We are none too many to enable us to organize and incorporate if every reader of anti-idolatry publications unite as life members and founders of the Church of Humanity. The church has 100 members now and wants 1000 before a convention is called to formally organize and incorporate.

The church invites and urges you to become a life member and one of the founders of it. The first 1000 members will be the incorporaters and founders.

Let us all unite in this common society. Let us be builders of society. Let us be teachers of the Truth About God. Let us save the children from idolatry regardless of cost in time and money.

The Church of Humanity is based on the great scientific discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are mtyhs and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life. Members assume no obligations except those voluntary given. All those who know God is a myth are eligible to membership in the church.

When the application for membership is filled out and sent me I shall record it in the Book of Life and send the applicant a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, making him a life member and a founder of the Church of Humanity.

The special work of our church and its paper is organizing the readers of anti-Christian publications. We can do nothing without organization, while with it we can have congenial society of our own; promote the reading and study of publications that are helping to overthrow idolatry; establish a course of study suitable for church, Sunday school and college use in teaching the discoveries on which the society is founded; spread and perpetuate those truths; save the children from the idolatry of worshiping a man-made God and a dead man; accomplish the final overthrow of idolatry and the substitution of scientific knowledge in its place; furnish our own society, teach our own children, marry those of our own knowledge, bury our own dead, promote our own enterprises, support our own churches, schools and teachers.

Would not all that be better than to be dead-beats in society while the teachers of ancient errors make idolaters of our children? If you think it would be let your answer be your application for membership in the Church of Humanity which is hereby attached ready for you to fill out and return to the editor. Do It Now. DON'T DELAY. Add 25 cents for "The Truth About God" a year if you are not a paid up subscriber.

Now please don't wait for another invitation to unite with society composed of the readers of Freethought papers and magazines and books that proves Christianit a mythology. We must learn the art of society building and teaching. It is absolutely necessary to protect our children from being victimized by the Eddies and Dowies of the future. This church is a safe refuge for all members of all other churches who have learned that their church is teaching errors and idolatry as well as for those who never joined any other church. We will educate young men and women in the truth about God in our college and send them out as Instructors to rescue the people from idolatry and get them to join the Church of Humanity where they can aid in the work of rescue. But those who are now free from idolatry must unite to begin the work of rescue. Let each do his duty at once and we will soon be able to organize and begin saving the people from idolatry by the educational process. DO YOUR DUTY and DO IT NOW.

It is your cause. It is the call of your class to duty. All the church members say come. Duty to your loved ones in idolatry says come. Your duty to the truths of modern science says come. Your duty to civilization and progress says come. Your duty to your comrades who have enlisted in this rescue work says come. Your own best judgment and conscience says come. Then do not disappoint the voices that call you to duty, but satisfy and please them all by filling out the following blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity and return it to the Temporary International Instructor for the church. Do IT NOW. DON'T DELAY.

Let us make the truths of science we have learned popular by all of us saying to the world through the Church of Humanity that we believe them. Let us make our class of readers and students of nature popular by all of us uniting in this society to make it have a large membership which will compel respect for each one of us. By uniting and building up a large society we will make ourselves more popular and respected than any Christian church because we have truth on our side with modern sciences to prove it. When we have everything to gain by uniting in this church—respect, popularity, honor—why should anyone who reads a Freethought publication hesitate a moment to send in his application for membership. Why should anyone refuse to unite with his class in this great movement and prefer to remain an isolated, cowardly dead-beat in society, afraid to acknowledge he has learned the truth about God? Afraid to make a protest against the idolaters who teach his loved ones the falsehoods that make idolaters of them. Come, wake up, have some life and energy; have some pride and spunk; have some nerve and metal. Don't let the idolaters brow-beat and buldoze and intimidate you. Assert your right to organize and have your knowledge taught to the children. Assert your right to save your own posterity from idolatry by helping to organize a society to teach them the truth about God. You have as much right to do that as idolaters have to teach them falsehoods in order to make idolaters and supporters of idolatry of them which they will continue doing until checked by an organization of your class of readers and students.

This is the first attempt ever made to organize an educational movement to overthrow idolatry. The first call is for 1000 volunteers to start the movement. You see the need of it. Respond promptly to the first call. Be a hero in this educational contest with Rome. It is the greatest contest ever waged.

On one side is five hundred million idolaters, thoroughly organized, trained and equipped and pledged to the perpetuation of the errors, superstition and idolatry of the ancients. On the other side is a call for one thousand volunteers—100 have responded—to represent modern discoveries in the great book of the universe. Equipped with the modern sciences we go forth to challenge the all powerful Rome to an educational contest. To the victor goes the coming generations. They have all been going to Rome. Generation after generation have been put on their knees to idols Rome taught them to worship.

Are not your children as dear to you as to Rome? Is it not worth while to organize to save them from being victimized by Rome? If you fail to do your duty now a large share of the wealth you leave your children will be turned over to the agents of Rome to make more idolaters with because they will be won to the cause of idolatry. All Protestant churches are simply branches of Rome. Why leave your surplus wealth for such debasing purposes? Why not place it where it will do the most good to your children and loved ones? Why not use it in establishing an organization to give them that knowledge of God that alone can save them from idolatry? Can you place it to a better use for them?

Idolaters put up their money and time to make idolaters of your children. Why not put up yours to save them from idolatry? Do you not care for your children's wellfare? Will you not help to establish a society for them wherein they can be taught the truth? Why leave your wealth to be turned over to the teachers of idolatry? Would you not rather turn it over to your own class to help in the building of societies for yourself and children? Would you not rather have truths of nature taught than the mistakes of the ancients? Make your choice now. Decide now whether you will help your own class to organize or help the idolaters to further enslave you and your posterity to the worship of idols. Be a man. Stand up for your class, the truths you have learned. Stand up for your home, your loved ones, your honor. Stand up for truth and right. Defend yourself and loved ones against the forces of idolatry with your time and your surplus wealth. You can do nothing when you are dead. Do your duty now while you live. Make a start in the right direction by enclosing a dollar with this application for membership. For this dollar used in this way you can let the idolaters know for all coming time that you knew the truth about God, that you was free from idolatry, that you was not a cowardly dead-beat in society, that you were one of the heroes who founded the Church of Humanity. The members call you to duty. They invite you to fellowship. I shall depend on you. I shall anxiously await your application. I shall be glad to welcome you to membership, friendship and fellowship in the Church of Humanity. Don't disappoint your comrades who have already volunteered in the rescue work. You have loved ones to be rescued. You may have posterity to be saved from idolatry. You are vitally interested in this movement of your class and ever will be so long as you live. Identify yourself with it. Harken to the dictates of conscience. You can see a world on its knees worshiping idols. You can see teachers of idolatry promptly putting each successive generation on its knees to the worship of idols. You can see your own loved ones go down before the organized forces of idolatry. Join the rescue party. Do It Now. DON'T DISAPPOINT YOUR COMRADES.

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The Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is designed to supply a growing need never before supplied—the need of a true knowledge of God. A few people have made the discovery that God is a creation of fiction and has no existence whatever. This is a discovery of the greatest importance. A discovery compared with which all other discoveries are insignificant. When nearly the entire human race has worshiped Gods from prehistoric times to the present and then the truth is learned t at no God exists it is a discovery so wonderful that few can comprehend it, or believe that it is possible. The few who have made the discovery know that the worship of Gods will continue in practice until the worshipers are taught the evidence that proves the discovery of God's mythical nature true. They know it will require a great organization to establish and maintain educational institutions for the teaching of this discovery to others and preparing them to go out as instructors to teach the people this discovery and rescue them from the idolatry of worshiping a creation of fiction named God and a dead man named Jesus. To establish such schools and maintain the instructors will require large sums of money and that can be raised only by donations from those who know the discovery and want it taught to posterity to save it from idolatry. Hence the Church of Humanity must have a large membership so the expense of the educational work will not be too heavy to bear.

As in other ch rches some members will be unable to pay anything and others can pay liberally without feeling it financially. Those who can will pay for the teaching of G d's non-existence to those unable to help financially and find their reward in a higher plane of civilization for the people, and in the education of those who are to associate with and become the life companions of their children. The principles on which the public schools are based will be adopted in the educational work of the church except the taxation will be voluntary instead of compulsory, and as in that plan few will object to paying for the education of children whose parents are unable to contribute anything finding their compensation in a higher level of intelligence among the common people.

As people realize the truth of this great discovery the disgrace of worshiping God and Jesus will be so impressed on their minds that they will put up all the financial aid necessary to insure the thorough instruction of their ehildren in the proof of this discovery so they can never be victimized by the teachers of idolatry. They will recognize the fact that this branch of knowledge is worth more to their children than all others combined and will pay for its teaching accordingly. Children can be taught all other branches of knowledge and still remain idolaters, but this one branch—the truth about God—will prevent them from becoming idolaters though they learn no other branch of know edge. Therefore one can understand the value and importance of organizing to teach this branch of knowledge, and of having children learn it.

The church has 109 members now. It should have 1000 members bef re formal organization and incorporation is justified. Then it will be strong enough to employ one National Instructor to do field work as a traveling missionary to proclaim and teach the great discovery to the people and organize local churches for the members wherever a few are in reach of each other for meeting purposes. I think the church would be able then to maintain a college also for the teaching and training of instructors to be sent out as demands are made for them by church members.

Our college building will be ready in a short time to receive and care for students, and the church should see to it that the building is provided with students. I shall expect the members to send their children here for a course of study in the Truth About God if only for a short course of three months instruction. I have been very busy helping to repair and clean up the building and have much to do yet in making it attractive and comfortable for the home of students while taking a course of instruction that will forever protect them from becoming victimized by the ignorant teachers of idolatry. But it will be the duty of the members o provide the students. Idolaters cannot and will not be expected to furnish any students for our college. It must be supported and patronized by those who have ceased to be idolaters through having learned the truth about the idols and wish that truth taught others to save them from ever becoming idolaters.

I only wish the church was able to fill the building with students when it is ready for them. But the church must have several hundred members more before it can do that. I think we should have one thousand members and be organized and incorporated and have trustees elected to manage the college. I want to deed the building to the church as soon as it can maintain a college in it that teaches the discoveries the church is based on. The church should be proud of this building as it is the largest in this city and well adapted for a denominational boarding school. Our church could have its great discoveries taught here and instructors prepared to go forth and teach them to the people. The people can never give up idolatry until they are taught these discoveries. The Church of Humanity should take the greatest pride in getting able to do that teaching and make every effort to gain increased membership to enable it to secure this building and establish its denominational college. We are 109 now. Bro. Heald, editor of Higher Science, of Los Angeles, Calif., is going to take an active part in finding those who know God is a creation of man and invite them to become members and founders of this church. I earnestly hope other editors of anti-Christian publications will join in the hunt for those far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be elegible for membership in this church.

This is the only way a union of our forces can be accomplished and an effectual educational movement be inaugurated. I have just received an application for membership through the influence and invitation of Mr. Heald and expect many more in the near future. I earnestly request all subscribers to T. A. G. who are not members of the church to send in their application at once. Your subscription to the paper aids us and we appreciate it but the ultimate object in pub ishing the paper is to gain members for the church. If you fail to send in your application for membership our labor has been in vain and we cannot mutually aid each other in the establishment of an educational institution to overthrow idolatry. You can do a thousand times more good and please the church members a thousand times more by uniting with the church than by simply subscribing for its organ. I hope each one will do the greater good and give this greater aid by applying for membership at once.

Meeting Competition.

Seeing the success of the Catholics in holding their natural increase of numbers in their church through their plan of infant baptism and early religious teaching some Protestant teachers of idolatry are taking the cue from them and are enrolling infants in Sunday schools as the "Cradle Roll." A card sent me for comment by Mr. E. A. Davidson of Collins, Miss. is an invitation from a primary Supt. of a Sunday school to a mother requesting her to enroll her infant in this class, promising to send it "a beautiful Certificate of Enrollment" and birthday presents, and "hoping to see it, in due time, enrolled as a regular member of the Sunday school."

All the comment I have to offer is that the Church of Humanity must meet this competition too for the teaching of the young. It must see to it that its share of the seventy infants born to our race every minute are taught the Truth About God before the teachers of idolatry get in their false teaching. Therefore I suggest that as soon as this church is organized and incorporated that it issue a proclimation making every child born to a member of this church "A Born Member" of the church, and making it the imperative duty of its parent to teach it the discoveries the church is based on; that at the age of five years it be confirmed as a member and be required to take a prescribed course, under an Instructor, in the Truth About God; that when the course is completed it be given a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, making it a life member of the Church of Humanity.

The most brilliant jewel in the galaxy of discovered truths is the discovered truth that God is a myth.

The idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God can never be checked until the people are taught the evidences that prove God a myth.

Any society or organization formed to rescue people from idolatry and preserve posterity from falling victims to it that does not provide for teaching the discovery of God's mythical nature will be unable to accomplish anything.

The discovery that God is only a creation of fiction can be accepted and believed by idolaters only when it becomes popular. Make it twice as popular as it is now by 100 more who know that truth joining the Church of Humanity at once. Let each subscriber to the Truth About God try to be anong that hundred by applying for membership at once.

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Haeckel's 30 Theses Will Not Do For a Basis of Organization.

In the June Beacon friend Maple suggests "the holding of a meeting in Chicago this coming fall composed of editors (or their proxies) of Freethought Journals" etc, to form a national organization and suggests Haeckel's 30 theses as a tentative platform for the organization. While I am pleased to note a desire for organization on the part of Freethought editors and am glad to see the subject discussed, I know from past experiences and observation that no organization can be formed in that way with any vitality to it. Haeckel's theses were tried as a basis for organization at St. Louis and proved a failure. They are too voluminous, and too indefinite concerning the foundations of idolatry and the methods of overthrowing it to form a basis for a society with that object in view.

No society of our people can be of any value that does not make that its primary object. We need an organization based on a vital truth with a definite object in view. What truth among all the truths revealed by science is greater than the discovery that God is a myth? What object could an organization have more vital than the overthrow of the worship of dead people and myths?

Haeckel does not, in his theses, recognize the truth that God is a myth. Neither does he contemplate the overthrow of idolatry, but rather continues the basis for it in the following statements which could not be indorsed by the Church of Humanity and which shows he is not far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be eligible to membership in it:

"In our modern science the idea 'God' can be maintained only so far as we see in 'God' the last indiscernable cause of all things, the unconscious hypothetical 'original cause of substance.'"

Now the youngest child in the Church of Humanity could tell Mr. Haeckel that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus and is not the "original cause of substance" or anything else. The idea that God is a real being and cause of anything is the heart, core and center of all religious, idolatrous mythologies including Christianity.

Mr. Haeckel uses God to account for the things whose real cause he is ignorant of just as the idolaters do. The crowding of God back farther on account of his more advanced knowledge than the Christians do does not check idolatry in the least. If all Christians were as wise as he most of them would still worship that "original cause of substance." Haeckel's position illustrates how this myth-God recedes as positive knowledge advances and so long as there is an idolater who does not know the whys and wherefors of all things he will still attribute what he is ignorant of to God until he is taught that God is a myth, then he will try to find the real cause. If Mr. Haeckel ever learns the "original cause of substance" he will find it is not God at all as he has learned that the causes of other things he understands is not God. But perhaps there would still be other things he did not know the cause of and would advance the God idea to account for that. The only sensible course to take is to recognize the discovery that God is a myth and seek the real cause of things which when found has never, in all our investigations, been found to be God. The Monistic Education as outlined in theses 28 are totally inadiquate to check idolatry. Thousands of children are thus educated in this country only to fall victims to idolatry through the teaching of the first Evangelist or Salvation Army lass that happens along. He does not once suggest the only teaching that can arm the child to resist the false teaching of idolaters—the teaching that God is a myth.

In thesis 18 Haeckel teaches Determinism which, if I understand his explanation and meaning, is that all people believe and act as they do owing to the construction of their brain in which they had no part. This teaching gives rise to the often expressed idea that members of the many different religious sects are such owing to the construction of their brains and that determined before hand the denomination they would adhere to. No teaching could be more absurd and contrary to facts. The Church of Humanity could not indorse such erroneous ideas. It is altogether a question of teaching. All human beings can learn and understand the discovery that God is a fabulous being if they are given the necessary teaching.

Haekel speaks of "body and spirit" in thesis 20; of "soul and body," and "spiritual food," thesis 28, much as the idolaters do instead of recognizing "spirit" and "soul" as creations of fiction, like God, heaven and hell.

I do not know if friend Maple included me or the Church of Humanity among the invited parties to the proposed meeting for organization or not. It is due him to state our reasons for rejecting Haeckel's theses as a basis for organization. The Church of Humanity has an infinitely better basis for organization in the discovered truths it proclaims, and no possible object could be suggested of greater vital interest than the overthrow of idolatry through the teaching of those discoveries. The church cannot recede from its advanced position to compromise with idolatry by accepting a bybrid foundation called "a tie between science and religion."

I know friend Maple will find in his own country a foundation and object for an organization adopted already by the Church of Humanity in every particular far superior to that of Haeckel's, and one that he will find on close analysis will meet his own requirements much better. I invite the church members to write to Mr. Maple and the Beacon and urge the impartial consideration of the foundation and object of their church on his attention.

Join the Church of Humanity.

Some Mistakes of Freethinkers.

Very little progress can be made by non Christians in organizing an educational movement to overthrow idolatry until many of the absurd teachings in all Freethought publications are corrected.

In my work of organization I am frequently confronted with these false ideas that block my labors. These mistaken ideas will thwart any attempt at organization under any name or by any body else. Hence I earnestly request all editors of Freethought publications to correct these mistaken theories and discourage the teachers of them by commenting on them adversely when presented in manuscripts for publication.

Here are a few of the mistakes most commonly made by writers in all Freethought journals which the editors should point out and have corrected to conform to actual facts. I suggest the correction:

1. That the clergy know they are teaching falsehoods and purposely do so to deceive and mislead the people. Correction. The clergy actually believes they are teaching truths and are totally ignorant of the discovered truths that God is a myth, heaven nonexistent and death the end of conscious life.

2. That the clergy are only in the business for the money consideration and would do or teach any thing else if there was as much money in it. Correction: Many of them could make more money easier in other occupations. They would not teach what they believe untrue for a money consideration. Part of their reward they believe is in store for them in heaven, and part in what they believe is the promulgation and perpetuation of the glory of God and Jesus on earth, the advancement of civilization and the saving of precious souls from hell. We must give thom credit for honesty and sincerity and what they believe to be truthfulness and a high and noble purpose. We must charge them only with total ignorance of the discovered truths concerning the foundation on which their teaching rests.

3. That nobody now believes the Christian dogmas and that it is useless to organize to destroy an exploded belief. Correction: Practically all the people are firm believers in the real existence of God, heaven, hell and immortality, and these beliefs are the foundations of all idolatry. Those holding these false ideas contribute directly or indirectly to the support of idolatry. Hence they are idolaters whether they personally practice it regularly or not. The difficulty the Church of Humanity is having in finding enough people free from idolatry to organize proves the scarcity of people who know the truth about God. It is impossible to believe that any who actually know God to be a myth would refuse to aid in founding an educational organization to teach that most important of all discoveries. Not one in a million are as far advanced in the knowledge of God as those optomistic writers in free thought publications would have us believe. A large majority of those very writers do not themselves know that God is a fabulous being.

4. That the brains of Christians are not yet developed is the reason they are idolaters. Correction: That assertion is absolutely false and shows a loose habit of reasoning and poor observation on the part of those making it. Christians can learn a discovery as quickly as those who are not Christians.

5. That time alone will, through natural evolution, eradicate idolatary. Correction: That also is a mistaken theory. Time, alone, teaches nothing. Evolution in knowledge is artificial and forced. Truths are discovered and then taught to others, not by time, but by those wishing them taught.

6. That "Truth crushed to earth will rise again" through its own inherent strength. Correction: Truths have no inherent strength within themselves to impress themselves on anyone or in anyway resist errors. They are not sentient things, and can not care whether they are known and accepted or not.

7. That Christians would commit all kinds of crimes and excesses if the fear of God and hell were removed from their minds. Correction: That is a mistake taken from the teaching of idolalers, and no one who has been freed from idolatry should believe or assert it. The good behavior of the members of the Church of Humanity, who were nearly all Christians once, prove it erroneous by practical demonstration.

8. That no one knows or ever can know if there be a God, heaven and hell and continuous conscious life or not. Correction: A few have positively made the discoveries that God is a fabulous being, heaven and hell myths and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life. These discoveries can be proven true, by a study of the proof of them found in the natural sciences, in the Bible and in our personal observations, and information through the press.

9. That if God is only a myth there is nothing to teach about him since nothing can be taught about things that do not exist. Correction: Since practically all believe God to be a real being they must be taught the fact that he is only a myth or they will never know it. The teaching of that fact consists in teaching the evidences that prove it true, such as the higher criticisms of the Bible, the natural sciences, and daily observations of nature. Instead of there being nothing to teach to prove God a myth, as some affirm, the amount of things to teach is appalling. There is plenty of things to be taught and plenty of people needing the teaching to require the constant services of a million instructors for all time since each successive generation must have it all taught over again to it.

10. That each one should do his or her own thinking and that it is foolish and unwise to hire anyone to do ones thinking. Comment: This false theory is largey responsible for the inability of anti-Christian to organize and disrupts any attempt at it. It is also responsible largely for the poor support given anti-Christian publications and lecturers and must be corrected before organization of any kind or by anybody can be accomplished and the necessary financial support given instructors and publications. Correction: The very progress of our race in knowledge and material betterment depends on the desires of the people to learn and utilize the dis-

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For the Blade Symposium.

Great Bend Kan., June 18, 1906
Mr. James E. Hughes,
Editor B. G. B., Lexington, Ky.
Dear Sir and Friend:

I write to express my thanks to you for taking up the subject of organization of the anti-idolatrous forces and putting it to work in a systematic way saving and rescuing others from idolatry. Nothing can be more humiliating than to see a man who claims to know Christianity is founded on errors and that God is a creation of fiction sending his wife and children to Sunday School and church and having the worship of dead Jews and myths practiced in his own home. He is certainly more contemptible than the man who allows this but does not know the truths he claims to know, and it causes grave doubts as to whether he really knows them himself. That is the case or he fails to realize the shame and disgrace of such heathenish idolatry and ignorance else he would make a Herculean effort to have his family taught the truths he claims to know that they too could be saved from that rank heathenism. He may excuse himself on the grounds of not having the time or the educational or financial ability to buy the necessary books and give his family the necessary instructions to save them from idolatry, or on the further grounds that his family would be deprived of society and social gatherings were they not allowed to teach and practice the prevailing idolatry in the neighborhood as that is the usual basis and objects of all societies in rural and village life.

But these very excuses should demonstrate to him his utter inability to save his family from idolatry single-handed and make him extremely eager to help in the organization of those who know God is a myth to enable them to have that truth taught to their families and others. I hope all who wish organization for themselves and families in which, and by which, the truths that preserves one from idolatry can be taught will accept your kind invitation in the Blade of June 17 to contribute to the symposium their ideas and suggestions on the subject of organization.

Here are mine in answer to your five numbered questions but not in the order you placed them:

4. What would you suggest as the platform?" Answer: The great discoveries now positively made that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and death the extinguishment forever of conscious life.

"1 Should Freethinkers organize?" Answer: All Freethinkers who have learned the above discoveries should organize to teach them systematically and effectually under the organization name, "The Church of Humanity."

"3 Should they organize on religious lines alone or should they combine the religious with the political effort?" Answer: They should organize strictly on educational lines to promulgate the basic truths, especially the discovery that God is a creation of fiction. They should use their political power as an organization only in defense of their educational work should it be attacked politically.

"5 State nature of propaganda to be employed." Answer: It should be strictly an educational propaganda of the discoveries on which the organization is based with the primary object of rescuing and preserving posterity from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a myth named God.

When one thousand have learned that God is a myth and have applied for and received a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God making them life members and founders in the Church of Humanity call a national delegate convention of the church to formally organize and incorporate.

Then the members, through their delegates, will take charge of the organization, adopt a constitution and by-laws, elect officers and outline its educational work. The educational plan contemplated by me is when incorporation is effected to elect one National Instructor to act as field missionary in making these discoveries known to the people and as an organizer to establish local church organizations for the members and founders wherever possible and wanted; to establish a college for the teaching of these discoveries and the training of Instructors who are to go forth as State, City, County and Local Instructors as demands are made on the college for their services.

In the educational work necessary to prove these discoveries to the people it is contemplated to teach them the "Higher Criticisms" on the Bible which make of it a proof that God is a myth, and the natural sciences, especially those that explain the origin and development of animal and vegetable life, and of the formation of suns and planets in space all of which prove there is no God back of phenomena.

"2 Is it possible for Freethinkers to organize? Give reasons pro and con." Answer: Never under the name of Freethinkers, Secularists, Rationalists, Infidels, Agnostics or Atheists can an organization be effected with any life or vitality to it.

(a) Because those names are very unpopular with the people we wish to educate in the true knowledge of God, and most of them are unpopular with those who are not idolaters.

(b) As thinking is free and ever has been and ever will be there can be no demand for an organization to make people "Freethinkers." Eevey one will tell you he is thinking now as he pleases and so he is.

(c) The noun "Freethinker" is so defined as to include about everybody. Webster defines it "A softer name for a deist; an unbeliever; one who discards revelation," and "freethinking" as "Undue boldness of speculation; unbelief; skeptical." Everybody could be included under these definitions for each one disbelieves some things that others teach and has a furious "kick a coming" about some things. Those "kicks" would be urged on the society for adoption. That would insure inharmony, discord, pandemonium and failure at the start. There could not be an organization established on a drag-net platform with everyone's reform ideas on all subjects incorporated for it would please nobody.

Only those who have learned the discovery that God is a myth need be invited to meet to form an educational organization to overthrow idolatry and that organization could not be loaded down with their ideas of reforms on political, economic or social questions. "Freethinkers" must learn that they must have separate societies to advocate their several reforms in and not attempt a general log-rolling of all their reform ideas on all subjects under one name and organization. The name "Freethinkers" should be discontinued with all the other names previously mentioned and we should all be simply American citizens, or citizens of our respective governments. As such we should and can unite and form organizations to propogate any theory or discovery enough are interested in to justify organization, or unite with and help the societies already established to advocate them.

I hope the members and founders of the Church of Humanity will each contribute an article to this symposium and invite the attention of your readers to the consideration of the basic truths this church is founded on, and its object in organization, and the educational methods it contemplates inaugurating to accomplish the desired object.

Thanking you in advance for the privelege of contributing to your symposinm on the very important question of organization, I remain, Yours sincerely,

W. H. KERR,
Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

To the Church Members.

GREETING: As an interest in organization is being awakened in some anti-idolatrous publications I request those members who write occasionally to such papers to write to the Ingersoll Memorial Beacon, Chicago, and the Blue Grass Blade Lexington, Ky., on the necessity of orgenization giving them all the encouragement you can along that line until the movement takes practical form. Call their attention to the discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on as the only practical basis and the rescue and preservation of the people from idolatry through the promulgation of these discoveries as the greatest object to be accomplished. Urge the acceptance of the basis and object of this church

The Way to Join the Church of Humanity.

One does not have to look foolish and do and say foolish things in joining the Church of Humanity as one does in joining idolatrous churches. Here is the way it is done:

Let all subscribers to T. A G. follow the example here given.

"Danbury, Conn, June 20, 1906
Mr. W. H. Kerr,

Dear Sir; I inclose herewith P. M. O. for $1, also application for life membership in the Church of Humanity. Yours truly,

C. W. Robbins."

That is easily said and done, and is all that is required now. I will do the rest. I want at least 100 subscribers to send in a little note like this one by return mail. When you can do so much good with so little exertion no valid excuse can be offered for not doing it.

If you really want to see an organization of those people who are free from idolatry through the knowledge of the nature of idols worshiped join the Church of Humanity and help to get those of like knowledge to do likewise. It is the only feasible method of establishing an organization.

The discoveries on which the Church of Humanity is based is the shortest, simplest and at the same time more vital than any basis for organization that could be suggested.

Union on a common basis for a common purpose must precede a meeting for organization.

Some Mistakes of Freethinkers.

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coveries and inventions that only the few can make. They ever must learn from the teachers of these discoveries and inventions. It is perfectly right that the people should hire these teachers to teach them how to think and what to think in order to learn those discoveries and inventions that they never could learn without that aid. Each person can be an expert in only one, or very few, lines of professional or industrial service and and when needed they must hire the services of those proficient in the other lines of service- Millions of teachers are hired to do the thinking for the children in teaching them how and what to think to enable them to gain knowledge. It is perfectly right and wise for those people who believe the Christian religion true to hire its teachers, the clergy, to instruct their children and themselves in its teachings and requirements. It is as right and wise for people who hear of the discoveries the Church of Humanity teaches to hire those who know them to teach the discoveries to themselves and their children there is no other plan by which they can be learned and accepted.

SEE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

Membership Depends on Who Invites.

As illustrating the need of more solicitors to invite people to unite with the Church of Humanity the following applicant is a good example:

"Circleville, O., June 9, 1906.
W. H. Kerr,

My Dear Sir:—This day I received invitation with blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity from F. H. Heald, editor of Higher Science, Los Angeles, Calif, He is a scientific thinker and one of the braniest Freethinkers in existence. I have been acquainted with him and his writings for years.

I have filled out the application for membership and enclose $1.25 for certificate as a member of your society, and subscription to the Truth About God. I am in the prime of life and am practicing medicine in this place.

Hoping you will succeed in your work for humanity, I close to await an answer. Yours,

ESTER A. VAN RIPER, M. D."

The point I wish to make is that while I personally by letter and also through the church paper invited Mrs Van Riper to unite with the Church of Humanity and thereby become one of its founders she refused my invitation only to accept instantly the invitation when presented by friend Heald. Now this reveals a trait in our natures that must be reconed with, and emphasizes the need of more solicitors for members. I might urge some people to unite with the church until the end of my days without results while those same people would unite with the church on the sligutest expressed wish from some one else.

I have known preachers who worked very hard to win converts to their idolatry but seldom secured one while other preachers won converts by the score from the same congregation with apparent ease. I have known some people who would not do what they intended to do because some one they disliked wished them to, while they would do things they had not intended doing because some one they liked wished them to.

Now there may be many readers of anti-Christian papers and works on the sciences that prove God a myth and who are eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity but who will not accept the invitation to unite with the church from either Mr Heald or myself but who would on the first invitation do so if extended by a particular editor of one of the other anti-idolatry papers and magazines.

Doubtless editors Davis, Maple, Macdonald, Shaw, Hughes, Lenau, Sercombe and other editors of this class have their special admirers who would on an invitation from them unite with the Church of Humanity. Now the question is, will these editors unite in this society and invite their admirers to do so too? Can they find a firmer foundation to base an organization on than the discovered truths this church is based on? Can they find more important truths to unite on to teach? Can they find any basis at all for an orgsnization that can ever overthrow idolatry without incorporating these discovered truths in it? Why, of course not! No society can ever accomplish anything in the overthrow of idolatry without making these discovered truths on which this church is based the essence of its teaching Then why should not all those editors, who wish their posterity freed and kept free from the practice of worshiping dead Jews and myths, unite in this society and invite their admirers to do the same? Is not that the sensible course to take? Will not that course result in perfect union and hermony of our forces? Will not that union and harmony give us a chance to build up an active organization? Can we do anything without it? It is results we all want to accomplish. Why not "get busy" and steer straight for results? Why all this wasted energy we put forth in talk, talk, talk, write, write, write, with no results? Not one of the seventy babes born to our race every minute is preserved from idolatry by we boastful wise people. A few society dead-beats have been made so wise? by anti Christian publications that they refuse to pay the preacher for making idolaters of their children, but when they die their relatives poke them into idolaters' graves at the expense of their estate without a kick from them either before or after death. What wonderful results this is for "400 years of Freethought!" Freethought, Infidelity, Atheism, Rationalism and all the other isms combined are not preserving our children from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man and a creation of fiction named God, and they never can because none of them teaches the discoveries that the objects worshiped are man-created idols and have no existence in fact. So let us discard all such names and be simply American citizens or citizens of our respective countries and in a broader sense world citizens and members of the human race. That will be designation enough in a general sense and our individual and family names are designation enough in a particular sense. But we who have learned some great discoveries concerning the idols the people around us worship can unite to teach these discoveries to our children to protect them from the false teaching of idolaters under the organization name—Church of Humanity—for this particular purpose and object.

As for me it makes no difference whatever as to whose invitation is accepted in applyiag for membership in the Church of Humanity. I want to see the church grow in numerical strength as that must precede all other work by it. I shall welcome as heartily those who unite with it on some one else's invitation as on my own, and forward them their certificate of graduation and membership as cheerfully.

One mistake Mrs. Van Riper made is in saying "as a member of your society." I wish all to say they are members of the Church of Humanity and leave my personality out, not that I am ashamed to stand for the society as the discoverer of the truths it is based on and its founder but that I wish the honors shared by all the members alike. I wish each member to regard the church as THEIR CHURCH although it is the common society of all its members, and I wish each founder of it to take a personal pride in its growth and educational work. Now, why should not all the editors named do as Mr. Heald is doing—unite with this society and invite their readers to do so too? Let it be their church as much as mine. Let them share equally the honor of being one of its founders and discoverers of the truths on which it is based. Let them share equally the praise and gratitude of the people who are to be saved from idolatry through its educational work. Why not? Can any proposition be more sensible and reasonable? They profess to be guided by reason. Why not give an example of it? Now fellow editors fall in line, if only one at a time, and try to become society builders. You have played at trying to tear down societies long enough to demonstrate your inability to do so, and you should and will continue impotent to destroy society by the methods you employ. You should know that the only possible way to destroy a society teaching falsehoods is to build up a rival society teaching truths

No political party, regardless of its corruption and oppression, can be destroyed except through a rival party that corrects the abuses complained of. Likewise no idolatrous society can ever be destroyed except through the building of a rival society that represents and teaches what the dissenters want taught. Friend Heald has taken the right course and I sincerely hope the other editors will see their way clear to follow his example. Regardless of what they may think of Mr. Heald or myself they should think of their posterity that cannot be saved from idolatry through any other means and help in this society building for their sakes without regard to whether it pleases me or any other member of the church. DO YOUR DUTY! DO IT NOW.

A Firm Foundation For The Overthrow of Idolatry.

There are many teachers of all the natural sciences who do not practice idolatry but who still believe its primary foundations true and when they die are buried by the clergy with idolatrous ceremonies and are consigned to idolaters' graves. There are a much larger number of like teachers who regularly practice idolatry. That proves conclusively that the final antedote for idolatry is not found in any one or in all combined of these sciences.

Hence another special study must be added to the list to insure the discontinuance of idolatry of all who take the course and graduate in it. That special course of study we name the "Truth About God" and consists of teaching the discoveries that God is a creation of fiction, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of conscious life. This course of study must be provided with suitable text books in a graduated form designed to educate the child from early infancy until it graduates in "The Knowledge of God" and is fully insured against ever falling a victim to the practice of idolatry.

The Church of Humanity is based on these discovered truths and is organizing and preparing to establish a course of study and a college in which students can be given a thorough course of study in these great discoveries. If you, reader, are interested in the overthrow of idolatry and the establishment of truths in its place I earnestly insist on you joining this society and thereby helping to give it the necessary numerical strength to organize and establish the work it is designed to do.

Things for Christians to Remember.

When you pray remember God is a myth like Santa Claus and can not hear you.

When you ask a blessing remember God is a myth and does not know anything about you.

When you get in trouble remember God is a creation of fiction and don't ask him to get you out.

When you commit any crimes remember Jesus is a dead man and knows no more about you than a dead mule does and you need not ask his forgiveness.

When a bad storm approaches remember that God is a creation of man and don't ask him to protect you but get in the cyclone cave.

When you get caught in a wreck remember the saints who died are still dead and lose no time asking their aid but do your best to scramble out.

When you think your sins will insure you a passport to hell remember "Holy Mary, mother of God" died nearly 2000 years ago and stays dead and it is useless to ask her to intercede for you. But stop sinning and subscribe for the Truth About God that will teach you the discovered truths that God is a fabulous being, hell a myth and death the end of conscious life. Then your fears will vanish, and the world look more beautiful as a good place to remain alive in as long as possible.

Proved to be Christians by the Bible.

An Englishman, after reading the exposures alleging the selling of products of stock that died prematurely, for table use, by American packers, declared "the Americans are not Christians."

But he is mistaken. The selling of unfit meat is a proof of good Christianity. It was so ordered by the myth God of the Christians in the Mosaic laws, professed by them to be divine and binding on them.

Here is "God's law" on the subject:

"Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself; thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien." Deut. 14:21.

There is nothing said about having inquisitive inspectors to prevent the sale of stock that died of cholera, blackleg or tuberculosis.

People who make such demands are so un-Christian as to believe that man's law is better than "God's law."

There will be some day a great demand for the services of Instructors to explain and teach the marvelous discoveries on which the Church of Humanity is based. Will the church be prepared to furnish them?

When the honest intelligent people once comprehend the discovery that God is a fabulous being, heaven and hell myths, and death the permanent extinguishment of conscious life they will wave tradition and custom aside and have these discoveries taught their children regardless of the time and cost it requires.

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AN INSTRUCTOR AT WORK

Brother Emil Fredrich, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., a commissioned County Instructor for Montgomery county, Ky., writes me a very encouraging letter and incloses a clipping from the Mt. Sterling Advocate edited by a Methodist preacher, giving public notice of his commission and purpose of holding Sunday school to teach the great discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on and its moral ethics. Here is the clipping giving notice and explanation:

"NOTICE.

"Having been appointed as instructor for Montgomery county by the Church of Humanity, I will on July 8th, being the anniversary of the church, open a Sunday school class at my greenhouse and invite all who can make it convenient to attend.

EXPLANATION.

The Church of Humanity is non-orthodox in its character. It is the church that seeks the scattered truth in every creed and aims for the good and true of every race and clime. It is iconoclastic in all its tendencies, it is strictly scientific in its researches and makes it a duty to solve the uncertain allegories of ancient and modern mythologies not in accordance with pure science, it is the church for thinkers, it has no hell to scare, nor devil to coax, in short it is the church that saves by rational education. Those who have the moral courage to think for themselves will find these lessons great feasts of mental brain food.

Come, all of you and imbibe freely the prodigious gifts of nature among the fragrance of flowers. Every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

EMIL FREDRICH, Instructor."

Extracts from the letter: "I believe I live in the most stupid orthodox town in Uncle Sam's dominion. Ten churches in a town of 4000 inhabitants is a fair showing of its credulity. We have on an average four church revivals lasting three to four weeks each every year. You remember two years ago I began lecturing in the interest of our church. I lost nearly all my trade and they threatened to drive me out of town then if I persisted in destroying their religion through the teaching of truths. Argument upon argument followed with the clergy and the Christians in which I always won as I have the best scientific, classical and historical literature ever produced to aid me. My untiring efforts have not been in vain. Conditions have changed wonderfully. At this writing I enjoy the best of trade and reputation. The people no longer try to abuse me as they did. They begin to ask me questions about our church and its teaching, and they begin to think we have a right to live in this world. If I ever succeed in establishing a branch in this jungle of superstition our church will surely be a success in more fortunate localities.

Do not expect any financial support from me this year as I may have some expenses in establishing a local society at home.

Your brother and co-worker,

EMIL FREDRICH.

COPY OF MY REPLY.

Brother Fredrich. My dear Instructor:—Yours of the 15th with clipping at hand, I am very glad indeed that you have taken up the work again, and that there is not so much prejudice against you for doing so this time. In time our church will be as popular as any Christian church and no one will think of abusing or boycotting our members or our instructors.

When the people once learn that we are teaching the truth and good moral ethics our church will be the most popular of all and in time is bound to win the support of all. Other churches, to remain popular and in favor with the people, will be obliged to teach the same truths we do.

I advise that you teach the basic truths of our church as modern discoveries—that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell are myths and death the permanent extinction of conscious life; and also good moral ethics. You can teach all the good moral qualities and duties the Christians do. Such as the duty of husband and wife to love each other and their children. The duty of children to love each other and their parents. The duty of all to treat others with respect, kindness and justice.

You can teach the duties of good citizenship, advocate the support of orderly government and defend the institution of marriage and the home.

You can teach total abstinence from the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks, (if the Christians will let you do that in Kentucky,) vulgar and obscene language, cursing and swearing.

You can teach that it is the duty of all to learn the truth about God—the great discovery that he is a myth—and to join and support a society to promulgate the teaching of this great discovery to rescue and preserve the people from idolatry. You can teach that you are doing your duty as all people should do; that you have a right to learn the truth about God and to teach it when found, and to help to establish an organization for the teaching of Instructors to perpetuate that teaching and thereby rescue the people from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God.

I saw the notice in B. G. B. and the Truth Seeker of your Sunday school.

I am glad you are doing your good work in the name of and by the authority of the Church of Humanity That will give us respect and popularity as a society. I would advise though that your object be to build up society on a true foundation. Represent yourself as a builder of society rather than as an iconoclast to tear down existing societies. When we build a better society the people will come to us and that will destroy the false societies for want of support. The distruction of the false societies will be accomplished by the people deserting them to come to ours when we demonstrate our ability to build a better one. So we must be builders of society. We should follow the general plan of the Christians in building a society on a true foundation. So you should have plenty of vocal and instrumental music at your meetings. Don't neglect that. Then have select reading consisting of extracts from some author teaching our discovered truths and our moral ethics.

Try to get all who attend to join the church and your Sunday school classes. Tell them of our church and its progress, of its aims and objects and of our intention to formally organize and incorporate when we have 1000 members enrolled. Tell them of our $50,000 college building where we are to train and prepare Instructors to go forth as National, State, City, County and Local Instructors to teach the great discoveries our church is based on to the people to rescue them from idolatry. Above all do not abuse the Christians for their ignorance. Our duty is to teach and not to abuse.

In receiving members into the church have them fill out the blanks I furnish you and then forward them to me with 25 cents of the dollar fee and I will issue them their certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God making them life members and founders of the church. I shall welcome them to membership in the church and try to teach them their duty in attending and supporting their local societies.

It is not the intention for the local societies to aid the central office much now, but eventually the local churches will maintain the central office and head officials by small donations as other societies do.

Have courage, hope and perseverance in your work. Let me know how I can aid you. It is the intention to give all possible aid to the members who try to establish local churches and Sunday schools. You should have a free circulating library of the books that freed you from idolatry for your school so all who attend can have free access to them. Each attendant could take a book or pamphlet home to read and exchange every Sunday. That would give them free teaching in our discoveries. I shall aid you in buying the library from the church funds. I shall donate $12.50 if you can raise an equal amount by donations to the library fund.

Then make out a list of the books, pamphlets and leaflets and the number of each wanted. The Truth Seeker Co. furnishes our church with any of its publications at wholesale prices and doubtless I can make similar terms with other publishing houses. Send to the Truth Seeker Co., 62 Vesey street, New York City, for a catalogue of their publications if you have none and order of them the literature they have that you need in the free circulating library and they will make you the lowest possible wholesale prices. That will give you 35 to 40 dollars worth of books which will make a very valuable library and give your classes all the reading they can do for a very small donation. If the T. S. Co. have not all the books you want let me know who has and I shall try to make arrangements with them to supply our church needs at wholesale prices too

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Obituary.

Brother J. Q. A. Newsom, of St. Louis, forty-seventh member and founder of the Church of Humanity died June 28.

The following is copied from the St. Louis Republic of June 30:

"John Quincy Adams Newsom, 70 years old, formerly Secretary of State of Indiana, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs Frank Chapman, No. 3838 Laclede avenue, Thursday night, after an illness of twelve hours.

The death of Mr. Newsom from apoplexy, occurred when he was preparing to demonstrate a plow, to which he had devoted a life's work. The machine was only recently perfected, and will revolutionize the plowing industry, it is said, if plans are carried out as suggested by the inventor.

Mr. Newsom only recently came to St. Louis from Bartholomew county, Indiana, where he lived most of his life.

Upon his recent arrival in this city he interested local capitalists in his invention and formed a company for its manufacture, his son, J. N. Newsom, being first vice president.

Mr. Newsom is survived by his wife and four children—two sons and two daughters. He was taken to Columbus, Ind. last night for interment."

Mr. and Mrs. Newsom visited their son Lincoln at Claflin, this county, during the summer of 1900. They had several pleasant visits with us on the farm, where we were living then, and greatly enjoyed driving over the fields and seeing the methods of farming in Kansas.

When they heard of my son's death by lightning they came to sympathize and he to offer the funeral oration if his services were acceptable, but we had taken our son to Bunkerhill to bury him in the family burial lot beside his baby brother

I was sorry I had not known of his coming and of his ability to offer what true consolation could be given a bereaved family.

In July 1904 with my two eldest daughters I visited him in St. Louis and he showed us through the exposition ground. He and his son J. N. Newsom gave me their applications for membership in the Church of Humanity concerning which he was very enthusiastic and hopeful.

In the following October he attended with me the sessions of the International Congress for Progressive Thought in St. Louis.

I think some recognition of our perished members should be inscribed on their tombstone. I suggest the standing proclamation heading our lessons with an addition thus: A founder of the Church of Humanity. Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

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church should be able in time to keep hundreds of tons of literature, that will free the people from idolatry, in circulation all the time. If your society enlarges so it can use a larger library I will donate of the church funds $12.50 more on the same terms. The central office is to be a collecting and disbursing agency for the church. Large donations and bequests for the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity will be received here and distributed where it will do th most good for our educational movement. With church funds I am buying books for a free circulating library in this city when we get a society established. In order to get the benefit of the bequest left our church by brother Long the members should all do as you are doing—organize a local Sunday school and church and establish a free circulating library of literature suitable to free the people from the idolatry of worshiping a dead man and a myth. I would be glad to aid any of the members who will do so in the same way as I offer to aid you. That is what Bro. Long gave the bequest for— the upbuilding of our church. I would suggest you stamp each book of the library with a rubber stamp "Church of Humanity Library," and make out a printed list of all in it and paste in each book giving the retail price of each so that any one could buy a copy if one is wanted to keep, and also know what other books you have in the library so they could ask for what they want at the meetings. As soon as convenient I shall appoint a standing commission to examine all scientific and anti-Christian books and publications with a view to selecting those that can be indorsed by our church and used as text books or general reading matter. We will not prohibit the reading of any book but will not indorse and use as church text books or general reading matter: 1st. Books whose authors simply wish to abuse Christians. 2nd. Whose authors do not know what they are writing about. 3rd. Whose authors indorse and seek to perpetuate the worship of any God or justify it. Only such books on scientific subjects and bibical criticism that substantiates and proves the discoveries our church is based on will be indorsed officially and adopted as text books and general reading matter by the Church of Humanity. When the proposed commission has accepted a book the official stamp of indorsement of the church will be given it. So far as I have examined the hundreds of books, pamphlets and leaflets ordered from the Truth Seeker Co. very few of them could be indorsed by our church. A few of the scientific works could be accepted if revised and the author's views on idolatry, inserted through ignorance or a desire to catch the patronage of idolaters, omited. Likewise some of the works on biblical criticism could be indorsed and accepted by our church had not the author catered to idolatry by incorporating his deistical ideas and beliefs. I find four principal reasons for rejecting most Freethought and scientific writings and those on biblical criticism.—1. The author writes from the view point of personal hatred of the Christians in general or of some ones in particular. 2. From that of a deist. 3. From that of an Agnostic. 4. From that of a Spiritualist. No such works can be indorsed by our church.

Our ideal author, in giving us the ruths of nature and biblical criticism, is he who poinsts out as he reveals the truths to us how they disprove the existence of God, Satan, heaven, hell and immortality, this shall be our rule to judge by in selecting books for our church and Sunday school use.

Write to me often and let me know how I can aid you, and report your progress in organizing a local society.

Wishing you great success I remain yours sincerely,

W. H. Kerr.

P. S. I have just read your letter in the Blade of the 22nd. It is good and to the point. But I call your attention to the letter from Dr. J. C Barnes in same issue that is so very discouraging. You and he contradict each other as to the atitude of Freethinkers towards organization. You cannot both be representing Freethinkers if they represent anything in particular. While you declare there is "increasing spirit for national organization among Freethinkers" he is as emphatic in his that "in the very nature of their (Freethinker's) psychic situation are averse to organization and institutions." If Mr. Barnes is a Freethinker and is authorized to represent them and is giving a true interpretation of their position and views then I am not a Freethinker, never have been one and never will be and I do not want one to join the Church of Humanity for he would tear down our society as fast as 1000 of us could build it up. While you and I labor to build up an educational organization to rescue and preserve our posterity from idolatry Mr. Barnes would shut our mouths and tie our hands while the teachers of idolatry put our children on their knees to the worship ot dead Jews and myths. Since the name Freethinker seems to mean everybody in general and nobody in particular I suggest that our churchmembers discontinue applying it to themselves or to non-idolaters and be simply plain American citizens who have learned some great discoveries and intend to organize to make their teaching possible.

W. H. K.

A Correction.

In July Higher Science is the following statement:

"The Church of Humanity now ownes property worth $50,000 and the first 1000 members will own the stock. The property which is located at Great Bend, Kansas was left as a legacy by a deceased member."

Of the bequest left the church by brother Long $2000 was applied on the purchase of the building for our church college. I gave of my own money the balance of the purchase price, $5000, and am using over $1000 more in repairing and cleaning up the building. It will require between ten and fifteen hundred more to fully restore the heating, lighting and sewerage systems It was formally built for a first-class hotel but got into the hands of a loan company and has not been used for a few years in which time it got badly damaged. When fully repaired the building could not be duplicated in this city for perhaps less than $50,000.

When the church is organized and incorporated and establishes a college in this building for the teaching of the discoveries the church is based on I shall give it a free, clear title to the property. It is not to be owned by a stock company as a money maker for the church or any member but is to be owned by the church as an educational institution and be under the control of trustees elected or appointed by the church to maintain our church college.

Get Ready to Celebrate.

Kansas is to have a Semi-Centennial Exposition in 1911.

A few days ago I received from Mr. J. E. Junkin of Sterling, Kan. Chairman of the Publicity Committee, a circular letter announcing it and a booklet giving the preliminary organization.

The following resolution was passed by State Editorial Association recently.

"Resolved, That the State Editorial Association heartily indorses the proposed Kansas Semi Centennial Exposition in 1911, and pledges its support to this proposition, which means so much to the material prosperity of the state, as well as spreading abroad the fame of our commonwealth. The admission of Kansas into the Union in 1861 was an event of so much importance that we are justified in inviting the whole country to help us celebrate." The teaching and progress of the Church of Humanity should be fully represented at this exposition. Our church college should be in full working order by that time and the work of its students exhibited. The church should be organized and incorporated before then and its history with the names of its founders exhibited along with its text books.

Let us all work together in unison, harmony and earnestness in the upbuilding of our common church that it may make a creditable showing by that time.

The object lesson furnished wealthy parents by the Thaws and the Whites of New York demonstrate to them that they can do their children a great injustice by leaving them so much wealth to revel in that they are relieved of the necessity ot doing some useful work.

Donate While Living.

Brothers Heald and Wallace have both promised the Church of Humanity a bequest in their wills. It is perfectly right for them to remake ample property to provide the necessaries of life to the last need for them, but they should donate now at least a part of the surplus they intend leaving the church later. Several good reasons can be offered for this course.

1st. They can aid in suggesting the uses it is intended for and help to carry out the provisions of the gift in the way it will do the most good.

2nd. They will receive the gratitude of the church while they can appreciate it.

3rd. The will have the pleasure of knowing the good it does and get the benefits of it through the increased usefulness of the enlarged church work.

4th. It will encourage others to make donations while living when they see the necessity for them and the good uses made of them.

5th. When the less able make donations to be used in our society building the wealthy will come forward and give our society freely of their abundance.

6th. In the establishment of our educational movement to rescue and preserve the people from idolatry, through the systematic teaching of the great discoveries, money is as necessary as the active workers, and more so, as the number of working Instructors depends on the conditions of the church treasury. Therefore the substantial contributions to our church treasury will have equal credit for the advancement of our church with the active workers.

The purchase of our college building and the establishment of our church paper are the results of the encouragement given by the $2000 bequest of brother Long.

7th. By donating a part now they can better judge how much more to leave the church in their wills by seeing the uses and results of previous donations.

8th. In aiding the building of school houses and employment of teachers to give our children an education we do not put off our aid until after death Neither should we do that in aiding an education society preparing to teach the children the Truth About God which is the most vital important of all branches of knowledge since if it be not taught them they will be taught the ancient errors that make them worshipers of dead Jews and creations of fiction.

9th. By these two brothers giving part of their gifts now it will create a generous impulse among our members and a desire to give immediate aid to the upbuilding of their church which might in the aggregate amount to $10,000.

That generosity would attract attention to the earnestness and devotion of our members to the church and would inspire confidence in our work and ability among outsiders. Then no opposition would be given our educational movement and such men as Mr. Carnegie would be influenced to endow our college and aid us most generously.

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Come, Brothers, be generous while you are living and can appreciate the gratitude of a thankful church and witness the upbuilding of the grandest educational institution ever undertaken by man in the promulgation of the greatest scientific discoveries ever made.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow idolatry.

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey st. New York City	W	vol 31	$3.
Blue Grass Blade Lexington, Ky	W	vol 14	$1.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.	M	Vol 5	$1.
Higher Science, Cor. A & D ave. Los Angeles	M	Vol 5	$1.
The Humanitarian Review, 862 E Lee st. Los Angeles, Cal	M	Vol 4	$1.
Ingersoll Memorial Beacon, 78 La Salle st. Chicago, Ill	M	Vol 2	50c
Liberal Review, 117 E 31 st. Chicago, Ill.	M	Vol 1	$1.
To-Morrow 2238 Calumet ave Chicago, Ill	M	Vol 2	$1.

Some Mistakes of Freethinkers.

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11. That one is generally right and that it is a virtue to always side with the minority.

CORRECTION: It is as unwise to decide a question according to which side the least number is on as that on which the greatest number is on.

One should decide according to truth and right regardless of numbers on either side. A lady wrote me recently saying: "I read your article in the Blade on organization. I usually like to decide with the fellow that is in the minority, so that would be against you, there being only one not in favor of it." You see what an error this woman made by basing her decision on numbers. The Christian's reason for deciding we are wrong because the majority do not believe us as good. It is high time non-Christians ceased boasting of their rationalism and ability to follow correct reasoning and give us practical examples instead.

All theories and discoveries must of necessity originate with the minority. But theories are not all true and the minority is not always right A truth the minority teach is not changed into a falsehood when the majority accept it. Neither is an error or mistake advocated by the minority changed to a truth should the majority come to believe it. One should discard errors and accept truths on their own merits and not on the numbers for or against.

12. That since the Christians are mistaken in their teaching concerning God, Jesus, heaven, hell and immortality they must be mistaken in all their other teachings.

CORRECTION: No greater error could be made than to reject all teaching of Christians on account of their errors concerning the above subjects. We should closely discriminate between the true and the false teaching of Christians and gladly accept the true and best while correcting the false.

13. That it is necessary to first destroy the Christian societies before a society can be established on a true basis.

CORRECTION: There is plenty of room and all the liberty necessary to go right to work building a society on a true foundation. All that is needed is enough people who know what the truth is with energy and sense enough to unite and do the building.

Each member of the church who desires a local church and Sunday school in reach of his family should have a lot of his neighbors read the chutch paper if he has to pay the subscription for them. You can't have a society unless more people believe as you do, and they cannot so believe unless they are taught the truth you know. Your church paper will teach them those truths.

Parents cannot save their own children from idolatry without saving their neighbors children also. Hence the necessity of having our church literature put in their hands and the employment of Instructors to help in the teaching of the discoveries to them and organizing those who can learn them into church and Sunday school societies to spread and perpetuate the knowledge.

Of all the letters in Freethought publications on organization, pro and con, not one suggests that we owe any duties to the children. Their education in the true knowledge of God should be of first importance. The Church of Humanity recognizes this duty and provides for its fulfillment in its educational plans.

The Church of Humanity is on the right road to organized success. If you want the worship of a myth and a dead man overthrown unite with this church.

After three applications for second-class postage rates for our church paper, and much correspondence and trouble, it has been granted by the authorities at Washington.

The "old home" of millions of Christians has been endeared to them through the memory of the societies maintained around it. The members of our church should endear their homes to their children by providing local churches and Sunday schools for them to attend.

Brother Franklin H. Heald in his publication, Higher Science, Los Angeles, Calif., says in the July number:

"The editor of Higher Science is in no hurry to shuffle off his mortal body, although it is more or less damaged, but when he does, the aforesaid (Church of Humanity) will receive another legacy."

On behalf of the other members I extend thanks to brother Heald for this announcement. The church has no desire for brother Heald to "shuffle off," but it could use to great advantage that legacy now. As a compromize I suggest that he donate a large portion of the contemplated gift now to the church.

We all know the proverbical poverty of editors. If brother Heald can live and make a donation to his church it should have a magical effect on the more fortunate members in loosening their heart-strings and purse-strings in the interests of their church. I have a suspicion that brother Heald does not contemplate leaving the church simply the surplus accumulated profits on subscriptions to Higher Science. I am sure if I was depending on the subscriptions to T. A G. for a living I would be compelled to become a vegetarian and adopt Nebuchadnezzar's style of living when he went "back to nature."

Mr. Madden would not believe we had any subscribers for T. A. G. I gave him a list of subscribers and asked him to write them and get their statement. I thank those who answered his questions promptly.

Application for Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Fill out the following blank and return it to me if you have learned the great discovery that God is a myth and are not yet a member of the Church of Humanity.

On its receipt I shall transcribe it to the roll-book as a record and mail you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity. When we are 1000 strong I shall call a national convention of the church to formally organize and incorporate.

Application for Membership
In the Church of Humanity.

W. H KERR, Great Bend, Kans.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

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For the Blade Symposium.

By W. H. Kerr, Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

Great Bend, Kans., July 24, 1906.
Mr. James Hughes, editor B. G. B.
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir and Friend:—I have been greatly interested in the letters contributed to your symposium on organization of the anti-idolatry forces. The following are some of my observations and conclusions drawn from a study of them: There are three classes—those who wish organization, those who do not and the indifferent.

The latter think they have nothing at stake either way. The objectors have no good reasons for objecting and the advocates, with one or two exceptions, offer no vital reason for organization.

With your kind permission I shall outline in detail more fully than before the basis, methods and plans of the Church of Humanity in the hopes of unifying and strengthening the advocates, weakening the objectors and interesting the indifferent in the cause of organization.

This will give your readers an opportunity to understand and discuss each feature of our church, and may furnish the grounds for consolidating the advocates of organization, winning the objectors and invigorating the indifferent.

1st. BASIS FOR ORGANIZATION. The Church of Humanity is founded on the discovery of the great scient fic truths that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings; that heaven and hell are myths and that death is the extinguishment forever of individual conscious life.

2nd. OBJECT IN ORGANIZING The vital object in organization is the rescue and preservation of the people, especially children, from the idolatry of worshiping a creation of fiction named God and a dead Jew named Jesus through a systematic teaching of those great discoveries by competent, qualified Instructors.

3rd. METHOD OF FOUNDING THE CHURCH.

(a) Qualification for Membership. All those who have learned, or may hereafter learn, the great discoveries on which this church is based are elegible to membership.

(b) Application for Membership. The following blank application for membership is filled out in full and forwarded to me:

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Explanations. The word (believing) is equivalent to (knowing) as here used and will be so understood.

The dollar fee, while intended to be the uniform fee for all applicants, is not essential and will be omitted entirely for old, poor or disabled applicants who can't well spare it, and credit will be given others who have not the fee at the time of application.

We want all to understand it is members we want instead of dollars and that the dollars are only valuable and wanted for use in gaining more members.

(c) Certificate of Graduation and Membership. Upon receipt of the application I transcribe it to the BOOK OF LIFE as a short biographical record, and forward to the applicant a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, making him, or her, a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity. The following is a copy of the certificate in blank which is 8½x10½ inches, printed in two colors with borders, on good paper and is suitable for framing as I send them in mailing tubes:

THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

God is a Myth Like Santa Claus.

Certificate of Graduation and Membership.
No..... Great Bend, Kan.,.....190..
This certifies that M.....
of..... State of.....
has graduated in the

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

and is a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity.

.....
Temporary International Instructor for the Church of Humanity.

Members are requested to frame them and place in home or office.

The first thousand members will constitute the founders and organizers of the Church of Humanity and are to share equally the honors of making the discoveries on which it is based.

Different degrees of credit for the upbuilding of the church will be given the members according to personal work and financial aid given by each to this great educational movement. The members constitute the Church of Humanity proper. The church is now composed of 112 members and founders scattered through 26 states as follows: Kansas 24 Iowa 11, Illinois 9; Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas 6 each; Indiana, Washington and Pennsylvania 5 each; Oklahoma 4; New York, Ohio, California and Arkansas 3 each; New Jersey, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Maryland and Alabama 2 each; Utah, W. Virginia, Wisconsin, Idaho, N. Dakota, Masachusetts and Connecticut 1 each. 3 members have died; Charles Long of Utah, Watson Heston and J. Q. A Newsom of Missouri.

The list of the first 100 members with their records from the Book of Life will be furnished free on application to me.

4th. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE (a) Formal Organization and Incorporation. When 1000 members and founders are enrolled I shall call a national, or international, delegate convention of the church to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity.

(b) Basis of Representation. There will be one delegate from every nation, state and territory containing less than 13 members, and one for every twenty-five members or major part thereof in each nation, state and territory.

(c) Method of Selecting Delegates. When the required number is enrolled I shall call for candidates for delegation to the convention through our church paper and forward the members in each state a list of the members and candidates therein, giving the number of delegates it is entitled to and ask the members to vote for same and mail vote to me.

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected and notified accordingly. All the members will be invited to the convention but only the elected delegates will participate in the org. nization.

(d) Duty and Work of the Convention. The convention will then take charge and proceed to its own organization in the usual way. There will be a great deal of difficult and particular work for the convention to do that will require the services of the best talent in the church. A constitution, by-laws and articles of incorporation will have to be prepared, officers elected and their duties defined and standing commissions selected to select and adopt text books; examine and commission Instructors, and trustees selected to take charge of our church college and much other work.

(e) Contemplated Method of Propaganda. When a nation is able through its church membership to maintain a National Instructor one will be appointed to its service. At the convention one will be selected for the United States. The truths our church teaches will be promulgated through a graduated system of Instructors.

As fast as states get able to maintain Instructors they will be taken out of the national territory and State Instructors provided for them—one for each state. When any city or county can maintain an Instructor it will be taken out of the state territory and city or county Instructors provided. The International Instructor with the National Instructors will have the general supervision of the church work. All Instructors will have the supervision of the educational work in their respective territories, receive reports from Instructors under their charge and report to their superiors.

5th. The Education of Instructors. *

As soon as the church is incorporated and able to establish and maintain a college teaching the discovered truths it is based on I shall give it a free, clear title to this valuable property for that purpose. Educators inform me it is well arranged for a boarding school. Students can room, and board themselves if they desire, in the building. The two upper floors could be used for that purpose and the lower one for assembly and recitation rooms. A kitchen and common dining room could be established if students desire it. The building will be ready by September to receive students. I have made arrangements with Prof. A. L. Lessman, principal of the Great Bend Business College, to receive our students at very reasonable rates. He will give them a thorough business education in connection with the special studies that will fit them for Instructors in our church which I shall provide for. In the college is taught Stenography, Typewriting, Spelling, Commercial Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Penmanship and oratory. I expect telegraphy and other studies will be added this coming fall. I shall reserve choice rooms for students who notify me they are coming to attend the college.

This will be the first educational institution in all the world to teach the truth about God. No educational institution knows the great discoveries our church is founded on. As soon as the people begin to realize the truth of these discoveries they will have them taught their children to protect them from being scared into idolatry of worshiping a dead Jew and a myth by the Dowies, Eddies, Torrys, Joneses and Smalls and the Salvation Army or any other teacher of idolatry. The well-to-do will send their children to our college with orders to teach them these discoveries and good moral ethics regardless of costs.

The rich will pour millions upon millions of dollars into our church treasury to build up our educational institutions with. Nations, states and cities will make demands on our college for qualified Instructors at extravagant salaries. That will justify bright young men and women devoting four or five years to the necessary preparation to qualify them for the positions.

In conclusion I hope I have succeeded in giving your readers a good understanding of the basis, objects, methods, plans and hopes of the Church of Humanity.

If, however, there are other points any of them want information on I shall be glad to give it if in my power to do so.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of the church for your courtesy in accepting our contribution to your symposium through which we make the church and its work known to your readers, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

* Cut of building and description omitted as it has been previously published.

Subscribe for Truth About God so your family can know of the greatest discoveries made in all the ages.

In organization lies our only hope of rescuing the people from idolatry. Join the Church of Humanity if you want any one saved from the heathenism of worshiping a myth and a dead man.

To worship a myth whittled out by the imagination of a savage is as heathenish as to worship an image of that myth whittled out by the hand of a savage.

If you help to establish the Church of Humanity as an organized educational society it will keep on teaching the Truth About God to your posterity and thus preserve them from idolatry when you are dead. Society lives for ages while the individuals die and are forgotten.

The man who objects to having truth taught under the name of church would object to a sensible song sung to a tune used by idolaters in worshiping their idols if he is consistent.

Three of our church members have died. A number of them are quite old. If the church is to be organized and established during the lifetime of these members a greater effort should be made by all to find the required number of people elegible for membership and get them to unite with the church so it can organize. Each member should desire to see the church organized in his time.

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The Building of the Church of Humanity.

"ROLL OF HONOR."

In September "To-Morrow," Chicago, under "Roll of Honor" the editor gives the name and address of 74 people over 65 years old whom he designates as the "old guard of Freethought" and intends maintaining an "Old Guard column."

The editor says: "To-Morrow Magazine extends the glad hand to the Freethinkers of the world and especially you noble souls sixty-five years and upward who have worn your armor long and are still in the fight. Step fourth serene from your shops and cottages the brighter day is here—you are the favorites now—the honored prophets of the new civilization. We may now all be free just as fast as we can bury the old time theologians for of course, as always, they will carry their ignorance to their graves.

Your steadfastness and courage have won us the world. Write to us. Send in your views and opinions and above all send in the names and ages and addresses of all the 'Old Guard' who are more than 65 years of age. We shall print and gladly increase the list from month to month as we want to keep the old war horses in touch with each other.

The list will be made up according to age, the oldest at the top and biographical sketches with portraits will be a feature of the Old Guard column."

As promised in last T. A. G. I extend to each one named in that Roll of Honor, who has learned that God is a myth, an urgent invitation to send in his application for a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity. On behalf of the members I shall be greatly pleased to bid you a hearty welcome to membership, fellowship and friendship in this church. I want you all to be numbered among the founders and organizers of the Church of Humanity. I want you all to be numbered among the discoverers of the grand scientific truths on which it is based—the discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the extinguishment of individual conscious existence.

These marvelous discoveries have never in all the histories of our race been proclaimed before. They are modern scientific discoveries. Extremely few have thus far made them. The so-called wise men of the world do not know them. Kings, emperors, czars and presidents of the most enlightened nations are totally ignorant of these great discoveries and are still worshiping dead men and myths under the belief they are real live beings. The vast army of school, college and university teachers never heard of these discoveries and are still stupidly teaching their pupils to worship God and Jesus. The great army of the clergy know them not and will think it utterly impossible that such discoveries could have been made when they hear of them. The rank and file of the world's population following these great mistaken leaders of thought must from necessity know nothing of these grand truths. Only the heroic few who made the truth about God their guiding star and, waving aside every warning fear, bravely forced their way through the mighty jungle of superstition and mythologies that have been growing for untold ages about the God idea and finally arrived at the goal in the very heart of the jungle.

And there, in dumb-founded amazement, they stood to marvel at the discovery of God whom they had patiently traced to his lair.

After years of patient toil in an honest search for God through all religious creeds, bibles and sacred writings of the world and throughout the known universe with telescope and spectrum God was at last found. Not in any of those places where he was thought to be but he was found enthroned in the brain of ignorant people as a purely fabulous being like Santa Claus. Others again relying on their observations of nature and personal experiences and applying reason and logic to these suspected the location and nature of God which on closer examination they found to be true. The location and nature of God is now scientifically known, and wherever the God-idea is taken up in any religion or creed in any land or language it is easily traced to its home and source by the lucky few who have made the grand discovery of the location and nature of God.

As yet extremely few have made the discovery that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the extinguishment forever of personal conscious life. These few are uniting in an educational society to proclaim and teach these truths that they may be perpetuated and promulgated until all the world knows and accepts them.

Through our church paper the members invite each and every one of you, who knows God is a myth, to send in his or her application for membership. This is a duty you owe to yourselves, to your posterity, and to the world at large. Unless you do this your labor has been in vain. No one will ever know you have made the discoveries. You will miss the honor the future has in store for the discoverers of these grand truths.

You will be unable to help to emancipate our race from idolatry. You cannot aid our church and its grand educational work from the outside. You will be numbered with the Deists, Agnostics and idolaters who give aid and comfort to the teachers of the errors of the ancients. You can only do good now by uniting in this society and aiding in its founding and organization. Immortal fame awaits you who are wise enough to take this advanced position now and proclaim these great discoveries. It will be some consolation to know that the world will some day place your name in the Roll of Honor among the heroes of the ages if your name is found among those who made these vital discoveries and were life members and founders of a society to perpetuate them.

As the evening of life draws near you should be rich in observation and experience. Your days of usefulness are not over, but on the contrary are just begun when you have learned these discoveries and are in a position to become founders of a society to perpetuate them. That society needs the benefit of your mature wisdom in its council chambers when the time comes to organize, incorporate and form a constitution and by-laws. Will you give it that aid? Will you add your voice and vote to its deliberative councils? Will you help to lay the foundation of the Church of Humanity on the eternal truths of nature that will some day overthrow all the idolatrous religions of the world?

The soldiers who engaged in the slaughter of their fellow beings are rewarded by pensions and honor.

How much greater should be the reward of the soldiers of civilization. Add the influence of your number, name and wisdom to this society as a guiding example to others who are still floundering in the ignorance of Agnosticism. Help to form a beacon light for those who have lost their way in the jungle of superstition and are drifting back to the old idolatry or trying to hitch the God idea to some new object to worship. The entire world is still in practical idolatry and the support of it. The only antidote that can ever cure it is the discoveries the Church of Humanity teaches. Therefore I hereby send you an urgent invitation to unite with your co-workers and contemporaries and help them to administer the antidote.

Shirley, Ill., Sept. 8, 1906.
W. K. Kerr, Great Bend, Kans.

Dear Sir:—On reading the publications sent me, I at once made up my mind to join the "Church of Humanity" as by belonging to it I can be helped and I believe help, in the teaching of the truth.

Your views are exactly mine in every respect. I feel as if they were my own on paper. I went to Sunday school five years with a purpose.

I went to learn about God and it seemed that he eluded me at every point, until the light of truth burst upon me as I grew older and read about other religions and saw the falseness and misleading statements of all.

I have been trying to teach to all who would listen to me for the last four years the truth of the matter.

I have been attacked by preachers, deacons and laymen but never by the same one twice.

I would let them storm and preach and then by facts and cold reason, but never with invective or anger, disprove their statements and leave them without anything to say.

But they still drift in the old channel as they are not strong enough to stand alone and fight idolatry.

I can only pity their ignorance and fear of God (nothing).

I am very glad to know that there is now an organization moving to lend them a helping hand and lift them to the higher plane of truth.

I will close with best wishes for all concerned.

Yours truly,
WM. E. GATES.

Bro. Gates is only 23 years old. What hope and courage his message brings us all.

How we can sympathize with him and he with us in our common struggle to emancipate our people from idolatry.

We are engaged in the greatest contest ever waged in the interests of civilization. Nearly the entire world is against us. We have learned the great discoveries that disprove the foundation belief underlying all religious societies. We are promulgating the grandest discoveries ever made in historic times. We need the cheering words and helping hand of every well wisher of our race.

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Advance.

Anti-idolaters! Face-about. Advance. Stop advancing backwards like lobsters. Look no longer to Thomas Paine as the leader of advanced knowledge of God. He was in advance of the procession in his time. All honor and praise to his heroism. But so rapidly has the knowledge of God been advanced that he is a way back number now. Many Christians and some idolatrous churches are about ready to pitch their campments on the advanced ground cleared by Mr. Paine. Many of his arguments and evidences pointed out and used then are still good and ever will be and can be used by the Church of Humanity in proving its great discoveries true. But Mr. Paine's conclusions and beliefs and hopes cannot be used. They now do more harm than good in that they tend to pull the van-guard who have discovered the location and nature of God back into idolatry. Even the immortal Ingersoll can no longer be accepted as authority on the knowledge of God so swiftly has that knowledge been pushes to its final termination in the discovery of the location and nature of God. The brilliant master of language, who could please the eye with oratorical gestures, and the ear with retorical bouquets of facts, reason and logic may never be equalled. His manhood and honesty will ever be a model for nobility of character. Many of his arguments, compiled facts, and biblical criticisims are valid yet and ever will be. Like those of Mr. Paine the Church of Humanity can and will use them in proving its great discoveries true. But his conclusions in regard to God, like those of Mr. Paine, cannot be accepted by this church. They, like Paine's, tend to pull the discoverers of the truth about God back to ignorance and idolatry.

I warn the church members to beware of those writers and speakers in Freethought publications who are still following the lead of Paine and Ingersoll and are using their mistakes as the advanced know'edge of today in regard to God. As an example of such mistakes, I call your attention to Dr. J. B. Wilson's oration at the funeral of Mrs. Williamson as reported in the Blue Grass Blade of July 15 under "brilliant oration at grave."

I shall reproduce a few of the most important mistakes he made that are disproved by the discoveries the Church of Humanity has made and shall comment briefly thereon.

1. "People believe as they must—as their brains are shaped—as to race, climate and environment."

That is a grevious mistake in every particular except as to "environment" provided that includes teachers. With the exception of idiots the entire population of the world can learn that twice two are four if given sufficient training by a competent teacher, and so with most knowledge. Of course some are more apt in learning than others but that difference is found in the same climate, race and brain-shape.

As to what people believe it is primarily a matter of teaching. All can learn the truth that God is a myth with the proper teaching as easily as to learn a thousand different errors about him.

There is no such a condition as people believing as they must. It would be more correct to say people believe as they are taught, although the leaders in all lines of knowledge are to some extent self-taught through observation, investigation and experience.

2. "Of the future we all know that none of us know anything. We can only hope and dream and wait. We feel that somewhere there is a celestial key that makes of the puzzle of life a kingdom where all is harmony and justice and satisfaction."

That too is a mistake. It is now positively discovered that death is the extinguishment forever of individual conscious life, and is taught as a fact. It can be taught and learned by the introduction of evidence that clearly prove it to be true. Our likes and dislikes, our hopes and wishes are no evidence at all for or against. It is a truth in nature and we must submit whether we want to or not.

Belief in the error of immortality can not save us from the fate of life-extinguishment. The wise thing to do is to accept the truth and try to make earth a good, beautiful home for us all while we pass through the transit of life.

3. "We can all believe in a providence, in a Supreme Power of some kind, in a future life, and hope to meet again, without prostituting our intelligence to a belief in the impossible miracles."

We who have learned the great discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on can believe no such things. No greater miracles could be offered us on which to prostitute our intelligence than the idea of any "Providence," "Supreme Power," "future life" and "meeting again." We could not make a greater prostitution of our intelligence than to believe such utterly impossible things in the face of a world of positive evidence around us that disproves them. With a few minor exceptions the oration justifies the headlines, "brilliant oration," for the balance is true, beautiful, grand and can be enthusiastically indorsed by the Church of Humanity, for the beautiful thoughts and sentiments clothed in flowery rhetoric are those of this church. I recommend all our church members who do not take the Blade to send for a copy of that date and read the oration.

In connection with this beautiful oration marred by the teaching of superstition, idolatry and errors of former brilliant leaders, whom Dr. Wilson was evidently following, I recommend the reading by him and editor Hughes of the article, "is it fair," in this issue.

Is it Fair?

In the Truth Seeker of July 21, under "The Insanity of the Inspired,' is reproduced the opinion of an expert on insanity, Dr. Archibald Church, who was called in to pass on the sanity of Dowie during his hearing in the United States District court in Chicago.

Dr. Church pronounced Dowie insane and gave as his reason "An individual who believes he is under mystic or divine direction, and who believes that this direction dominates his life, is insane."

Practically all the people believe in the existence of a God. They believe that God "dominates" their lives because they were taught it in idolatrous churches, Sunday schools, religious publications and by their idolatrous parents.

No one can believe in the existence of a God without believing that God knows him, wants him to do some things and refrain from doing other things. Every God-creator endows him with unlimited power and wisdom and the desire to "dominate" the lives of the people.

But what is the Truth Seeker doing to prove God a fabulous being?

What is it doing to teach its own readers the discovery that God is a fabulous being? That is the only knowledge that can save the people from the false belief that their lives are "dominated" by a divine being which this expert says is proof of insanity. The Truth Seeker admits God-creators to its own columns, "God's Protest" being a conspicuous example. Is it fair to be a party to making people insane and then to abuse them for their insanity?

In the Humanitarian Review for September under "Shall we Organize" it says: "It matters not whether or not one believes in the existence of 'God' 'spirit' embodied or disembodied."

That is to say, in connection with Dr. Church's declaration, that it matters not whether people are in sane, and that it is right to teach children to believe things for which they can be judged insane.

He does not think it necessary to teach the only discovery that can prevent people from believing errors that prove them insane. Is it fair to teach the people it is right to believe things and then tell them they are insane for believing them? A man who thinks there is no harm in believing in the existence of God and teaching it has not learned the discovery that God is a myth else he would recognize the harm in idolatry. No one can believe in the existence of God without being an idolater and a defe der and patron of it. The belief in the existence of God led to all the crimes and tortures committed in the interests of idolatry, and friend Davis can see no harm in perpetuating the cause of it all! He often condemns the effects of idolatry but sees no harm in the cause. Why all this criticism in Freethought publications of effects while aiding in the perpetuation of the cause? If you saw a man trying to fill a sack with wheat and working hard scooping it in with one hand and out with the other would you call him a "Rationalist" or a "Liberal?" Would not anyone be ashamed to be known by the name he is? Would anyone care to follow his example who wished to accomplish anything? Would anyone care to employ him to teach them what to do and how to do it? When he had worn himself out in a long life of toil and privation trying to fill the sack would you not call his an unreasoning, irrational method? A wasted life? Would he not come dangerously near being judged insane? All Freethought publications are engaged ostensibly in pumping idolatry out of the people. If that is not their mission, what is it? Yet very seldom can one pick up a copy of any of them in which the editor or some contributor is not vigorously pumping idolatry into their readers through articles teaching God as a real being, which false teaching is and ever has been the fountain source of all religious idolatry. Again I ask, is it fair to devote part of a publication to teaching the people those errors for believing which they are adjudged insane and then devote the balance of the publication to a tyrade of ridicule and abuse of those people for lack of knowledge? As a co-worker and contemporary of all those who wish idolatry overthrown, by the promulgation of the truth about God, I beg all editors, who wish that result accomplished, to refuse space to God-creators in their publications and furnish it only to those who will tell the people the truth about God which is now positively known and verified, or use the space yourselves in so teaching. There are hundreds of publications devoted to the creation of God to one willing to tell the truth about him.

Refer your would-be God makers to those idolatrous publications who make a specialty of that line of business They are out of their element in a publication that seeks to civilize the people by teaching them the truth about their idols and inducing them to give up the practice of a heathen idolatry.

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Prepare yourself for elegibility to membership in the Church of Humanity by learning the great discovery concerning God.

Since the discovery is now made that God is only a creation of fiction every worshiper of him must be recognized as an idolater.

Sure Not.

In September Searchlight under "organization" friend Shaw says:

"The present rapid growth of Liberalism within the churches causes me to doubt whether or not we need any outside organization. At the present rate it will not be long until all good Liberals will be elegible to church membership."

Friend Shaw is perfectly right, logical, sensible and practical, provided he includes the Church of Humanity in "churches," and there is no reason why he should not.

With this church included, as it should be if not, there is absolutely no need of any further attempt of Liberals trying to form any new organization or reviving the old ones. It would only be a waste of time and energy to do so. It could not be accomplished if tried and would result inevitably in failure as all previous attempts have done were it attempted. No organization can be accomplished and maintained without a vital basis to rest on and a vital object to accomplish. The Church of Humanity has appropriated the only available vital base and object possible for a non idolatrous organization. As friend Shaw says, there is positively no more need of any organization for Liberals outside of the churches. There are now churches for all. If anyone who has learned the teaching of the Church of Humanity is not yet a church member it is his own fault. All Liberals, Freethinkers, Infidels, Agnostics, Atheists, Monists, Christians and all can be church members.

The Church of Humanity will welcome all the above classes to membership provided they have or will learn the truth that God is a myth before making their application for membership. Those who still believe the ancient errors concerning God can find congenial fellowship in one of the many idolatrous churches. It is the duty of everybody to unite with some church. Of course we are anxious they should learn the truth about God and join the Church of Humanity and help to promulgate its discoveries,

It might be friend Shaw did not have in mind the Church of Humanity as he further says:

"In many churches they (Liberals) are now welcome, provided they keep silent on the subject."

By including the Church of Humanity all Liberals can join a church without keeping silent and will not only be allowed to teach what they believe concerning God but will be urged to do so. If they have learned the great scientific discoveries that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life, there is now a church that will welcome them with open arms where they will not be required to "keep silent" and will be urged not to do so. Liberals who have not learned these grand discoveries and are hankering to worship a dead Jew named Jesus and a creation of fiction named God will be equally welcome to membership in idolatrous churches and equally urged to break their silence, not in teaching truths as in the Church of Humanity, but in teaching errors and making idolaters of the people. So the Liberals have a choice lot of churches now to select from and there is absolutely no need of an "outside organization."

Propaganda Committe.

The Church of Humanity represents the grandest truths ever discovered. Those truths cannot promulgate themselves. Those who believe them must do it or it never will be done.

How would it do to have a committee of our members on propaganda work? How many would like to be on that committee? I need the advice and suggestions of the chairman of such a committee. How would it do for all members who would serve in that capacity to notify me by card and then publish their names next month and then they elect their chairman by a vote to me on a card for their choice, the one receiving a majarity to be chairman? The chairman could make suggestions to me from time to time as to the needs and duties of the committee. Our church paper and literature should be widely distributed, and more literature prepared and selected for distribution. I believe our paper should be read by thousands instead of hundreds. For propaganda work I mail the paper to ten subscribers at the same post office for $1. Suppose 100 of our members would send in a list of ten subscribers each month, which I know they could do, that would give us a thousand more readers every month or twelve thousand in a year. It is estimated by publishers that each copy is read by five people, but suppose ours was read by only half that number, owing to fear and prejudice, it would reach the attention of 30,000 people in a year. That grand result would only cost each committeeman a dollar a month or twelve dollars a year. We can win more members only by propaganda work. We should all have a great ambition to build up a large membership to make it as popular as any other church. To do that we must be active members like those of other churches. Why, our members can easily place their church paper in the hands of 100,000 readers in three years if they will not let the members of other churches be more generous and active than they. Truths need as active and generous supporters and defenders to succeed as errors have. The defenders of errors have set the pace. We will get ignominiously beaten if we do not come up with the cash and activity to their pace. Members, are you willing to do it in order to gain the victory for truths? Will a 100 join the propaganda committee and sign this pledge:

I hereby accept the office of committeeman on the propaganda work of the Church of Humanity for the state of ..... and promise to send in ten subs. monthly to T. A. G. for one year. Name and address .....

How Other Churches Win.

There is only one way for the Church of Humanity to win and that is by following the example of other churches especially the most prosperous ones. We have truths on our side and we deserve to win. Truths will win if given equal opportunity with errors.

They cannot have an equal chance unless those who know them push their teaching with equal vigor in as good methods as errors receive.

In successful church building the first essential thing is numbers. With a large membership comes demands for literature, teachers, organizations, educational institutions and the money to finance it all. But with large numbers comes also wealth to take care of the financial end. You know the Catholic church has large numbers and requires large sums of money to finance their institutions. How do they get it? Why, their rich members who believe their teaching give it freely and gladly. What! They are fools for doing so? No indeed, they are not. Believing as they do it is the wisest thing they can do. You who know they are teaching errors would be fools to aid them. Our rich church members could do no wiser thing than to donate to the Church of Humanity their surplus wealth to push its educational work with while the Catholics would be foolish to donate aid to it until they believe its teaching. You can easily understand that what is wise for one man to do is foolish for another to do who does not want it done.

But here is the case in point I wish to give as illustrating the way numbers bring demand for money but also bring the money.

The catholics are so numerous they require a large number of priests and a seminary was needed in Kansas City to educate poung men for the priesthood. A Mr. Wm. Kenefick, of course a Catholic, comes forward to pay for the ground, eight or ten acres, and erect St. John's Catholic Seminary, which will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Other rich catholics of K. C. have made bequests to the board of a hundred thousand dollars for the seminary.

Only boys over twelve years of age will be admitted. They will be taken from the parocial schools and will pass an examination before being admitted.

Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, vicar general of the diocese of Kansas City will appoint the professors, select the class books and specify the course of study. That is the way Rome prepares so thoroughly to furnish teachers of errors for the people. No wonder the people are idolaters. Truth never can compete successfully with errors until its advocates prepare as elaborately and as thoroughly to provide teachers and defenders of it. The wealthy men in the Church of Humanity should come forward and endow our college with enough means to enable it to offer free room, board, clothing, books and teachers to all the young men in our church who would come and study for the duties of Instructors for our church so they could meet those young Catholic priests as soon as they emerge from their Seminary and give them such an intellectual reception that they would straightway join the Church of Humanity.

I know with an equally thorough training our young men could do it, and by the eternal truths our church is founded on I would rejoice to see that done.

If the well-to-do members of our church will chip in equal amounts I will plank down any day $5,000. to back our young men who will prepare to defend the truth against the teachers of superstition and idolatry.

Truth never can win in its contest with errors until its backers put up dollar against dollar, church against church, college against college and teacher against teacher of the backers of untruths.

The Church of Humanity is built of people who have learned the discovery that God is a myth.

The place for all who wish posterity saved from idolatry is in the Church of Humanity.

Each parent should value it worth one million dollars to him for each child saved from the worship of God through a knowledge of the truth about him.

Application for Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Fill out the following blank and return it to me if you have learned the great discovery that God is a myth and are not yet a member of the Church of Humanity.

On its receipt I shall transcribe it to the roll-book as a record and mail you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God making you a life member and one of the founders of the Church of Humanity. When we are 1000 strong I shall call a national delegate convention of the church to formally organize and incorporate.

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In the Church of Humanity.

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Great Chunks of Evidence.

When a lonely child is bitten by a poisonous snake and has to lie down to suffer and die, with no one to love or care or comfort it in its last sufferings, how pathetic! How it proves conclusively the non-existence of God and Jesus and the angels of the Christian mythology.

It is remarkably strange that the Christian world, after being taught and trained for two thousand years in the principles and duties of love, sympathy, compassion and pity, can not see that the above and similar cases disprove tetotally the theories that there is a God, Jesus and unseen angels in the universe.

The Christians are ever ready with an excuse for their God and Jesus in such cases. But of the scores of excuses and explanations throughout the past ages not one was the true one.

At last the true excuse and explanation is found and promulgated by the Church of Humanity. It is that God and angels are fabulous beings, and Jesus only a dead man. Idolaters and Agnostics do not accept and believe the above reasons as the true ones, but they are and no other excuse or explanation can be offered that satisfies and convinces the humane critical mind.

While the Christians can accept the sophistry offered by their clergy about the child being too good for earth and God wanting its soul in heaven, as reasonable and logical excuses for his non-interference, they must be puzzled to find excuses to satisfy them when great numbers of people including all shades of belief, all degrees of morality and all ages are hurled to death indiscriminately as was the case in the destruction of hundreds of lives by the earthquake at Valpariso, Chile, August 23 and 24.

There has been five great disasters recently, the Iriquois theatre fire at Chicago, the burning of the General Slocum in New York, the Mount Vesuvius eruption, the San Francisco earthquake and the one at Valpariso, wherein hundreds of lives were lost that a very large per cent of the Christians must know of.

While these great chunks of disasters are no more convincing to the mind trained to weigh them than a dying child that God is a myth yet they must have a deeper impression on those minds untrained to recognize the inconsistency between them and the teaching of the existence of an all-powerful and all wise loving God.

By persistent systematic teaching by the Church of Humanity the entire world will in time recognize and accept its discoveries that God is a fabulous being, heaven and hell myths and death the end of individual conscious life. It is the only scientific answer and will be in time accepted by all if they ever learn the truth. It is the only solution capable of being proved true by the scientific method of proving the truths of nature. It will be a great blessing to our race when all the world believes and accepts the great discoveries the Church of Humanity has made and is promulgating. As soon as readers of our paper and literature are convinced of the truth of these discoveries they should unite with the Church of Humanity. That will aid others to become interested in our discoveries and learn them too.

As soon as editors are convinced the discoveries we teach are true they should join with us and assist in promulgating them by teaching them to their readers and preparing them for membership in the church where they can aid in the rescue of others from idolatry and preserve their own posterity from it.

Traced God to His Lair.

The Church of Humanity has traced God to his lair, and it is another illustration of truth being stranger than fiction. Instead of God being found on a throne in the skies surrounded by a choir of angelic singers with wings and lily white robes, where all idolaters thought he was, he was found to be enthrowned in the brains of people as a purely imaginary being.

The process of creating and perpetuating God is clearly and fully known by this church. Wherever a God-creator is at work, whether in the home, the Sunday school, church, religious publication, he is instantly recognized by this church.

Every one who affirms anything of God that purports to represent him as saying, doing, wishing or desiring anything is a God-creator, and perpetuator of idolatry.

The parent telling his child, the Sunday school teacher telling his class, the clergyman telling his congregation, the editors and authors of religious papers and books telling their readers about a God saying, doing or desiring anything are one and all engaged in creating God in the mind of others. But the creation of God is not always confined to those who practice idolatry. It is often found in unexpected places, practiced and indorsed by those who are supposed to know better than to engage in such business.

In the Truth Seeker some weeks ago there was a poem entitled "God's Protest" which the editor seemed to indorse by placing it on the first page and calling special attention to it, and, if I remember correctly, was printed in a leaflet. The editor seemed to be unaware that he was giving aid and comfort to a God creator who is aiding to keep the people in idolatry by trying to improve a character of fiction and make it more worthy of worship. While it would undoubtedly be better for idolaters to worship a creation of fiction to which is assigned a good nature than one given a wicked nature yet the point is that no creation of fiction can be made good enough to justify the the idolatry of worshiping it. The principle is the same. Idolatry of fabulous beings, whether good or bad characters are assigned them, is equally objectionable to a person who knows they are only creations of the imagination and whose worship should and must be discontinued.

That God creator and the editor may have thought they were justified by the declaration of Ingersoll that "a good God is the noblest work of man." But Mr. Ingersoll was greatly mistaken in that affirmation and those who follow his lead in that sentiment must of necessity be mistaken also. Idolatry cannot be overthrown by the creation of new characters to worship or by the improvement of the old ones.

The Church of Humanity improves on Mr. Ingersoll's declaration by affirming the noblest duty of man is to discontinue the creation of new Gods to worship and overthrow the idolatry of the old ones.

Therefore I suggest that all editors who wish idolatry discontinued reject the contributions of God-creators or publish them only to point out, editorially, right after the article, the mistake of its author.

Editors Should Join in the Rescue Work.

During August the church found, through its publication, and enrolled six life members and founders of the church who has learned the great discovery that God is a myth.

Why should not all the editors who wish the people freed from idolatry join in the work of rescueing them? What reasons can they have for not helping to find those who have learned the discovery that God is a myth and invite them to unite in this educational movement of their readers for the purpose of enabling them to aid in the rescue and preservation of others from idolatry through the promulgation of their common discovery?

What reasons have they for not accepting the truth of the discoveries some of their readers have made and aiding them in teaching those discoveries to the Deists and Agnostics among their readers who need this advanced teaching to make them elegible to membership in this advanced church?

Is it possible they are not as far advanced in the knowledge of God as their readers who are members of this church?

Is it possible they have not learned the discovery that God is a myth?

Is it possible they cannot take this advanced step through fear of losing a subscriber who is an idolater? Are they jealous of me or our church paper?

Are they jealous of the advancement some of their readers have made? Do they not want their readers to know the truth about God?

Do they not want their readers to organize so they can aid with time and money systematically and efficiently in freeing others from idolatry, providing themselves with society, educational and charitable institutions?

Surely none of these excuses could be worthy reasons for refusing to aid their readers in organizing.

Suppose ten of the leading anti-Christian publications would accept the invitation to aid in the educational and organization work. They could on an average do as well, if not better, than our church paper is doing in finding members for the church. That would mean at least sixty additional members to the church each month. In less than two years we would have the required 1000, educated and enrolled as life members. Then we could proceed to call the national delegate convention for formal organization and incorporation. It would encourage the other editors along similar lines of teaching to unite and engage in the work. Perhaps twenty-five or thirty publications would join in the educational and organization work within a short time if a few would take the lead. Then our membership would grow rapidly. Editors would have accomplished something to justify their time and services that would be of inestimable value in overthrowing idolatry. They would have the pleasure of knowing they helped to set a power in motion that could grapple successfully with organized idolatry and finally overthrow it, if not in their lifetime at least in this century.

Why not be a factor in organizing that power? Their posterity cannot be saved from idolatry without it. Do they want to go down to their graves knowing they have done nothing to establish an educational institution able to preserve their posterity from worshiping a dead Jew and a myth-God?

Will they allow petty jealousies and little misunderstandings or even criticisms to swerve them from the duty of uniting to accomplish a great object for each of them that they cannot all do working singly without order, system, method, basis or object, and often undoing what good they and contempories have done?

Cannot they realize the great advantages of a united effort to accomplish results?

Editors, study closely the plan for united editorial work the church outlined in the August issue and indosse it by accepting it if it is satisfactory, if not write me your objections.

New Members.

The Church of Humanity gained two members so far in Sept.

They are H. J. Stevenson, of El Reno, Okla. and Wm. E. Gates, of Shirley, Ill.

The church extends a welcome to these members.

Bro. Gates' letter on first page was with his application for membership which will be greatly appreciated by the members and will renew their hope and courage. The church greatly appreciates the acquisition of new members. It can not call the national delegate convention for formal organization and incorporation until 1000 members are enrolled. I send a special invitation to all who are in sympathy with our educational work to send in their applications for membership if they have not done so. Your well wishes and hopes for our success in our contest with organized idolatry can not help us if you do not act with us. It is your battle as much as ours. Do not shirk your duty. Do not expect us to win the contest without your assistance that you may enjoy the fruits of our labors without lending us a helping hand. You will be disappointed if you do, for it will be utterly impossible to win without your aid. These two brothers have done their duty, now do yours. They did not expect or desire others to win a glorious victory for them. They are willing to do their part. Will you do yours? You can aid us none by staying on the outside of our church. The enemies of truth are all there. Those who do not believe our grand discoveries are all there. Those who practice and support idolatry are all there. You will be numbered with them and against us as long as your name is not on our Roll Book. Only those who make known to the world through the Church of Humanity that they have discovered that God is a myth can be recognized as having made it. All is lost if you do not help win the victory with your name, number and example.

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The Building of the Church of Humanity.

The building of the Church of Humanity consists in finding and uniting in an educational organization all those who have learned or can hereafter learn the great scientific discoveries now positively made that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths, and death the extinguishment forever of individual conscious life. These are modern discoveries and are the greatest ever made in historic times. Besides them all other discoveries pale into insignificance. For want of a knowledge of these discoveries practically our entire race are idolaters worshiping creations of fiction, objects, properties of objects and dead people to which they attach the God-idea.

The grandeur of these discoveries can be realized when we contemplate the universal ignorance of them. When we see kings, czars, emperors, sultans and presidents of all nations worshiping idols we know these are modern discoveries and that those people have not learned them yet. When we see educators, from the country school teacher to the professors in our highest colleges, universities and academies teaching and practicing idolatry for want of a knowledge of these discoveries, we know they are of recent origin and that those people know nothing of them.

These grand discovered truths must of necessity then be the foundation of all educational movements and systems of teaching designed to overthrow idolatry. All efforts to form societies and establish systems of teaching in every country on earth to check and finally overthrow the idolatry of that country must of necessity be based on these great discoveries that constitute a common universal foundation for that purpose. Christianity, with all of its divisions and sub-divisions, Confucianism, Hindooism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shintoism, Judaism and Polytheism, with their sacred writings and various forms of worshiping various idols must one and all go down before the educational societies based on these grand discoveries. These discoveries constitute a common basis on which to build an educational organization to overthrow all systems of religious mythologies on this planet. Never can our race be entitled to the claim of civilization until all its idolatrous practices and institutions are overthrown by the promulgation of these discoveries. As fast as people learn these discoveries they should unite with the Church of Humanity which is the first society in all the world to recognize them as discoveries and understand their vital intrinsic value and proclaim them to the world. The proudest people in all the world should be those who have learned these discoveries and have received from the Church of Humanity certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and are enrolled as life members and founders of this educational society. In this most important of all branches of knowledge they are intellectual giants compared with the dwarfed pigmies of idolatrous royalty. They have learned the grand discoveries that are yet unsuspected by the most advanced nations. They are forever free from idolatry, while the millions around them are wallowing in the profound ignorance that puts them on their knees in worship of dead Jews and a myth-God.

I therefore take great pleasure in announcing the seven new comrades who have applied for certificates of graduation and membership since last report. I give their record in rotation from the Church Roll Book:

Riggs, E. H., Brewster, Neb., 45, Male, Merchant, American, English, none.

Whitaker, I. H., McConnelsville, O., 69, Male, Agent and Collector, American, English, Presbyterian.

Hinsley, W. W., Howard, Kans., 72, Male, Real Estate, American, English, Campbellite.

Tebbe, Louis P., Loveland, Col., 57, Male, Fruit grower, American, English and German, Presbyterian.

Lyndall, Mrs. H. M. M., 196 So. Grent Ave., Columbus, O., 76, Female, American, English, United Presbyterian.

Lambert, Louise, 1145 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., 55, Female, Housewife, German and American, German and English, none.

Frantz, Jack, 106 Forsyth St., New York City, 20, Male, Tinsmith and Roofer, Roumanian, Roumanian, none.

This is the golden harvest of all anti-idolatrous teaching. This church is the granary into which is being stored the results of all the labor of all the authors, editors and lecturers against idolatry. Every such teacher can flatter himself with the idea that his heroic labors have not been in vain, but are reflected in the growing membership of this society. Never before could they know for certain that they had saved anyone from idolatry. Never before could the Christians know definitely that anyone believed their most advanced teaching. Never before could we tell our Christian mothers, brothers and sisters with certain knowledge that any others knew the truths we did. Christians always thought that the one they knew, or heard of, that disbelieved their mythology was the only one in the world that did so.

All that is being changed now. We know we have company. Christians can be easily convinced we have by telling them the discoveries on which the C. of H. is based and telling them the number of members it has. That alone will have a wonderful power to open their mental eyes and cause them to sit up and take notice of "where they are at," and how the intellectual world is leaving them behind on the God-idea.

Every anti-idolatrous and non-Christian editor and author and lecturer should be proud of the increasing membership in this church, as it measures the good they are doing in saving people from idolatry. This society is their common granary into which is being gathered the harvest from the truths they have been sowing for half a century, and measures correctly by its membership the results of their labors. Each and every one of them should take a commendable pride in seeing this society grow in membership, power and influence, as it reflects directly their own best labors in behalf of truth, progress, civilization and the overthrow of idolatry. Each one should do all in his power to place in the membership of this society all who have been influenced by his teaching to give up idolatry and accept the truths of nature. He can then point with pleasure to what he has helped to do, and his joy will increase as he sees the membership climbing up. His most precious reward will not be in dollars and cents altogether, but in reading the thanks of appreciation from those he helped to save from the belief in and the practice of a heathen idolatry, and placing them where they can help to point out the way by example and precept to others caught in the meshes of false teaching as every child born to our race is if it lives a few years.

The age of the large majority of these members show that this society began just in time to save a part of the golden harvest of the truth-sowers of the last century. That harvest is rapidly dying off of old age without being gathered into an organization where their knowledge can be perpetuated and their name, number and influence used on the side of truth, progress and civilization. I appeal to all editors of non-idolatrous publications to help to find those old people who have learned the truth about God and get them into this society through which they can let the world know the grand truths they have learned. We want their name and number to fill up the Roll-Book that measures the golden harvest from the seeds of truths sown by the heroic dead and the faithful living.

But let these old new comrades tell their story in their own way. Comrade Hensley, Howard, Kans. "Bro. Kerr: You are a brave man, but when one knows he is right, it gives him courage. I want on that Roll of Honor. My parents were Methodists. At the age of 19 I joined the Campbellites. I was a Bible reader and an active member. At the age of 34 I began to doubt the inspiration of the Bible. I earnestly and seriously investigated. At the age of 45 I stepped out in the open plain of Freethought and burned the bridges behind me, and the longer I live the more I see I am right. I am now passed 72. So here is $1 for the good cause." What a grand thing for us all had this society been organized years ago and this comrade been given a chance to do all his teaching and aid in its interests and upbuilding instead of giving it to the promotion of idolatrous societies. Let us all begin now to correct the mistake by establishing an organization that will have branch societies in reach of young people where they can aid in teaching and promulgating truths instead of errors.

Comrade Whitaker, McConnellsville, O. "Dear Sir: Your letter at hand and all contents noted. I first joined the Methodist church but soon found out that I could not go their doctrine. Then I went to the Presbyterian church. But, my dear sir, that was like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. So I stepped out and have been going it on science and Freethought and find it is the correct salvation. I send in my application for membership. I desire to belong to the Church of Humanity, and to be honest, truthful, just, charitable, loving and merciful, law my God, justice my creed and liberty my heaven. Away with all religious creeds and myths. I enclose $1, also a photo, so you can see what I look like."

Thanks, comrade. I did not need your photo, though, to know that you are all right after reading your desires. A beautiful character of thoughts and deeds appeals to my admiration more forcibly than one of handsome physical form.

One can be a member of this Church and believe in and practice all those commendable virtues. I request though that you do not apply the name "God" to law nor anything else except a myth of that name since the discovery that God is a creation of fiction it causes confusion to apply that name to any real thing or manifestation of it or to substitute that name for the proper one. I notice friend Maple of the Beacon is making a desperate effort to find something big to hitch the God-idea to, but this Church will head him off. Neither law nor thought nor nature nor anything else that really exists is God.

On behalf of the Church of Humanity I bid one and all our new comrades a hearty welcome to full membership in this church and hope

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We can have a church society for our family where they can be taught the truth about God when we unite and hire teachers as the Christians do.

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It will be grand when we have churches and Sunday schools in reach of us where we can send our families to learn the truth about God.

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It will cost lots of labor and money to provide teaching for our families that will save them from the idolatry of worshiping a myth, God and a dead Jew, but it should be done regardless of cost.

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Parents who wish to invest money and other property for the benefit of their children cannot do better than to invest it in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity for them.

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Parents, let us pool our wealth we intend for our children and provide a well organized educational society able to teach them the truth about God and preserve them from idolatry when our lives are extinguished.

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The Blue Grass Blade says the Church of Humanity is only a local affair. Well, so was the teaching of Bruno, Galileo, Newton, Darwin and others who made discoveries in nature. But they could not be classed as local teachings now. The discovery that God is a myth is now known by citizens in twenty-seven states scattered from Maine to California and from Oregon to Alabama. Mr. Hughes perhaps has not learned the discovery, but we can hope he will.

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The C. of H. has a perfect working model in society building in the Christian churches. It should follow their example. Truth about God can only be taught by the same methods errors about him are taught.

All criticisms of the Bible and the Bible God are of no value unless carried out as evidence to prove the discovery that all Gods are fabulous beings.

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Idolatry can never be overthrown except by the same methods it is enthrowned, that is the educational method. Let us begin that method by establishing a society to teach the discovery that God is a myth.

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Editors who wish to aid in the overthrow of idolatry by teaching the discovery that God is only a creation of fiction should not defend nor allow contributors to defend the theories and acts of the vile, vulgar and obscene in their publications. It tends to create the impression in the minds of decent people that freedom from idolatry leads to debasement of character and ideals and they will not allow such publications in their homes. The discovery that God is a myth is a scientific truth and provable by the scientific methods of proving facts. That truth and its proof should be taught in connection with the best moral ideals and conduct.

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Freedom and willingness to hear and learn the truth about God does not free the people from idolatry unless some society will provide the teaching for them to hear.

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More money should be spent in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity to enable it to teach the truth about God than is given to support the public schools as it will save the children from idolatry.

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None but the graduates in the knowledge of God can understand the deep disgrace, shame and dishonor of worshiping God, Jesus and other imaginary idols.

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When Deists, like friend Maple of the Beacon, learn that the Bible God is not the genuine article and start out to ransack the universe on a God hunting excursion and to find something to hitch the God-idea to they should be careful to not hitch it to something not intelligent enough to know of the existence of our race and powerful enough to make itself known to man. As it is evidence *per se* that no such a thing exists in the universe Deists should be ready to graduate in the knowledge of God after they have sown their wild oats and returned to this planet with out being able to lasso a God.

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Where are those fifty millions of people in the United States we have been told about who do not believe in Christianity? When it comes to a show down they are about as mythical as God.

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It is the teachers who use the text-books in our schools who teach the children and not the text-books. One could half fill his home with text books but without the services of a teacher his children would die of old age before they could learn the a, b, c's, or 1, 2, 3's. No one is stupid enough to advocate the idea that children should "do their own thinking" in acquiring an education without the services of a teacher to instruct them how to think and what to think, and how to use the text books.

It is a great mistake then to advocate that each one should do his own thinking in regard to God. People must from necessity think and believe as they are taught concerning God. As nearly all their teachers so far have been teaching them errors they believe errors. Publications and text books can make very little progress at best against those errors without teachers. Hence the necessity of building up the Church of Humanity to enable it to provide the teachers. For every dollar invested in school books perhaps at least nine are given to a teacher to use them. When we invest a dollar in anti-Christian literature we should invest nine dollars in the upbuilding of the C. of H. so it can provide the teachers to use those books in teaching our children the truth about God. It is absolutely useless to fill our homes with anti-Christian literature to save our children from idolatry without providing them teachers, for they will be taught idolatry by the idolaters who provide the personal teachers, schools and societies.

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As our publisher was short of help he was unable to get the Oct. T. A. G. printed. Subscribers will get the same number of copies anyhow for their subscription.

AN APPEAL TO CHARITY FOR A WIDOW.

Watson Heston needs no introduction to the members of the Church of Humanity. They nearly all know of his many years of labor devoted to the overthrow of idolatry though his cartoons. They know of The Freethinkers Pictorial text Book and the two volumes of Bible Stories Comically Illustrated. Those works of art are in thousands of homes and are continually going into more. They will continue to aid in the overthrow of idolatry until the work is accomplished.

Every one who is free from idolatry whether a member of the church or not owes him a debt of gratitude. Devotion to his chosen field of labor precluded the hoarding of wealth. Eighteen months of sickness, preceding his death about two years ago, made a large debt for his widow to pay. She has been struggling gallantly to make a living and pay off that debt. She is a dressmaker, but when rent, fuel and living expenses are paid very little can be applied on the debt, but she has reduced it a great deal. Her health is failing under the strain and worry over her financial condition. Her creditors have all been very kind and made their charges as low as possible, in some cases one-half or less. There are still unpaid on the bills the following amounts:

Doctors' Bills	$85.00
Undertaker's	45.00
Drugs	10.00
Tombstone	40.00
Total	$180.00

In grateful recognition of comrade Heston's services in aiding to free our race from idolatry and as a mark of respect and duty to his widow I appeal to all our comrades to chip in to a relief fund to pay off this comrade's debt.

It is a great load for this poor widow, but amounts to very little when shared by fifty of our well-to-do members. She is a worthy subject for the reception of our charity.

Comrade J. B. Wise called to see her when in Carthage selling books a few months ago and here is his statement:

To the members of the Church of Humanity. Dear comrades: I will state while in Carthage, Mo., I took the opportunity to go and see Mrs. Lottie Heston and found her in very poor circumstances. She is in poor health but has to work very hard to live and pay house rent. She is certainly worthy of aid. We who believe in helping worthy humanity should contribute enough money to pay off her remaining indebtedness. I am sure it would be greatly appreciated by the widow of Comrade Heston who gave his time to the good of humanity.

J. B. WISE.

Now I ask that fifty of our ablest comrades contribute from $2.50 to $10.00 each, according to his present ability, to this fund. Send the amount to me so I can note it in next issue. A good way is to get a P. M. O. payable to Mrs. Lottie Heston, Carthage, Mo., and mail it to me to be forwarded.

I start the donations with:

W. H. Kerr and family	$10.00
From Church fund	10.00
A charitable comrade	2.50
Total	$22.50

COMMENTS ON NEWS ITEMS.

JOPLIN, MO., Oct. 9.—Because she believed that her mother, whom she loved very dearly, was about to die, Lillie Lawrence, the 14-year-old stepdaughter of James Lawrence of Carterville, commited suicide by jumping into a pond five miles from her home Sunday. Her body was not found until Monday noon. She left a note saying:

I will meet my mother in a dearer home in a few days.

LILLIE LAWRENCE.

Save Children from suicide by helping to found the Church of Humanity to teach them the truth about God.

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The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.

Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.

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To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.

The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

EVIDENCE PER SE THAT NO GOD EXISTS.

Millions believe in the existence of a God through being taught fallacious evidence of his existence and care of man.

With no one and no society to point out the weakness of that evidence and introduce rebuttal evidence it is accepted as proof of God's real existence and interest in man's welfare.

A case in point is that of John Michelson, a laborer of Kansas City, Mo., who recently fell from the top of the Long building but accidentally caught a swinging rope and saved himself. He is now exhibiting himself before idolatrous societies as evidence of the power and willingness of a God to take care of those who call upon him. Before the Junior class of the Oakley M. E. church of K. C. he declared that the fact that he was alive was not due to his own skill but divine power. He said he believed "that God will always take care of those who call upon him."

That will be taken as evidence *per se* by the idolaters that God exists and cares for those who worship him. The story will confirm people in their idolatry and make new converts to idolatry wherever used by the clergy.

It will be the duty of the Church of Humanity to point out the weakness of such evidence and introduce an infinite preponderance of evidence to refute and overthrow that class of evidence.

In the first place his statement is an inexcusable libel on every perished Christian and a downright insult to their living friends and relatives which they should resent instead of parading it to the world as though his calling upon God was more sincere than trusting and more worthy of recognition than that of the billions of perished Christians whom no God intervened to save.

EXHIBIT A.

I offer this man Michelson himself as positive proof that his theory is wrong. Just watch him a few years and you will find that he will meet a fatality as great as he now escaped from which no God will save him although he may have time to call upon one a hundred times more vociferously.

EXHIBIT B.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Oliver Haekel, 32 years old, a structural ironworker, today fell 15 stories to his death from the new Commercial Bank building. A thousand people stood horrified and saw the form of the man revolve in the air.

Here is an identical case, but Mr. Haekel is not able to go before idolatrous societies to explain how he had called upon God in vain to save him as he thought he did Mr. Michelson. But the Church of Humanity will explain through its organ the reason why God did not come to his aid. It is that God is a myth like Santa Claus and therefore is unable to help any one.

EXHIBIT C.

"LIMA, O., Oct. 17.—"Help, my God, help me! I can't get out," were the last words of Mrs. Clinton Bryan, a young wife, as she fell, wrapped in a sheet of flames, with her two infant children in death grasps about her neck.

The Bryan home became a seething furnace following the explosion of the gasoline stove at 10 A. M. Though Mrs. Bryan had every opportunity to save herself, no sooner had the explosion occured than, wrapped in flames, she rushed to an upstairs room to save her two sleeping sons, two years old and eight months respectively. With the flames all about her she stumbled and perished with the children."

Here is positive evidence that Mr. Michelson is mistaken in attributing his lucky catch to the intervention of a God. Can any Christian believe that a God could care more for him than for this mother and her children? Was she not as worthy as he? Did she not call on him as trustingly? Is not a man who goes around offering himself as a living monument to the mercy of a God devoid of shame in the face of this evidence? Is it not an exhibition of monumental egotism and self esteem for any one who knows of this case to ask or expect a God who refused aid in this case to aid him? How can an intelligent person who knows of this case ever again ask or expect a God to do anything for him?

Ten minutes before this accident Mrs. Bryan would have sworn that God was a real being and had protected her all through life. She would have been greatly offended had she been told she was mistaken in believing there is a God and a Jesus and angels protecting her from harm. The trouble is as long as an idolater is alive he can teach the mistaken idea that a God is protecting him while dead idolaters cannot teach that the reason they are dead is because no God comes to their rescue. That is the reason errors about God have more believers than the truth has. The errors have live defenders and witnesses. When those defenders and witnesses get knocked out through the failure of their theory to work out as taught they are unable then to revise those theories and change their teachings. The C. of H. speaks for the idolaters when they put their theory to the test and are unable ever after to have a theory on any subject. We offer the charred bodies of these victims of misplaced confidence as evidence *per se* that the God and Jesus who are supposed to care for people are myths.

It is said "love is blind" and so when an idolater is "stuck" on his idol he must have a very large preponderance of evidence to prove to him that his idol is not equally "stuck" on him. They will say here are only four cases where God failed to do his duty to one where he did and therefore there is some chance yet for them to get aid from their idol. But we are not through with the evidence *per se* that dead idolaters offer to prove the nonexistence of the idols they had worshiped and depended on for aid in time of need.

EXHIBIT D.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 19—Twelve are dead, two are missing and several are injured as the result of a fire in a boarding house here early this morning.

HOUSTON, Mo., Oct. 15—Family of five murdered here by Joda Hamilton.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Oct. 19—Yelkins and son burned to death in their home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct., 20—Wind blew down walls and buried 14 workmen.

CHICAGO., Oct. 20—Mrs. Ryan fell down an elevator and was killed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The 4-year-old daughter of Mc Dermott, killed by a street car.

WASHINGTON, Ks., J. M. Elliott's house struck by lightning. Wife and daughter burned to death.

FORT WORTH, Tex.,—Cyclone strikes Bellevue and 13 lives lost.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 19—In railroad wreck 100 lives lost.

TRINIDAD, Col.,—In a mine explosion 22 miners killed.

BOSTON, MASS.,—Schooner Sallie B. foundered and four of crew lost.

MEXICO CITY., Oct., 9—Great floods drown 123 people.

POCAHONTAS, Va., Oct. 5—Twenty bodies taken from West Fork mines as a result of an explosion.

LONDON, Oct. 15—Eighty miners entombed in the Dunham collieries at Wingate. Result of an explosion.

TAMAQUA, P., Oct. 9—Four men killed by an explosion of powder.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct., 5—Several killed by an explosion in subway.

FORT HURON, Mich., Sept. 30—An unknown Steamer foundered in a storm and went down with all on board on lake Huron.

TROY, N. Y., Oct. 4—Five killed in train wreck.

RATON, N. M., Oct. 6—Fifteen miners dead at Blessburg as the result of an explosion.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11—Three are dead as a result of an explosion in railway tunnel.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 11—Six men killed in a train collision.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 3—Four men killed in an explosion in the Maryland Steel Plant.

PUEBLO, Col., Oct. 3—Two men dead and probably many more in debris as a result of an explosion in a gas plant.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 16—Five men burned to death and one drowned as a result of a powder explosion on the steamer White Horse.

LONDON,—Thirty-five lives lost by the foundering of a cadet ship.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 1—Three sailors drowned by the sinking of a steamer on Lake Erie.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Oct. 1—Three trainmen killed and bodies burned in a train wreck.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 20—Six hundred lives lost is the largest estimate caused by the great storm that swept the gulf coast.

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 20—A tempest has raged for ten days. Great loss of life. The rivers are bringing down dead bodies constantly.

HONGKONG, China., Sept. 20—Five thousand is the latest estimae of the lives lost as a result of Tuesday's disaster from the hurricane.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 29—At least one hundred lives lost in the hurricane on the coast.

HAVANA, Oct., 19—One hundred persons are known to be dead as a result of the cyclone that swept the city.

KEY WEST, Fla., Oct. 22—From two to four hundred persons perished in the hurricane that swept the Florida coast.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Oct. 28—Fifteen people burned to death in Chamber of Commerce building.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Oct. 28—Three people killed in a gas explosion.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. Oct. 28—Three passenger coaches thrown from a trestle into water beneath and about 80 people, mostly women and children, drowned like rats in a trap.

This exhibit ought to convince any jury that since no God came to the rescue of these people, most of whom were as good Christians and called on God as devoutly as Mr. Michelson did, that no God saved him either, but that it was simply a lucky grasp he made that saved him.

But the people can never be given this evidence and have its meaning explained to them so they can understand it until the Church of Humanity is able to establish Churches and Sunday Schools under the charge of competent instructors everywhere. Then on with the founding of this educational organization that they may begin the rescue of the people from the idolatry of worshiping a myth-God and a dead Jew.

If you desire your posterity saved from idolatry give your name, wealth and influence to the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity.

If you, reader, are intelligent enough to recognize this evidence as proof that no God exists who knows or cares for man, please fill out the following blank and return to me and see what you get by return mail.

Let each reader of Higher Science who gets a sample copy of this issue accept the invitation to join the C. of H. NOW.

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ORGANIZATION.

In the October Humanitarian Review Friend Davis takes exceptions to my quotation from his article on Organization in last issue. I assure him most positively no misrepresentation was intended. I am unable to see wherein I did so. In connection with the subject of organization that was under consideration, the balance of the sentence quoted is immaterial, as it does not change its meaning. The full sentence is, "With such a broad, scientific platform, it matters not whether or not one 'believes' in the existence of 'God,' 'the gods,' 'spirits' embodied or disembodied, 'spirit communication,' or in 'materialistic monism,' or 'does not know;' he can join the new association if he accepts science instead of supernatural revelation, etc." The point I made was that he was willing to accept an organization partly composed of deists. He did not deny that and so my criticism was justified. His next sentence is: "The Agnostic, the Spiritist or Spiritualist, the Materialist and the Monist all *can* if they *will*, unite as Rationalists, or as Naturists, in one compact organization, if they accept reason as the revelator and science as the revelation and supreme authority for creed and conduct, as embraced in the above definition." Friend Davis makes the same mistake many others do in advocating organization by assuming that those of diametrically opposed opinions can unite in one society to teach any one of those opinions. That assumption has been proven fallacious in all attempts at organization and should never be tried again. Those advocating organization should recognize the fundamental principle of organization, viz: that those of conflicting theories can unite in a common organization to fight a common enemy or outside theory, but not to fight one of its integral parts. For illustration, the democrats and republicans can unite to oppose Socialism, but not democracy or republicanism. Also, democrats, republicans and socialists can unite to oppose Anarchy, but not any one of the combine. Likewise those of opposing views on religious matters can only unite to oppose a common opposition view. Thus all protestant sects can unite to oppose the catholic demand for a share of the public school fund but not to oppose one of the combine. Catholics and protestants can unite to work for their common interests and oppose a common enemy, but not to oppose each other's special interests and teaching.

☐ Those of the several beliefs mentioned by Mr. Davis could not unite to disprove any one belief of the combine, but only to oppose a teaching antagonistic to all or to promulgate a teaching beneficial to all alike. Hence it is useless to talk about Materialists, Spiritualists, Deists and those who have learned that God is a myth uniting to teach that any one belief in the combine is true or false. It may be that Mr. Davis and others imagine that those of all the above beliefs can be united and then taught the truth or falsity of their theories. That is a fatal error. People must first be taught to believe in, and accept, the teaching of a society before they are admitted as members. Then they in turn help to promulgate the teaching. To place all the above classes into an organization, if it could be done, each class would claim to be the only simon pure rationalist, and that their teaching was the revelation of science while all the other theories were the result of superstition and prejudice and bigotry. Therefore it is easy to see the finish of such an organization. Such is the finish of all previous attempts at combining those of antagonistic teachings. Let us not attempt such methods again that insure failure from the start. The success of an organization then depends on all its members believing alike in its fundamental teaching and the object to accomplish. Spiritualists would not remain in a society that taught the treatise on "A Future Life?" by Mr. Davis, now running in the H. R., wherein he ably demolishes every argument in favor of spiritism. No Deist would remain in an organization wherein is taught the discovery that all Gods are fabulous beings. No one who has learned that discovery could remain in an organization wherein Deists worshipped their man-made idols. That is the reason they left such societies and enrolled in the Church of Humanity. If we could be satisfied to remain with, and help to teach in, and support idolatrous societies, there is a general assortment from which to choose already organized that would welcome our support and membership. If we could be hypocrites and pretend to accept false teaching we could do that as well in the old societies as in a new one and there would be no need of a new one.

People of all other churches and of no church are uniting in the Church of Humanity, but before they do that they learn that the other churches are all teaching errors and that this church is based on a vital truth and has a vital object to accomplish that they wish accomplished. That insures harmony and unity of action and support. There is no internal fight to make on fundamentals that will disrupt the society as there would be with a number of conflicting fundamental theories, as was the case in all previous attempts at organization. Another serious mistake in many of those who wish organization is that those who know the truth about God must go back to idolatry in order to include a larger number eligible to membership. That is a grievous mistake. We must plant our standard on the solid rock of truth, and through the educational process bring others up to it. We cannot abandon truth to go back to their position. They must be taught to abandon errors and advance to truth. This church welcomes all who can do that.

TO READERS OF HIGHER SCIENCE.

Through the kindness of comrade Haeld in exchanging subscription lists with me I am able to mail sample copies of this issue of T. A. G. to 150 of his subscribers.

This is an invitation to each of them to subscribe for our Church paper and above all to send in their applications for membership in the Church of Humanity.

Comrade Heald is a life member and one of the founders of this Church and he is anxious for all his subscribers to unite with this society and thereby be numbered among its founders. This Church is based on, and is being organized to teach, the great scientific discoveries that Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, that heaven and hell are myths and death the extinguishment forever of individual conscious life. All who have learned the discovery that God is a creation of fiction are entitled to a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the C. of H. The first 1,000 members will be recognized as the original discoverers of these great truths and the founders and organizers of the Church of Humanity through which they are to be taught to the people.

One hundred and twenty-eight have thus applied for and received certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God, making them life members and founders of this Church.

When 1,000 graduates are on the Roll-Book I shall call a national convention of the Church for formal organization and incorporation.

All the church members and comrade Heald want every one of you to unite with us in founding this educational society. Come now all together, and give the Church a boost. You must know by this time, with the aid of such a teacher as Mr. Heald, that God is simply a myth like Santa Claus. You should want your postperity to know that truth so they will not be victimized into idolatry by the teachers of idolatry. You must know nothing can save them from idolatry but an educational society able to teach them the truth about God. You must know none but those who know that truth can establish that society. Therefore we urge you most earnestly to do your duty in helping to found and organize that society.

Fill out the blank application for membership in this copy and return it to me. On its receipt I shall transcribe it to the Church Roll-Book as a record and mail you a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, making you life members and founders of the Church of Humanity.

NOTICE.

When the membership of the C. of H. reaches 200 I shall fee justified in enlarging the church paper to five colums. That will make it about one half larger. I would like to make the change after its first year is completed. That will be January. Our subscribers who are not yet members can put the Church membership to that mark in a month by part of them sending in their applications for membership. Of course they all intend to unite with the Church sometime. Why not do it now and give us a larger Church paper for the same price. Our paper can only grow as our membership grows to justify it. Subscribers please send in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity now.

WANTED.

I want at least one official propagandist for the C. of H., in each state to aid in the church work. Comrades Joseph Frantz of New York and C. Lippel of New Jersey will take the position for their respective states. I want comrades in every state we have members in to volunteer their services in that capacity. Please send in your names at once so we can organize a propagandist committee of our church members at once. Don't wait for some one else to respond. When a member from each state is secured for the national propagandist committee they can organize by selecting one of their members chairman. There will not be much to do and anyone can fill the position. I will offer suggestions from time to time as to what I think best to do. They can advise me of their needs and that of the church in general. That will give us all a chance to work in harmony and unison for the upbuilding of our Church. We can then bring concerted influence on the editors and lecturers and writers of anti-Christian literature to aid us, and defend our Church and its publication should we be molested by the postal department. Let us have one comrade at least from each state on this committee. Please report for duty.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Oct. 28.—The Jews of the new state are preparing a petition to the constitutional convention, praying that no clause in the constitution of the state recognize Jesus Christ as a deity or any clause that will be repugnant to the Jewish or any other religious sect.

I move to amend the petition by inserting after the word Christ as follows: "God, Creator, Heavenly Father, Providence, Supreme Being, Jehovah or any other name denoting a belief in the existence of an intelligence in the universe that knows or cares for man, or any clause that will be repugnant to a person who has learned the great discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the extinguishment forever of individual conscious life."

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they will live to see it formally organized, incorporated and in working order with many branch societies under competent instructors saving the people from idolatry. If you have learned the greatest of all discoveries—that God is a character of fiction—please send in your application for a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God so I can announce it to our readers next month. I want my Christian relatives and friends to know how many there are in the United States who have learned this great discovery.

You should want to let your knowledge be known through this society so it can be perpetuated to influence others to learn the truth. You should not be willing to die without giving the world the benefit of your years of study and investigation. No one will ever know that you learned the truth about God if you do not make it known through membership in this society and you will forever be classed and numbered with the idolaters. Life is uncertain. You cannot be enrolled as a founder of this church after you are dead. Do your duty now and let the Christians know you have learned the greatest discovery ever made by man.

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There is a scientific answer to the question "What is God?" and that answer is now definitely known and proven by the standard method of discovering truths, viz., experience, observation and investigation. By that method it has been discovered that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths, and death the termination of conscious life. These discoveries are of the most vital importance of all discoveries. For want of them our race has been idolaters from time immemorial. It will continue in idolatry until these discoveries become generally known, let that be one hundred or one million years. People will be very slow to learn and accept these discoveries, owing to their environment of having been taught idolatry, and being surrounded by idolaters who will, with a very few exceptions, do all in their power to prevent and discourage any from learning and accepting them. But a few will recognize the great value of these discoveries as civilizing influences and will unite to promulgate them. The idolatry of worshiping a man who died two thousand years ago, and a creation of fiction named God, will become so intolerable to them that they will provide instructors to teach their children these discoveries rather than see them taught errors about God and made idolaters by idolatrous societies. But they cannot provide such instructors without uniting in an organization to enable them to collect and disburse the necessary funds for erecting buildings and hiring instructors. Unless they unite in a society, it cannot be known who and how many, and where they are, who have learned that God is a myth, and want that fact taught to their children and others to rescue and preserve them from idolatry. The Church of Humanity is the society name under which those people are uniting to begin their educational work of teaching that great discovery. No progress can be made in teaching this greatest of all discoveries, except through this society. It cannot begin its system of teaching properly until it is organized and incorporated. It cannot do that until one thousand graduates in the knowledge of God are enrolled as life members and founders of the society. All who wish the people rescued from the idolatry of a myth-god and a dead Jew should do all in their power to find those who know God is a myth and get them to send in their applications for certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity.

The editors of non-idolatrous publications should aid in this society building by teaching their readers the discovery that God is a myth, and thereby making them eligible to membership in this society.

They must know they will die in a few years and this society will be the only means of preserving their posterity from idolatry.

Individuals die and their teaching is forgotten, unless preserved in and perpetuated by an organization. Very few, if any, in this age would know anything about Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha or any of the great teachers of idolatry had not their false teaching been preserved and propagated by organized society.

The discovery that God is a myth can only be preserved and propagated by the same method used in teaching idolatry.

Only those who know this discovery can thus unite in an organization to promulgate it. Only those who can comprehend the deep disgrace, shame and dishonor of worshiping a creation of fiction, named God, and a poor, ignorant Jew who died nearly two thousand years ago, will want their posterity kept free from that heathen idolatry, and will unite in the Church of Humanity to enable them to do the necessary teaching.

One hundred and thirty-six have been found who know God is a myth and who wish that knowledge perpetuated and promulgated.

They have applied for and received a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity.

Since last report the following comrades have united with the church, as shown on the Roll Book:

No. 128—Fieferblot, Sem., 147 Essex St., New York, N. Y.; Male, Baker, Hebrew, Jewish.

No. 129—Blake, J. G., Pinkerton, Tex., 64, Male, Farmer, American, English, Baptist.

No. 130—Williams, Capt. Ira, La Rue, O., 75, Male, Farmer, American, English, None.

131—Johnson, Allen, Corpus Christi, Tex., 55, Male, Hotel Keeper, American, English, None.

No. 132—Jones, Dr. C. E., Winslow, Ark., 48, Male, Physician, American, English, None.

No. 133—Jones, Mrs. Dr. C. E., Winslow, Ark., 36, Female, House Keeper, American, English, None.

No. 134—Jones, Miss Annie, Winslow, Ark., 19, Female, Student, American, English, None.

No. 135—Jones, Miss Georgia, Winslow, Ark., 16, Female, Student, American, English, None.

No. 136—Milburn, Wm., Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee, Wis., Painter and Decorator, American, English, Covenanter.

But I am thankful to these comrades for their appreciation of the work we are doing, and their desire to aid in that work. I welcome them to membership, fellowship and friendship in the Church of Humanity. It gives me hope and courage, as it will each member of the church.

One comrade is a Jew, which is remarkable. Jews do not accept Jesus as a God or the son of one. But they will accept extermination in slaughter before they will abandon their ancient tribal idol, God, whom Moses and other sharp leaders put back of their commands to make a savage tribe obey them. When a Jew can see through the game of deceit played by the rulers of their savage ancestors, and recognize a myth where there was supposed to be a real God, the rest of us should have no trouble in catching on to the game.

Comrade Williams is 75 years old, and this is the first church he ever united with, which shows he has been guided by good judgment all through life. He would not unite with a church without investigating its claims. All the other churches, being based on errors, were promptly turned down, but this one he found to be based on truth, and it is promptly accepted. I hope all the 180 in *To-Morrow's* "Roll of Honor," who are over 65 years old, will follow Comrade Williams' lead, whether they made a mistake in uniting with some idolatrous church in early life or not. I shall send each of them a sample copy of this issue and hope they will apply for membership at once.

Comrade Blake is 64 and will soon be eligible to membership in that "Roll of Honor." From a good letter he writes I give this extract: "I hope every Free thinker in the United States will join the Church of Humanity. That is the proper move. Organize a church and teach the brotherhood of man."

Comrade F. H. Heald went carefully over his subscription list and sent me a select list of 125 readers of *Higher Science*, who, he thinks, will unite with the church. I shall mail each of them a marked copy of this issue and hope each and all will accept at once the invitation to apply for membership in the Church of Humanity. Increased membership makes the church rejoice. Give it reasons to rejoice a hundred times in the next month by 100 sending in applications for membership.

The *Appeal to Reason*, a Socialist paper, published at Girard, Kan., is raising a fund to send the *Appeal* to 30,000 school teachers for three months. Let us push the teaching of the truth about God as the *Appeal* pushes Socialism. Educate your teachers for three months for five cents each. Get a list of all the school teachers in your county from the county superintendent and mail it to me with five cents for each teacher, and I shall send them TRUTH ABOUT GOD for three months.

Unite with the Church of Humanity.

A PROTEST

The teaching and inculcation of the idolatry of worshiping a myth-God and a dead man permeates all public schools. It will continue to do so until a large part of the patrons learn that God is a myth and unite to make an effective protest against the teaching of idolatry to their children. Until the Church of Humanity is strong enough to entitle it to recognition by educators, the members should individually protest, in the name of the church, against teachers assigning their children outside lessons or recitations inculcating idolatry.

One of my little girls was assigned "A Child's Thanksgiving" poem to commit to memory and recite at school, of which the last verse reads as follows:

"Let us praise Him, our dear Father,
Lord of sun and rain and dew,
For the joys He's ever sending
Every year to me and you."

I instructed my daughter to omit that verse and sent her teacher the following note:

"Miss ———: Please excuse Alice for reciting only three verses of the selection you assigned her, as I seriously object to her reciting the fourth verse; or please assign her another selection free from the inculcation of idolatry of a myth-God.

"Since it has been discovered that God is a myth, like Santa Claus, it is wrong to teach children to thank, praise or worship him.

"I inclose a marked copy of our church paper that will give you full proof of God's mythical nature. Yours sincerely,
"W. H. KERR."

I marked the article "Evidence *per se* that no God exists" in a copy of last TRUTH ABOUT GOD and sent it to her.

Friends Shaw and Maple, and several other editors of Free Thought publications who have not learned of the discovery that God is a myth, may accuse me of dogmatism, bigotry, fanaticism, intolerance and a lot more coice epithets that they use on the Christians. That is because they, not having learned the truth about God, can see no harm in such idolatrous teaching. They can only see harm in the child when grown to womanhood and supporting the idolatrous churches and priests, while they make war on truth, progress and civilization.

I know of only one way to stop idolatry and that is to STOP IT.

A man's first duty is to learn the discovery that God is a myth, then stop the idolatry of him in himself first. His next duty is to unite with those of like knowledge to enable them to provide instructors for their families, neighbors, school board and teachers, so that idol-

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Fellow Citizens:—I have mailed you, who are on the 'phone list, some sample copies that you may understand the great newly discovered truths we teach, and the method of teaching them. You will note the perfectly honorable method used, its freedom from abuse of Christians and the objects they worship, the high standard of moral ethics inculcated. I have made, and am teaching, the greatest discoveries made in historic times. They are the finding of science on the great questions of "What is God?" and "What is Death?" We should all have a great desire to know the true answer to those vital questions, both for our own satisfaction and to enable us to teach our children the truth concerning them. We are in no way responsible for the mistakes of our ancestors nor are we under the least obligations to continue those mistakes. But we are under the greatest obligations to correct their mistakes as soon as we find them out. That is a credit to us and reflects credit on our ancestors for producing a progressive progeny.

Our generation, and the one preceding it, has corrected many mistakes of our ancestors in every branch of knowledge and expanded the frontier of knowledge in all directions far beyond the dreams of our most progressive ancestors. Methods of production, communication and transportation have been marvelously improved to the everlasting glory of our generation. Our advancement in the knowledge of God has not kept pace with our progress in other branches of knowledge, owing to the powerful societies established by our ancestors to prohibit the correction of their mistakes. But, thanks to the magnanimity of this generation in this country, the embargo on advancement in the knowledge of God has been removed and we are at last perfectly free to learn the truth about God and to teach it. If those who have discovered the truth about God will unite and push its teaching with untiring zeal and enthusiasm and perseverance it will soon be known by thousands. I do not seek or desire to overthrow or destroy existing societies, but to put a firm foundation of truth under them in place of the errors of our ancestors. I desire all the truths and good moral ethics taught by societies continued. It is only the errors I seek to eliminate by the substitution of truths in their places. I firmly believe you desire the truth about God taught, and have no more desire to be deceived by false teaching than I have. Your only objection to my teaching is that you believe I am mistaken. I have as much at stake as any of you can possibly have, which insures a clear knowledge of the truth I teach concerning God before I began the work. I expect some time to be able to secure the services of an instructor to hold regular church services in our city. I am very anxious for you to become regular readers of our church paper, that you may be enabled to learn the truth about God and our method of teaching it, so that you will not be afraid to come and bring your children to our church services when we are able to furnish them.

Your sense of justice and "a square deal" will suggest that you should pay the small subscription of 25 cents for Truth About God until January 1, 1908. Therefore, please drop a quarter in an envelope for me and place it in your box for the postman to put in the office.

I shall send a marked copy to each one this letter is addressed to.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in promptly complying with the request, I am yours respectfully,

W. H. Kerr.

A PROTEST.

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atry can be prohibited in the common schools. That is the only course to take to eradicate idolatry in the public schools.

Our school teachers, fresh from the Sunday school, the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor societies, churches, parochial schools and other idolatrous societies, usually select the most idolatrous songs and recitations for the students. Writers of text-books, being idolaters themselves, and to supply idolatrous patrons, vie with each other in the amount of superstition and idolatry they can work into text-books. The only way for those patrons who do not wish their children taught idolatry in the public schools is to unite in the Church of Humanity to enable them to make an effective protest. I ask all who do not wish idolatry of a myth-God and a dead man taught in our public schools to send in their applications for membership in the Church of Humanity at once. Numbers against it is the only thing possible that will cause its eradication.

God-Created?

In a three-page article in *To-Morrow* magazine for December, Grace Moore expresses a great dislike to prefixes to names, such as Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr. Rev., Prof., Col., Capt., etc., as being "titles vain and undemocratic," and then winds up with this bit of vanity that discloses the vainest of the vain:

"He or she who has knowledge of the laws of life and is strong in the consciousness of his (or her) essential greatness as a God-created human being, endowed by Nature with all the possibilities inherent in Nature, has no need of any artificialities or human designations."

She is evidently ignorant of the fact that "God-created" is one of the "artificialities or human designations." As God is discovered to be a myth, her "strong consciousness of her essential greatness" as a God-created Grace Moore is one of the most vain and undemocratic titles imaginable. The pride she evidently takes in that vain title is not equaled by any taken in the title she uses three pages to condemn.

CORRECTIONS.

Ingersoll Beacon—"To say 'there is no God' throws no light on the God-idea; it neither explains what people mean by the word, nor what the word actually means."

It expresses a truth in the fewest words and explains what the graduates in the knowledge of God have discovered.

All adults who have learned the Santa Claus deception know that to say he is a fabulous being or a myth is equivalent to saying there is no real Santa Claus. Likewise all adults who have learned the God-story know that it is the Bible God that is believed in and worshiped.

The few who have repudiated that God and conjured up others in their minds believe them to have intelligence enough to know of the existence of our race and in some way to care for it in general, and individuals in particular. The graduates in the knowledge of God have discovered that the God idea is an error and that God, Satan and Holy Ghost are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the cessation of conscious life. When a child is undeceived regarding the pretended reality of Santa Claus it understands what it means to say there is no Santa Claus. When friend Maple understands the mistake handed down to us by our ancestors regarding the existence of an intelligence in the universe that knows man he will understand the simple truth when told in fewest words—God is a myth.

The *Beacon*, quoting from M. J. Savage, says:

"Any man who recognizes a law in him and without him which binds him under penalty to certain courses of action, called right, such a man believes in the essential idea that underlies the word God."

The graduates in the knowledge of God know that no God exists in the universe. Yet they recognize a course of moral ethics and a law of state that "bind them under penalties" to do right, and this recognition neither underlies nor overlies the word God. It has nothing whatever to do with it except to urge them to proclaim the discovery that God is a myth and rescue the people from the idolatry of him.

In November *Higher Science* Comrade Heald says: "Even Brother Kerr, of our Church of Humanity, 'churches' me for quoting from myths, and some other magazines and Liberals call it illiberality."

As a matter of fact I do not object to Comrade Heald quoting from the Bible or any other book. I simply requested that he did not credit it to a God, as he is a myth and never said or thought anything. No graduate in the knowledge of God should attribute anything to him. Although he knows where the credit belongs, idolaters will think he thereby acknowledges that God said things and is hated for the sentiment or commands expressed. No graduate can have any hatred for God on account of sayings in the Bible, or elsewhere, purporting to be his. All such quotations should be credited to their real authors, the God-makers, to avoid confusion in the minds of idolaters as to our knowledge of God.

Be as active as the idolaters in church building and we will win.

TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS.

While the Church of Humanity repudiates and discards all names and titles given dissenters from the common ideas of God and the popular form of worshiping him, yet our members should have a common name or title to express their position on the God-idea. I notice some call themselves Atheists, Freethinkers, Infidels, etc. I suggest they abandon all such names and adopt "Graduate in the knowledge of God." That expresses our true position on the God question, and no hatred or prejudice can attach to it, as is associated with the other titles which do not express our knowledge of God. All should aspire to a full knowledge of the truth about God. When asked what our knowledge of God is, it can be answered briefly by giving the result of our acquired knowledge in one stence which all should commit to memory, viz.: We have discovered that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths, and death the termination of conscious life. When asked how we came to make that discovery we reply, by experience, observation and investigation, which is the standard method of making all scientific discoveries of the truths of Nature.

When writing to members of the Church of Humanity, and speaking of them, I suggest we use the word "Comrade" to express our common membership, knowledge and interest in the Church of Humanity.

Make It Unanimous.

I notice in *To-Morrow* magazine, Chicago, a "Roll of Honor" including 187 names of "The Old Guard of Free Thought" over 65 years of age. I further notice that 24 of those named are graduates in the knowledge of God and have received certificates of graduation and are life members and founders of the Church of Humanity. I want that "Roll of Honor" to make it unanimous by the balance of them sending in their applications at once for certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity. I want them all to be numbered among the founders of this society. I shall mail each one a marked copy of this issue for that purpose. Please don't delay making application.

Comrade J. Frantz, state propagandist for the Church of Humanity in New York, ordered 1,000 Truth About God sent him. That is the largest order received.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

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EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

A God of unlimited wisdom and power, who knows of our race and has love, sympathy and pity for any member of it, as idolaters claim exists, would of necessity have to make use of those attributes and qualities to prove his existence. As there is unlimited proof that no such qualities are made manifest, when the greatest need of them are called for every moment, it is positive proof that no such a being exists in the universe. The absence of such a being, with such powers and qualities, to supply that need is evidence *per se* that no such being exists. Here is positive proof of the need of such a being and equally positive proof that the need was not supplied, which proves conclusively the non-existence of any power to supply it:

"Denver, Nov. 10.—Miss Laura Scott, nineteen-year-old school teacher, became lost and traveled many miles at night over the snow-covered prairie. Searchers found her frozen to death in the attitude of prayer."

God is a myth or he would have heard and answered that girl's prayer.

"Memphis, Nov. 19.—Eight lives were lost in the storm which swept over this state Saturday night. A woman and child were crushed and then cremated by a tree falling on their home."

"Nov. 1.—The German ship, Hermen, collided with a four-masted schooner in the English Channel and went down with 23 of her crew."

"San Jose, Cal., Nov. 12.—Several killed by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive hauling the Sunset Express at Sargent's."

"Cleveland, O., Nov. 12.—Six killed by the explosion of a boiler in the car shops at Collinwood."

"Cherbourg, Nov. 22.—Thirteen persons are dead as the result of a collision of two steamers."

"Laporte, Ind., Nov. 12.—Six are dead and many missing that may have been cremated in a train wreck at Woodville."

"Seattle, Nov. 19.—Forty-two passengers and crew of the steamer Dix were drowned in a collision last night in Puget Sound."

These disasters created the greatest possible demand for the services of that Heavenly Father live idolaters claim never forsake them in time of need. That this Heavenly Father did not respond to the most fervent appeals to him for aid ever offered by those perishing idolaters at a time most needed in all their lives is conclusive evidence *per se* that their dear Heavenly Father is a myth.

This evidence is cold, practical, objective, material fact, that all are capable of comprehending when it is drilled into them daily for a few years by competent instructors. This class of evidence alone, when used by the skillful teachers, will overthrow the fine spun metaphysical theological treatises and discourses of all the Doctors of Divinity who have ever graduated in idolatry in all the Theological Seminaries erected to make idolaters of the people. This is the kind of evidence that led me to the discovery of God's mythical Nature long before I heard of Ingersoll or a Freethought publication. Since this is ample proof *per se* that no God in the universe has the power to make himself known through the manifestation of knowledge of these events, and the power to exercise pity and sympathy through practical aid, it is conclusive evidence that no God exists.

No matter what else exists in the universe that has not been discovered yet, this is proof that no God can be there. The minor evidences, that idolaters rely on as proof of the loving, watchful care over them by a Heavenly Father, must be simply a superstition in the face of this evidence that no such being cared for them in the greatest crisis of their existence. There is no God caring for the little things in the life of idolaters when this evidence proves there is no God caring for their lives.

Had idolaters such a thing as a soul it is evident there is no God caring for it separately when this evidence proves no God cares for their soul and body combined.

Had idolaters the power to survive death with a conscious existence it is evident that no God could care for that existence in any other world, since this evidence proves that no God cares for them in this world. Therefore, God is a myth and all teaching to the contrary is false. That false teaching will continue and our race will be idolaters until an organization is established able to teach the people the evidences that prove the discovery that there is no such a thing as a God in the universe.

The Church of Humanity is the first attempt ever made to organize an educational society to furnish that teaching. Those who wish their posterity saved from the idolatry of a myth and a dead man should unite with this society and help to build it up.

The church has 135 members now on the Roll Book. The subscribers to TRUTH ABOUT GOD should send in their applications for membership if they have not done so. In this work I have many discouragements to meet and overcome. Nothing gives me so much hope and encouragement as the new applications for membership sent in.

I would like to be kept busy filling out certificates and enrolling new members. I am willing and anxious to do my part to the best of my ability. I can raise the membership to 200 before January 1, 1907, if the readers will do their part in sending in their applications for membership. Let all the subscribers, and those who get sample copies, help to put the church membership to the 200 mark by January 1 by uniting in 1906 with the church.

This is the revival season among the idolaters. Everywhere they are adding great numbers of new idolaters to their church roll books. Those who know the truth about God should be as anxious to build up an organization that represents their knowledge as idolaters are to build up their idolatrous societies. Truth should have as brave and active defenders as error has. Idolatry of myth-Gods and dead Jews can never be overthrown without active society building by those who know the truth about them. Why should not 100 readers of this number of TRUTH ABOUT GOD get energy enough worked up to act enough to fill out an application for membership and mail it to me? Millions are acting in the interest of idolatry every day. Why can't non-idolaters act five minutes in the interest of truth to save their loved ones from idolatry? Singly not one of us can save our posterity from idolatry. United, we can save them all in time. Let us then unite to establish an educational society that will live and save our posterity from idolatry when our lives are terminated. You have only a short time to act before 1907. Don't let this year slip by without uniting with the Church of Humanity. Come by ones and twos and even by whole families, as the Joneses did. Millions are going to the idolatrous churches. You come to this. It is the only one of the lot that knows the truth about God, and teaches it. Never mind the dollar if you haven't it at this moment. Send it some other time. Borrow a pencil, beg a stamp and send in your application for membership.

THE REASONS WHY.

A number of comrades have written to me expressing surprise that the anti-Christian publications have not taken up the work of helping the Church of Humanity to overthrow idolatry by teaching its foundation truths and helping to unite their readers who know those truths into this educational society so they can aid in this great task. But no one has been more surprised than myself at their refusal to do so. I can only guess at the reasons why they will not aid us.

1. Some of them have not yet learned the discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on, and, therefore, are not eligible to membership in this church. They are unable to graduate in the knowledge of God. They can not teach what they do not know nor can they aid their advanced readers to organize to teach truths they themselves have not learned. So that class are surely excusable. We can hope, though, that they will learn those truths and unite with us to proclaim and teach them.

2. Many of their subscribers have not yet learned that God is a myth and that death is the end of conscious life. As the editors depend on their subscribers for support they, like the clergy, are afraid of losing that support should they teach truths not yet learned by their less advanced subscribers. They draw their support from Spiritualists, Agnostics, Deists and those of all degrees of advancement in the knowledge of God, from benighted idolaters of myth-Gods and dead Jews to graduates in the knowledge of God. We can not excuse them from teaching truths and aiding in the organization of those who know them on that ground. It is their duty to teach the truth if they know it and bring their readers up, by evidence they can understand, to a full knowledge of those truths that will enable them to graduate in the knowledge of God. To do that, they should be graduates themselves. Graduates should be organized into an educational organization so they could go to work in systematic order and method in providing teachers and schools and societies to perpetuate their knowledge. It is both useless and uninteresting to graduates in the knowledge of God to be kept back with students in the first grade discussing the questions about the divinity of Jesus, the inspiration of the Bible, and whether the Jewish Jehovah is the real God, when they have learned the discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of personal conscious life. Criticisms of Jesus, Bible and Bible-God can only be used as proof of those discoveries to be interesting or to aid in the overthrow of idolatry. To simply teach people that Jesus is not God or the son of one, that the Bible is not the word of God and that the Jewish Jehovah is not God is a waste of time and energy unless the discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on are taught the people. If that is not done they simply hitch the God-idea to some other real or imaginary thing and go right on in their idolatry.

All anti-Christian editors should, therefore, graduate in the knowledge of God, join the Church of Humanity and proceed to educate their readers in the knowledge of God, until they are able to graduate, too, and become members and founders of the Church of Humanity. Then they can interest themselves in providing teachers and societies to teach their discoveries to their posterity, and thus save them from idolatry. No other course can even check, much less overthrow idolatry.

LOST OPPORTUNITY.

Prominent men and women in the non-Christian ranks are dying off rapidly and many are neglecting the opportunity to prove to the world for all coming time that they had learned the truth about God, if they really had done so.

C. C. Moore, Peter Eckler, Dr. York, Capt. Henry, Felix Oswold, Dr. Wetmore, Dr. Foote and several others have all died since the discovery that God is a myth was made and the Church of Humanity founded to teach that great discovery. Those men had all been given an opportunity, and most of them urged by personal letters, to apply for certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God if they knew him to be a myth and become life members and founders of the Church of Humanity. That they did not accept the invitation is conclusive evidence they had not learned that great truth or did not recognize its importance, which would amount to the same thing. What a pity those men could not learn that great discovery and proclaim it definitely through a certificate of graduation and a record of it in the Roll-Book of the Church of Humanity. What an inspiration their names and numbers would have been on our Roll-Book as founders of this church. What an influence and an example it would have been for our young people to follow. Their names and numbers and influence are now forever lost. What a pity! We can never point to them as having made the great discovery, that God is a myth, to influence others in giving up idolatry. I wish my comrades to know I did my duty to the best of my ability in this matter that they may place no blame on me. I wrote personal invitations to Moore, York, Foote and Eckler, urging them to unite with the Church of Humanity. I mailed copies of our paper to them. I advertised in most of the leading non-Christian publications, that all who had learned this great discovery might have an opportunity to graduate and become founders of an educational organization to perpetuate their knowledge when they are dead. What more could I have done? Their neglect should be a solemn warning to others to do their duty in this matter before it is forever too late. The old must die, the young may die sooner, so I warn one and all who have learned the discovery that God is a myth, to make it known to the world for all time by sending in at once their application for a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity.

Put California to the Front.

Readers of *Higher Science*, Greeting: Comrade Heald has sent me a select list of 120 names of his subscribers who he thinks will unite with the Church of Humanity. They are nearly all in California, and about half in Los Angeles, his home town. Now I shall give California a fine opportunity to become the strongest state in the Church of Humanity by mailing to each address a marked copy of this issue of TRUTH ABOUT GOD. I invite each one most urgently to fill out the blank application for membership in this copy and return it to me by return mail. I want it before January 1, 1907. Don't fail. I know you people out there on the coast had a good lesson in the earthquake to prove to you that no unseen being is caring for you. You are too intelligent to want your posterity to worship dead Jews and myth Gods. You are smart enough to know nothing can save them from falling victims to idolatry except the best teaching you have received in the knowledge of God. You must know it will require the services of an educational society to give them that teaching when your lives are terminated. You must know that none but those who know God is a myth can found and organize that society. Well, the Church of Humanity is just what you are looking for, so come on boys and girls and help to build it up. We are 135 strong now. Add your 120 to it. Bring your wives and children along, as Dr. Jones did. That will boost the church membership as never before.

OBJECTIONS TO CHRISTIANITY.

By reading anti-Christian publications we observe three primary reasons why their contributors object to Christianity, viz.: the cost, the moral teaching and the meanness of Christians. These are all unworthy objections, and no matter how vociferously they are proclaimed it is no indication that the proclaimers are free from idolatry through having learned the discovery that God is a myth. People who make these objections the basis of their criticisms have been mistaken for non-belivers in the basic teaching of idolatry. That led to the false belief that idolatry was dying out through the people learning that God is a myth. That is a grave mistake. Those who make the greatest objection to the cost of teaching idolatry generally are those who pay the least. They would be leaders in building churches and hiring idolatrous teachers if they could only do it without any cost to themselves. That kind of people will have the same criticisms for the Church of Humanity, because it will cost something to teach the people the truth about God in rescuing and preserving them from idolatry.

These who base their vehement criticism of idolatrous churches on their moral teaching would be presumably very active members of those churches if they could only be allowed to indulge their base natures in all kinds of vile language and conduct. That kind of people will have the same criticism for the Church of Humanity, because it will teach the highest standard of moral ethics and decency and will allow no debased characters to be its representative teachers when known.

Those who base their hatred of idolatrous churches on some mistreatment from some church member would have been presumably members of some such church had they always been treated kindly by church members. That kind of people will find the same fault with the Church of Humanity. We make no pretense that our members will be much better on a general average than are the Christians. The learning of a few more truths of Nature do not greatly change man's moral disposition. It will only stop one of the greatest vices of our race—idolatry of myth-God and dead people. Through that false teaching people are led to commit some of the worst crimes of our race.

Another class of objectors base their objections to Christianity on the Bible, and might be called the intellectual objectors. They contend that Jesus was not a God or the son of one; that the Bible is not a revelation from God, and that the Bible-God is not the real one. Such people have worthy bases for their objections and will be in full accord with the Church of Humanity in all that. But they are not free from idolatry by any means. They still retain the God-idea and have hitched it to something else or intend to when they can think of something big enough to hitch it to. They think there must be a God somewhere and that he should be worshiped. They, too, are mistaken, for people are free from idolatry when they are not and do not want to be. But this is the class the Church of Humanity must try to win by teaching them the discovery that no God exists, and that it is useless to try to hitch the God-idea to anything in the universe, for it would not be God.

The only criticism of Christianity worthy of our time and money in making is that it is teaching idolatry of a myth-God and a dead man. That criticism is applicable to all Christian sects and all the religious mythologies. They must all be overthrown through the teaching of the discovery that all Gods are fabulous beings. All who base their objections to Christianity on the grounds that its basic teaching is a mistake should unite with the Church of Humanity at once.

Heston Relief Fund.

Comrade Lottie Heston, of Carthage, Mo., widow of Comrade Watson Heston, the great cartoonist, was left destitute with a large debt to pay, owing to a long siege of sickness ending in the death of Comrade Heston about two years ago.

The Church of Humanity desires to express its appreciation of Comrade Heston's labors for the good of humanity, and its duty to his widow by aiding her to pay up the remaining bills due. She feels under the greatest moral obligations to pay these bills and, although in poor health, she denies herself the necessaries of life to apply her small earnings as a dress-maker on the debt. There remains yet to be paid on the bills the following amounts:

Doctors' bills	$ 85.00
Undertaker's	45.00
Drugs	10.00
Tombstone	40.00
Total	$180.00

The following amounts from the comrades have been received and forwarded to her. In the order received at the office of TRUTH ABOUT GOD they are:

W. H. Kerr and family	$10.00
From Church fund	10.00
A charitable comrade	2.50
Dr. Ester A. Van Riper, Circleville, O	2.50
Dr. W. P. Murray, Cincinnati, O.	2.00
L. P. Tebbe, Loveland, Colo.	5.00
A. D. Marble, Oklahoma City, Ok.	2.50
John S. Holman, Pontiac, Ill.	2.00
C. W. Robbins, Danbury, Conn.	3.00
Dr. L. S. Stoll, Smithland, Iowa.	.25
Mark Rowe, Redmon, Ill.	1.00
Miles Kelly, Glen Riddle, Pa.	1.00
Allen Johnson, Corpus Christi, Tex	1.00

Comrades, we have only $137.25 to raise now. Our church can easily raise it. Let every comrade chip in. Get a post money order, address to Mrs. Lottie Heston, Carthage, Mo., and mail it to me, to be forwarded to her in time to add it to the list in next TRUTH ABOUT GOD. It will make her life happy to have this great load of worry and trouble removed so she can use her small earnings for the necessaries of life. It will make all the donors happy to know they aided in this worthy charity, and that they are not devoid of sympathy and pity and humanity, as idolaters claim all are who will not worship a dead Jew and a myth-God.

Revolutionary.

From Life.

"He is a radical of radicals."

"Yes?"

"He even advocates the public ownership of legislatures."

"Good heavens, would he leave no field whatever for private enterprise?"

IN ancient times men who hated tyranny were compelled to go out and talk to people to explain to them the meaning of the traps laid for them. You all remember "Rienzi's address to the Romans." Today one man may sit in the quiet of his study and write to thousands and millions. And that is the great factor in this agitation against the tyranny of the new forms of capitalism. Millions are thinking and tomorrow they will have awakened enough to act. The future is ours.

Don't be a fossil.

Be builders of society.

Subscribe for TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

We can't organize short of 1,000 members.

Do a little acting in the right direction.

Help us save your posterity from idolatry.

The Church of Humanity is growing some. Boost it.

Value it worth as much to save our children from idolatry as idolaters do to make idolaters of their's and we will save them.

WHY NOT?

The Church of Humanity is composed of the graduates in the knowledge of God, from among the readers of all the different anti-Christian publications.

In most cases they have advanced in the knowledge of God beyond some of their teachers. That speaks well for their abilities and also for that of their teachers in giving them a good start in the right direction.

We can only regret that some of the teachers could not keep up with their brightest scholars. But they must all have due credit for what they have done, and are still doing. I know their scholars, who have graduated, will ever hold in grateful remembrance their teachers regardless of whether they have advanced beyond them or not. All teachers should be proud of the abilities of their aptest students, and rejoice when those students advance to where they are able to instruct their teachers. Such should be the feeling of all non-idolatrous authors, lecturers and editors towards those who have graduated in the knowledge of God who began their studies perhaps under their instruction. They should be proud of the large number of graduates they have turned out and should encourage all of their readers to graduate in the knowledge of God as soon as they are able to do so. There may be quite a large number of students among the readers of the several non-idolatrous publications qualified to graduate now. They should be urged to do so to increase the class of graduates.

But not all the teachers were outclassed by their pupils.

Comrades Heald, Mills, Ernst, Mizzles and several other editors and ex-editors and authors were among the first to graduate in the knowledge of God. I have just received a letter from Comrade Heald, editor of *Higher Science*, Los Angeles, Cal., in which he says:

"Friend Kerr:—Names received. I send 150 in return. Will go through list when I can and pick out two or three hundred that I think will join. You are O. K. and will win. Keep after them. I am with you and may have more room later, so I can keep a page standing in *H. S.*"

Comrade Heald is up with his graduated students and wants all the balance of his readers to graduate as soon as they know the truth about God. Hence he is willing to exchange subscription lists with me, so I can urge his readers, who are able to graduate, to do so and furnish them an opportunity. Why should not all editors of non-idolatrous publications be willing to exchange lists with me so as to give all of their readers an opportunity to get a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and become life members and founders of the Church of Humanity? Why not give them an opportunity to help to organize an educational society able to perpetuate their knowledge and hand it down to posterity to preserve it from idolatry? Why not? Why not do all in their power to aid me in finding all their readers who have learned the truth about God that I may invite them to graduate, unite and help to establish a society for their wives and children wherein they can be taught the great discovered truths that will save them from idolatry? *Why Not?*

LIKE RUSSIA AND COLORADO.

From the Cleveland Press.

Chicago is the place where they shoot and kill the poverty-stricken men and boys who pick up a little coal along the railroad tracks.

Several cases of this kind have taken place lately.

Only a few days ago a little boy, who was the sole support of his mother and other children, was trying to fill a little basket with the nuggets that had been jostled from the cars. A private watchman in the pay of the railway company ordered the little fellow to stop. The boy thought the watchman was a highwayman and started to run. The watchman fired on the poor boy, and the latter dropped in his tracks, dying in a few hours.

There was no arrest.

Last week an Italian was gathering coal along the tracks. He was out of work. There was no money to buy fuel with which to cook the food for his family. The watchman shouted to him to drop the coal. The unfortunate foreigner did not understand the English langauge. The watchman shot at the crouching figure "just to frighten the man," as he afterward said. The bullet killed the man instantly.

True, there is one newspaper in Chicago that mildly suggested that the matter "ought to be brought to the attention of the grand jury."

Of course the men and boys who have been killed—no women or girl has been shot, as yet—were "trespassers."

But they were also human beings engaged in a pathetic struggle for existence. And trespass is not an excuse for cold-blooded murder—except in Chicago.

Human life is about as cheap in that city as it used to be in a frontier mining camp.

FREE COMPETITION.

From Life.

"Times are hard," said the Picked Chicken.

"Why," said the Rat, "this is an era of prosperity; see how I have feathered my nest."

"But," said the Picked Chicken, "you have gotten my feathers."

"You must not think," said the Rat, "that because I get more comfort you get poorer."

"But," said the Chicken, "you produce no feathers and I keep none——"

"If you would use your teeth——" interrupted the Rat.

"I——," said the Picked Chicken.

"You could lay by as much as I do," concluded the Rat.

"If——" said the Picked Chicken.

"Without consumers like me," said the Rat, "there would be no demand for the feathers which you produce."

"I will vote for a change," said the Picked Chicken.

"Only those who have feathers should have the suffrage," remarked the Rat.

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The Building of the Church of Humanity.

An outline of the conditions that call the Church of Humanity into existence should of necessity be familiar to all. I shall here set forth a statement of the conditions that make this educational society an imperative necessity. It is said, "Necessity is the mother of invention." Necessity is the mother of this church. It is called into existence and will be enlarged, and perpetuated, by the endless-chain process, from generation to generation, to perform a specific duty that never can be done without it—that is, preserve the posterity of its founders and charter members from idolatry by teaching it the great newly-discovered truths that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of conscious life.

Practically our entire race is submerged in the idolatry of worshiping a God in some form, under some name, and has ever been since the dawn of history. It will continue to be so for ages to come unless it is taught the above discoveries. All the ferocious religious wars and persecutions have been in vain so far as the overthrowing of idolatry was concerned. They were simply contentions between factions, or combinations of factions, over the making and worshiping of a creation of fiction, and between the followers of the several creations of fiction. In France and several other European countries there are now serious clashes between the different idolatrous factions that may lead to a fierce religious war between idolaters of the same creation of fiction. In all Europe there is not a man, much less a party, that is trying to overthrow idolatry by teaching the people the discovery that the God whose worship they are fighting over is a myth. Perhaps there is not a person in Europe who knows that fact. If there is he is keeping mum, which gives no more aid to idolaters than if he did not know that jewel of truth. The condition in France will in time spread to other countries, and even to America. Besides the internecine Christian feuds, which are a perpetual menace to the internal peace of every Christian country, there is the perpetual antagonism between the several systems of mythology that break out in religious wars of the most violent nature. That condition will continue for thousands of years unless the idolaters under every system of mythology are taught the discovery that there is no intelligence in the universe that knows or cares for our race, or any member of it, corresponding to the God-idea. To those who know that discovery it is intolerable to see the world in an eternal warfare over the mythical idols that are worshipped in the belief that they are real beings. Then to see the priests of those mythical Gods teaching our children the falsehoods that make them idolaters of those man-made idols is unbearable. Our posterity is surrounded by those teachers of error, and ever will be, no matter in what part of the world they may locate.

They will be taught to worship as real beings the Gods whom we have discovered to be myths. They cannot inherit our knowledge of God that would save them from idolatry. Hence, through absolute necessity, we who wish our posterity to know the discovery that God is a myth, that they may be saved from a degrading idolatry, are compelled to unite in an organization to enable us to provide the teaching. That teaching must be given in early childhood and continued throughout life or our posterity will be won to the practice of idolatry through the teaching and influence of the idolaters by whom it will be surrounded. Therefore societies must be established and maintained for that purpose all over the world for all time to prevent its lapsing into idolatry.

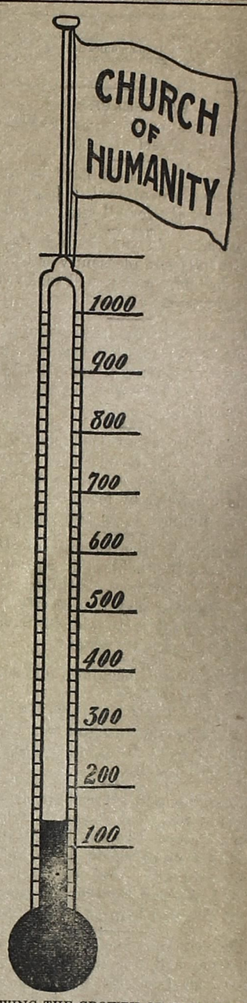
Those societies must be built up of those who know God is a myth and maintained forever. They must be modeled and maintained on the same general plan of the idolatrous societies. The truth about God must be taught and promulgated by the same methods as is error.

Truth can never overthrow error unless it is backed with as much money, as able defenders and as strong societies as promulgate and support error.

The Church of Humanity is the first attempt ever made to establish a society to teach and hand down to posterity the truth about God that will save it from idolatry and stop the warfare over it.

Our immediate posterity has a right to expect that service of us. The highest service we can render posterity is to build up this society on a perpetuating basis that it may be able to follow it up through the coming generations in every part of the world and teach it the discovery we have made. It is the only way idolatry can ever be overthrown, or even checked. There must be persons hired on an annual salary to do the teaching. They cannot do the teaching without ample pay for their services. They will be members of the society and subject to its orders. The society will pay for what it wants, as idolatrous societies do. The church will maintain educational institutions for the training of those who are to engage in teaching for it, as other churches do, when it gets able. Our teachers could be no match for the trained teachers of idolatry who have been furnished their education for that duty free in theological seminaries. This church will give young people who are to be its teachers the same opportunities to prepare for their life work the clergy have. It must put its teachers on equal footing both as to facilities for preparing for their life work and pay while engaged in it. We who wish our posterity taught the truths our church is based on will not be so unreasonable as to require or expect our teachers to work for us free or at a less wage than teachers of idolatry get. We should treat them better and pay them better in order to induce the teachers in idolatrous churches to learn the truth about God to enable them to do service in our church. With many it will be primarily a matter of the greatest inducement offered as to whether they will prepare to teach error or the truth about God. We must simply meet the conditions of competition in this matter. We will get teachers when we pay enough. We must value it worth as much to have our children saved from idolatry as idolaters do to have their children taught idolatry. We must put as high a value on the teaching of truth as they do on the teaching of error, and then we can successfully compete with them in society building.

When the Church of Humanity has 1,000 members in the United States it can employ one National Instructor, at a fair salary, to do rostrum work for the church all over the country in proclaiming the discoveries it teaches and soliciting members. Then, for every additional thousand members, it can add one more instructor to its service, and divide the territory up between them. That will enable it to pay a good salary without its being burdensome on the members. Then we will be in a position to begin in a business way to rescue people from idolatry. The instructors will teach what they are hired to teach, and will be under the direction of an executive board of the church members elected for that duty. We should have the first thousand members enrolled during 1907, so the church can organize and incorporate next Christmas or New Year's. Then we can employ our first instructor for field work. Each member should work to that end and try to get new members for the church. Let us, one and all, put in our best licks in boosting the thermometer up to the 1,000 mark. We are 141 members now. If we can each secure eight new members during 1907 we will have reached the goal. Let us make a dash for it this year. Let each member write out a list of ten persons likely to unite with us if sufficient persuasion is brought to bear on them. Then write each one personal letters and send them literature of our church and its paper. Send me the full list and I will aid by letters and literature to win them to the cause so dear to us. Idolaters build up their societies by personal persuasion and teaching people their duty. We must build up ours in the same way. People must be taught what their duty is, and then be persuaded to do it. Non-idolaters who claim to be wiser than idolaters should not be so hard to persuade to do their duty as idolaters are. We should have a big advantage over the Christians in gaining membership.



SHOWING THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

The following comrades united with the church during the last month:

No. 137, Flora Jones, Winslow, Ark., 10, female, school, American, English, none.

No. 138 Carle Jones, Winslow, Ark., 8, female, school, American, English, none.

No. 139, Henry Whisler, New Antioch, O., 71, male, physician, American, English, none.

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PARAGRAPHS.

Happiness comes as a result of doing duty cheerfully.

May the New Year have in store a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity for all our comrades.

Comrades, do your church duties as faithfully and pleasantly as Christians do theirs and it will make you as happy as they are.

We can have the truth about God taught to our families when we pay as much for having it done as Christians do for having error taught to their families.

The truth about God should be popular. If it is not it is because so very few know it. Those few can make it popular by teaching it until a large number learn and accept it.

Uniting in the Church of Humanity will enable all who have made the discovery that God is a myth, whether they live in city, village or country, to aid in having that jewel of truth taught.

Societies are machines for doing things that cannot be done by individuals. The Church of Humanity is to be the machine for doing things we want done, but are unable to do individually.

Comrades and subscribers, it will be grand when our church is able to keep a lecturer like Dr. J. B. Wilson in steady employment lecturing in each state and large city for our cause. We can do that in time if all of you will help as I suggest.

The entire world needs saving, not from hell, for there is no such place; not from the wrath of God, for there is no such a being, but from idolatry of the man-made idols manufactured out of the God-idea. Join the Church of Humanity and be one of the founders and charter members of the first society ever organized to save people from idolatry.

Comrades, the circulation of your church paper and the growth of your church depends largely on your individual aid. Resolve to do as much for your church as idolaters do for theirs. You should all be members of the two church committees—the publicity committee, to circulate the church papers and the booster committee, to aid in increasing the membership. Send in orders for bundles of the paper and names of those you think will unite with us if urged to do so. You cannot save your own posterity from idolatry without saving those by whom they are surrounded and with whom they associate. It is as necessary, then, to have your neighbors and their children learn these discoveries as to teach them to your own children.

When the Church of Humanity reaches the 1,000 mark it can organize and employ one National Instructor at an annual salary to do field work for the church. Let us all try to put it to that mark this year, so that we can put our worker in the field next year.

Every man and woman who has learned that God is a myth and feels lonesome because no others in the neighborhood have learned the same truth, should unite with the Church of Humanity, where they will have comrades of like knowledge and where they can help promulgate their knowledge until they can have local societies of such people.

Good News, Comrades! A number of non-idolatrous papers and magazines have informed me that they will solicit members for the Church of Humanity during 1907. Among them are *Higher Science, Blue Grass Blade* and *To-Morrow Magazine,* and others will be added to the list. This is glorious news. I hope they will all join in to help their readers organize so they can begin saving their children and others from idolatry. Their readers are dying off with old age and no provision has been made to hand their knowledge down to posterity. This uniting of their scattered readers will enable them to put lecturers in the field, and keep them there, proclaiming the grand truths they have learned and uniting with us all who accept them. They will build up a great educational society that will be self-perpetuating, like the idolatrous societies have been. There are bright prospects ahead for our church. Comrades, take hope and courage, and push with energy and enthusiasm. Put your money and action into the work, as the Christians do, and success will be as sure to reward us in society building as it has them. Congratulations are due our noble contemporaries for their promised aid. When we are organized into societies, like the Christians are, we can use hundreds of books and papers to one without organization. We can save our children and those of the Christians from idolatry where we can save none now.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Very few people, comparatively, have heard of the great discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity. Why not have a "Publicity Committee" of our able members to let the people know of our discoveries?

The best way to advertise our discoveries is to scatter broadcast our church paper. That will let the people know of our discoveries and the evidences that prove them true. A few of those who get a stray copy will subscribe for it and in time will believe our teaching and unite with the church. Organization is our special mission, but people have to be taught that our discoveries are true before they will unite with us to aid in their promulgation. Hence the necessity of placing our paper in the hands of the people.

To members of the *Publicity Committee* who will order bundles of copies each month during 1907 I will make a special low rate of ¼c per copy. A bundle of 10 each month for one year, 30c; of 25, 75c; of 50, $1.50; of 100, $3.

Comrades, join the *Publicity Committee* and take a bundle each month for distribution.

EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

More people read newspapers now than ever before, and the number is constantly increasing. They are becoming the great educators of the people and moulders of public opinion. The Church of Humanity will make them its allies and assistant teachers in placing before idolaters daily evidence that the God they worship is a myth. They will furnish the evidence and this church will teach the meaning of it in relation to the God-idea. As soon as the people know the true interpretation of that evidence they will get daily object lessons in the truth about God from their daily newspapers.

Here is a sample of the daily proof they will furnish the people that the God they worship is simply a creation of fiction, having no real existence in the universe:

"Holland, Mich., Nov. 22.—Four men employed on the work of the pier extension were swept away by a storm and drowned.

"New York, Dec. 22.—The steamer Frithjof, with nine of its crew, was lost in the Antartic November 10.

"Steubenville, O., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ira Hillman and her two daughters were suffocated in a fire here today.

"Christiansand, Norway, Dec. 11.—Twelve men of a crew were drowned when the steamer Forsoget sunk in a storm.

"Sixteen persons drowned near Montjo bay, Jamaica, when a sailboat capsized in a storm.

"Breeze Hills, Ill., Dec. 22.—Six miners were killed by the cage in which they were going to work falling 400 feet.

"St. Paul, Dec. 24.—Nine passengers were killed in a train wreck at Enderlin, N. D., and thirty-seven injured, many fatally.

"Bayfield, Wis., Dec. 15.—The steamer Manistique, with 40 passengers aboard, is reported lost.

"Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 18.—The steamer W. T. Scoville was blown up this morning at Gold Dust Gin and sixteen passengers killed.

"Patterson, N. J., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Alice McWithey and two small daughters were burned to death in their home this morning."

This is enough for one lesson to show the character of the daily evidence the papers will furnish their readers that the Church of Humanity is teaching the truth about God. The part the church has to do is to interpret this evidence for the people and explain its meaning to them. Then they will be able to recognize evidence every day in any part of the world they may happen to be that God is a myth. This is evidence *per se* that all can learn, with the assistance of an instructor, that no unseen intelligence corresponding to the God-idea, Jesus-idea, Ghost-idea or spirit-idea exists. As fast as people learn from the Church of Humanity to understand the full meaning of this every-day evidence in its bearing on those false ideas they should cease forever the worship of God and Jesus and their belief in the existence of Holy Ghosts and spirits. This evidence is universal, objective, undisputed, undenied and fully convicing, to those who understand it, that God is a myth. It overthrows the testimony of all the bibles and sacred writings in the world. Before it the sophistry of all the priests of all systems of idolatry must go down if the Church of Humanity is made strong enough to teach all people the true meaning of this class of evidence. It shows that no member of our race can get the least bit of aid from unseen beings, regardless of what one may worship or believe, do, say or think, which shows clearly that there are no unseen beings that know of or care for man.

If you, reader, believe that statement and are not yet a founder and charter member of the Church of Humanity please fill out the following blank application and return it to me so I can make you one:

Never before could isolated individuals who were not idolaters aid in building societies that taught the truth about God, as they had discovered it to be. Now, through the Church of Humanity, they can all be united and be officers and active society builders. They can place their time and money in the work of society building for themselves and their children, as the Christians do. They can help to make the society grow until it reaches them with its field workers. All should be glad of this opportunity and should make the most of it by uniting with this church and aiding in its upbuilding.

The teaching of the discovery that God is a myth is the only teaching that can rescue and preserve people from idolatry.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or State.....

..... State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

APOLOGIES.

As there was some matter on economics of socialistic bearing in last TRUTH ABOUT GOD, some may think I myself am falling into the traps from which I have been warning others all along. The explanation is that that issue was printed by the *Appeal to Reason* publishing house, and, not having enough copy, it was filled out from the *Appeal's* ever abundant supply of socialistic copy. I shall have enough copy furnished hereafter that it may not occur again.

I read several leading Socialist papers, and think all others should do so, to keep posted on that phase of political and economic teaching in order to take sides intelligently for or against it. But we must learn to keep unrelated questions strictly separate, and to unite into different societies and combinations for or against each question, as our interest and judgment dictate, and work through the proper channels without any reference to other unrelated questions. Each important question must be threshed out on its own merits alone. No combination of unrelated questions can be made that would suit very many people, and it should not be attempted. People can unite to propagate only one central idea in which they are vitally interested, but they can form many different combinations of individuals to carry on the propagation of all the important ideas they are interested in. That plan does not indicate that a person is a one-idea man that takes no interest in but one question, which he makes a hobby of, but it indicates that he recognizes the necessity of keeping unrelated questions separate and working for each one he is interested in through the proper societies and their special publications. That plan does not alienate the support of people who believe in some one or more of his ideas, but not in others. A man will not unite with another to aid him in the promulgation of an idea he indorses if he is compelled to accept or aid other ideas he does not indorse. That is a fundamental principle of vital importance in society building not recognized by those who attempted Freethought organizations. They had a misconception of the meaning of free thinking and of the duty of free thinkers and free actors. They seemed to think, and based their action on the erroneous assumption, that all who claim to be free thinkers must think alike on all questions, and that they could be united in one society to engage in a general boosting of a conglomerate mass of ideas on many unrelated subjects. All people are free thinkers. In this country at least they are reasonably free to express their thoughts and conclusions, and to organize to promulgate them. But with all that, they cannot arrive at the same conclusions on all subjects. Of course, expressions of thought should ever be limited to decency, propriety and circumstances of environment. The thinkers themselves should do that voluntarily, but as some will not they must be compelled by law to do so.

The discovery that God is a myth is a scientific fact, a truth in Nature, and has no relation to economic matters. As the captains of industry and the manual laborers of all classes learn that truth they can unite in the Church of Humanity as equal comrades to promulgate it to save the posterity of all from idolatry. They could not thus unite if its teaching were complicated with economic theories they disagree on. This should teach us all the very important lesson of keeping unrelated subjects separate. We should all read the daily newspapers, that give the world's news on all subjects, but our educational journals should confine themselves primarily to the specific subjects they teach. We can then subscribe for a representative publication on any subject we are interested in. That is the proper course for free thinkers to take, and not expect, nor require, one paper to give their favorite view on a number of important though unrelated subjects.

The specific mission of TRUTH ABOUT GOD is to help to teach the great discoveries that God is a fabulous being and death the end of conscious life, and to find and organize into an educational society all who know those grand truths, that they may be promulgated until all the world knows and accepts them. Hence it must confine itself to its special mission as far as possible. It is the special organ of those people who know the truth about God and desire that truth taught to their posterity to save it from idolatry. All people, regardless of the side they take on other questions, who desire that result should subscribe for TRUTH ABOUT GOD and unite with the Church of Humanity. It is the only way they can get what they desire in that line. Do not hesitate, then, as the paper and the church will be confined to its legitimate duties and you will not be required to take something you did not pay for and do not want.

CONGRATULATIONS.

I congratulate Dr. J. B. Wilson on his able article, "The Reign of King Humbug," in *The Blue Grass Blade* of Dec. 16, and also *The Blade* in having such an able contributor. I believe it should be printed in a leaflet and distributed by thousands. I can indorse most of it. I have not space left in this issue to point out what I do not indorse. Suffice to say he is mistaken in some things, and in the remedy for the ignorance he points out that makes the people such easy victims to the teaching of idolatry. He asks for the remedy, and says in his opinion there is none, but proposes a reformation of the clergy. Now, there is a remedy, but it is not in that direction, except as it is forced by a rival society that will rescue the people from idolatry through teaching them the discovery that God is a myth. The remedy is to build up the Church of Humanity to 1,000 graduates in the knowledge of God and then hire Dr. Wilson, if he is a member of the church, or some other member, if it has an abler one, at an annual salary, to proclaim its discoveries to the people from the rostrum all over the country, and build up the church membership so it can employ more lecturers.

The situation, in a nut-shell, is this: Our posterity, for all time, will be taught by organized idolaters the God-myth and immortality delusion as truths, which will make them in turn idolaters and the supporters and promulgators of idolatry. Dr. Wilson knows the discoveries that God is a myth and conscious life ends at death. He is able and willing to take the lecture field and proclaim those discoveries to the people all over the country. He cannot do that without ample pay for his services.

A few of us know those grand truths and wish them proclaimed to all the people, that they may be rescued thereby from idolatry. No one of us is able to pay for that service. By all those who desire that service uniting in an organization, and each paying a small share, they can hire Dr. Wilson, or someone else, at a reasonable annual salary and keep him at work all the time. Perhaps Dr. Wilson would be glad to accept such employment. We should be equally glad to have his continuous services. He could help to build up the church membership. For every additional 1,000 members we could add one more lecturer to the field force and divide the territory among them so as to give each thousand members one lecturer. Now let us all see if we can get the first 1,000 members in time to organize and employ a national lecturer for our church next year to begin with.

Comrades, let us do our best to boost the thermometer to the goal.

AN ACTIVE WORKER.

Comrade J. Frantz, of 119 East 116th street, New York City, is doing good publicity work for the church in that city. He bought 1,000 copies of No. 12, 100 "Marvelous Discoveries" and several hundred invitation leaflets and distributed them where they would do the most good in the city. He sold some, left some at news stands and with liberal societies for sale and gave some away free. He visited all the leading liberal societies in the city and introduced our church and its teaching and publication to their audiences. He attended meetings of the Manhattan Liberal Club, Liberal Arts Society, Brooklyn Philosophical Association, Harlem Liberal Alliance, Unity Congregation and several other societies, and introduced our work and publication. He sold many copies at all the meetings, which will undoubtedly bear a rich harvest in time. Comrade Frantz is a whole publicity club in himself. He is doing a fine work for his church in sowing the seeds of the truth it teaches. It will produce the golden harvest of increased membership in time. The personal work of idolaters in distributing literature and soliciting membership for their idolatrous societies is what builds them up. Our church will successfully compete with them when our members work as hard for the propagation of truth and the upbuilding of our church as idolaters do for theirs.

Let us follow Comrade Frantz's example of activity and push.

Let us all be members of the Publicity Club and distribute a bundle of the church papers every month. We must let the world know the grand truths we have learned.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Rev. H. J. Iobes, of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., writes:

"I read your 'Marvelous Discovery' and only desire you to ask yourself, and then answer me, Where did you come from? By what process in Nature did you come to know that you know? The little word I, ego, is a world in itself. Can you tell me what it is, where it came from and how you know it?"

Answer: To answer briefly, I am the product of parents, as are all animal and vegetable life. I know by observation and experience that it is a fact that such life is the fruit of parents. The parents that reproduce their species are the result of evolution through long ages from lower forms of life. The beginning of life evolved from the mineral kingdom by chemical processes from latent powers inherent in matter, under favorable environments. To get the full meaning and evidences of that fact, of course, you will have to study scientific works on the origin of life, its development and evolution on this planet.

The "I" or "ego" is simply myself as a separate individual body. I explained my origin. "Myself" is, of course, my body. The brain is one of the body's organs. It is the organ of the mind that produces thought and all its modes. Education gives the brain artificial powers. Those powers, with mind and thought, cease with the death of the brain and body that produce them. There is no intelligence in the universe that represents the idea expressed by the word "God" in the Christian mythology. The God-idea is a mistake. A few now know the discovery that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the cessation forever of individual conscious life.

I am helping to build up an educational organization of the people who know these jewels of truth to promulgate and perpetuate them, that posterity may be rescued and preserved from the idolatry of worshiping a myth-God and a dead man. The Church of Humanity now has 141 members. When it has 1,000 I shall call a national delegate convention of the church members to formally organize and incorporate the society.

The plan is to organize to teach the truth about God by the same general methods errors about him are taught.

I inclose copies of our church paper that will give you an idea of our methods and plans.

Would be glad to receive your subscription for TRUTH ABOUT GOD. Then you can keep posted in the development of our work.

Out of the God-idea, which is that there is a supreme intelligent being, has been manufactured all the idols ever worshiped by man or that ever will be. That God-idea has been discovered to be a mistake—there is no such being in the universe that knows of man's existence. Hence no more Gods should be hatched from that idea and the worship of those that have been must be discontinued.

The Church of Humanity unites in one happy society all the widely scattered and otherwise lonesome people who have learned that God is a myth, and, therefore, cannot affiliate with idolatrous societies.

When we all unite in the Church of Humanity, like the Christians do in their churches, it will enable us to hire teachers to teach the truth about God and life like they do to have error taught.

HESTON RELIEF FUND.

A special effort by the comrades to complete this fund should be made this month so we can announce the work completed in next issue. The amount to be raised is $180.00. The following contributions have been received and forwarded to Comrade Mrs. Watson Heston:

W. H. Kerr and family	$10.00
From Church fund	10.00
A charitable comrade	2.50
Dr. Ester A. Van Riper, Circleville, O	2.50
Dr. W. P. Murray, Cincinnati, Ohio	2.00
L. P. Tebbe, Loveland, Colo.	5.00
A. D. Marble, Oklahoma City, Okla	2.50
John S. Holman, Pontiac, Ill	2.00
C. W. Robbins, Danbury, Conn	3.00
Dr. L. S. Stoll, Smithland, Ia	.25
Mark Rowe, Redmon, Ill	1.00
Miles Kelly, Glen Riddle, Pa.	1.00
Allen Johnson, Corpus Christi, Tex	1.00
R. L. Baker, Fort Fairfield, Maine	10.00
Edward Burke, Fort Fairfield, Maine	1.00
J. F. Mayo, Sycamore, Kan.	3.00
J. Frantz, New York City	2.50
Charles Kimberly, Circleville, Ohio	1.00
Mailed direct to Mrs. Heston:	
John Hirt, Cincinnati, O.	$10.00
Otis White, Salida, Colo	5.00
Dr. J. B. H. Feenstra, Arcadia, Ia	3.00
J. Fox, Harvard, Ill	1.00
Total received	$78.75
Balance to be raised	$101.25

I will be one of twenty comrades to chip in $5.00 each to make up the amount. Who will be the others? Let all send $5.00 who possibly can. Work is so plentiful and wages so good that any able-bodied man can earn that amount most anywhere in the United States in two or three days. If some can't spare so much, then take a half share, $2.50, and send it in at once. Remember, Watson Heston gave several years of patient labor to freeing people from idolatry and superstition through his cartoon work. There was no organization to pay him reasonable wages for his services to humanity. He tried to help to remedy that condition by he and his wife being among the first of the founders and charter members of the Church of Humanity. But he was past doing any more work, as he was then bedfast from a disease that finally ended his life after eighteen months of continuous suffering. The least we can do now, as a duty, is to pay off the remaining indebtedness on his doctor, undertaker and tombstone bills and relieve his devoted widow of that great load in her struggle with poverty.

We will not make many calls for charity, and none that will not be justified. Comrade Heston's is a special case. When our church is incorporated we will hire our instructors at a stated salary and raise it by donations. That will not be charity in any sense of the word, but strictly business. We intend to put the teaching of the truth about God on a business basis and keep it there. We do not ask, nor expect, teachers in any other branch of knowledge to teach our children free of charge. We will not ask, nor expect, our children to be taught the most important of all branches of knowledge free of cost to us. We will pay the price for it the same as we do for any other teaching. If Comrade Heston had gotten full value for his services there would have been no call now for aid for his widow to pay funeral expenses. But we must pay the funeral expenses of our teachers should they fail from any cause to have enough property to do that. Mrs. Heston will write a personal letter of thanks and appreciation to all who contribute to her aid in paying off this debt.

In a letter from Mrs. Heston she says:

"I have written to all who have so kindly and generously aided me. I certainly feel grateful to them and to yourself and Comrade Wise for doing so much for me. I do hope there will be enough raised to help me out financially. If I was younger it would be quite different, but when one is on the down-grade in years, with nothing but hard work ahead, it is very discouraging. No one but myself and a few near friends know what I have endured since Mr. Heston's death. Many would have given up in despair. If I can only get out of debt I will be so happy."

Get a postoffice money order or a draft payable to Mrs. Lottie Heston, Carthage, Mo., and mail it to me to be forwarded in time to mention it in the next TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.
Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
Liberal Review, Chicago, Ill.
To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.
The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

ORGANIZATION

Great Bend, Kan., Dec. 15, 1906.

Dr. J. B. Wilson,
206 East 4th St., Cincinnati, O.

Dear Sir: I have read your article "On Organization" in *The Liberal Review* of December, except pages 3, 4, 7 and 8, which are blank. I am sorry it is not all there, and have written for a good copy, if they have any. I am glad to see you still in the ring for organization. You have had some experience, and that should aid you in the matter greatly. I wish to congratulate you on many things you mention that work against successful organization. We should eliminate the methods that caused failure on previous occasions. The very names, bases and objects of previous trials at organization need not be used again. We must have a name that no hatred attaches to by those we seek to educate. We must have for our basis vital scientific truths proveable to all and a vital object to accomplish worthy of our time and money.

Organization cannot be based on the hatred of anybody or any society, nor on the proposition to tear down or destroy society, nor on the hatred of idols worshiped. Hence, your suggestions as to name, basis, object and method will not do for a successful organization, since they are simply the same old things failed on previously under new names that would not help things in the least. I beg of you not to advocate organization on those lines, as it will invite certain failure should it be attempted. You must take a broader view of the situation that confronts us and lay deeper plans to remedy the evils by which we are surrounded. Here are the facts I wish you to consider:

1. Our entire race is immersed in the idolatry of worshiping Gods.

2. Powerful societies that cover the earth, and include most all our race, are organized to perpetuate that idolatry under the belief that those Gods are real beings and it is their will and desire to be worshiped.

3. Those who do not belong to those idolatrous societies have been taught the idolatry in their respective countries and believe its fundamental teaching, and are, therefore, practical supporters of it.

4. It is now positively discovered that the God-idea is a mistake and that there is no such a being in the universe that knows of man's existence. That all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of conscious life.

5. The race will continue in idolatry, and the support of it, until this discovery is taught and accepted by all.

6. The rescue and preservation of the people from idolatry through the promulgation of this discovery is of the greatest vital importance to our race.

7. Therefore, the only educational organization worthy of our time and money must be based on this discovery and for its promulgation, with the object of rescuing and preserving posterity from idolatry.

8. I want my posterity saved from idolatry through a knowledge of this discovered truth. So do all who know it.

9. Singly it is utterly out of the question for any of us to do that services for even our own posterity.

10. United in an educational society to teach this discovery we can all have our posterity saved from idolatry.

11. Hence, through absolute necessity we are all forced to unite and adhere to the union and donate freely of our time and money to its service to enable it to accomplish the desired object. We will be forced to perpetuate the society, as the object to be accomplished will be perpetual through ever-coming posterity.

12. None but those who have discovered, or may hereafter learn, that God is a myth can be eligible to membership in the society.

13. The labors of the society in its educational and organization work must be confined strictly to the object that calls it into existence, viz.: the rescue and preservation of posterity from idolatry through the teaching of these great discoveries. That will be work enough for the society for centuries, though it should grow to hundreds of millions of members and millions of instructors.

14. The Church of Humanity is designed to fill all the conditions outlined above, which I believe you will recognize as essential to success when your attention is called to them. It has 140 members now. When it is 1,000 strong I shall call an international delegate convention to formally organize and incorporate it. Its business will then be conducted by legally qualified officers elected by the church. It will then be able to support one National Instructor to do field work in lecturing and organizing societies. Every additional thousand members can support an additional instructor. The organization will then be built up, as are Christian churches by evangelists and the clergy and other society workers. It will establish and maintain colleges for the teaching and training of its Instructors, who will go forth as required by the members to establish local churches and Sunday schools and other societies for them, and furnish regular teaching for them and their children, as the idolaters do. They will officiate at marriages, funerals and on public occasions requiring public speakers.

Now that you know the basis, objects and methods of the Church of Humanity, I invite you to study them closely and, if they are satisfactory to you, I earnestly urge you to unite with it and aid in its organization. I believe you would be a strong candidate for the position of National Instructor to begin field work for the church when it is organized and able to maintain one. The first 1,000 members will be the charter members. Please let me know your wishes.

Yours,
W. H. KERR.

Subscribers, unite with the Church of Humanity and help in its boosting. The rescue and preservation of the people from idolatry depends on the success of this church. Help it to succeed by uniting with it.

The Building of the Church of Humanity.

(Continued from First Page.)

No. 140, John Hirt, 730 Clinton st., Cincinnati, O., 44, male, letter carrier, German, German and English, Catholic.

No. 141, J. R. Miller, Carl Junction, Mo., 37, male, harness maker, German-American, German and English, Campbellite.

On behalf of church I bid our new comrades a hearty welcome to membership, fellowship and friendship in the Church of Humanity. May they live a long life and enjoy a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity. May they ever be faithful and steadfast supporters and defenders of the grand truths their Church teaches, and be instrumental in winning many from idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus. May they do all in their power to aid in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity, of which they are founders and charter members, until it is the most popular, honored and respected of all Churches, and fulfilling its mission of rescuing and preserving millions of people from idolatry.

They have boosted the membership thermometer to the 141 mark. Come on, brave boys and girls, and give it a still greater boost for February. We will all be glad to see the mercury climb up. The faster it climbs the sooner it will reach the goal—the 1,000 mark.

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NOT "AN EMISSARY OF THE POPE."

Mr. R. PETERSON, Editor *Examiner*, Paris, Tex.—*Dear Sir*: As you are evidently in the dark regarding the Church of Humanity, you have done it a great injustice in your article "An Emissary of the Pope" in the last *Examiner*, and I inclose an article for the next issue of the *Examiner* giving a clear exposition of the church, its basis, object, method and plans. In justice to it and yourself I hope you will publish it. Some of the church members are readers of the *Examiner*, and they will expect a statement in it from me that will inform all its readers regarding the true nature of the society they are helping to found and organize, and you will do them a great favor by its publication.

Yours Sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

The Church of Humanity.

Written for The Examiner.

The Examiner failed to be true to its name in one instance by giving the Church of Humanity a write-up in its last issue under "An Emissary of the Pope" without a previous careful examination of the subject. Hence a great injustice was done its readers who are founders of the Church of Humanity, and an erroneous opinion of it given those who are not. To correct that injustice as much as possible, which was committed through a misapprehension of the facts, the editor has kindly allowed me to make a statement concerning the church to the readers of *The Examiner*. They can, after reading, judge for themselves whether or not I am an emissary of the Pope.

I shall first make a general statement as to the conditions that justify the existence of this church, and then give its basis, object, methods and plans for future work as it grows in numbers.

The situation is this: 1. Our entire race is submerged in the idolatry of myths mentally manufactured out of the God-idea. The God-idea is that there is a supreme intelligence of unlimited power and wisdom that knows of and cares for our race in general and each individual in particular. That idea assumes many forms and attributes and attaches itself to both real and imaginary objects. It endows those objects with a desire for our worship, love, praise, fear and obedience, and it, in return for all that, a willingness to aid, love and protect us, give us power to survive death and care for us in another world.

2. The entire world is thoroughly covered with powerful organized societies to perpetuate the God-idea and the fear and worship of the objects to which it is attached. All children born to our race, if they live four years, are taught the God-idea by their idolatrous parents, and then by the various perfected systems of teaching, until all thoroughly believe it, whether or not they be members of an idolatrous society. Thus this false God-idea is perpetuated by the endless-chain process from generation to generation throughout the ages.

The perpetual wars that are supposed to be in the interest of civilization are simply religious wars between idolaters who worship different objects and myths to which they have attached the God-idea, and between different sects over the forms and methods of worshiping the same idol.

3. A very few people, widely scattered, have learned through experience, observation and investigation that the God-idea is a mistake. They have made the grand discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of conscious life. They see the people all around them teaching and practicing idolatry for lack of the knowledge of these discoveries. They deeply deplore that condition, but are utterly helpless to remedy it. They are powerless to save their own posterity from idolatry. They are going down to their graves, taking with them these jewels of truth when they should be given to all our race.

4. In their desperation to avoid that calamity they are uniting under the name "Church of Humanity" to devise ways and means of perpetuating their discoveries and handing them down to posterity, that it may be preserved from idolatry thereby. They recognize the fact that posterity cannot inherit knowledge from ancestors without being taught that knowledge; that individuals die and truths they alone know die with them; that organizations live and perpetuate truths they are founded to promulgate; that truth can only be perpetuated by the same method error is; that truth cannot overcome error unless given equal backing in labor and price.

To sum up in brief: The Church of Humanity is a society of those people who have learned the above discoveries and wish them promulgated, that their posterity may be saved from the worship of a dead man named Jesus and a myth named God. Those discoveries are the basic teaching of this church, and the preservation of the posterity of its members from idolatry the object.

Organization — Having myself made the above discoveries many years ago, and there being no society teaching them, I recognized them as newly-discovered truths of the first magnitude and their preservation by promulgation of the most vital importance. The rescue of our race from idolatry depends entirely on its learning of and understanding these discoveries. It can learn them only through the teaching of an educational society founded for that special purpose. Hence, I am trying to find and unite all those who have made the same discoveries, that they may be enabled thereby to have them taught to others.

The church now has 143 members enrolled. The first 1,000 members will be the founders and charter members of the church. When that number is enrolled I shall call a national delegate convention of the church to formally organize and incorporate it. Each member receives a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the church. The delegates will take charge of the church at the convention and proceed to organize and incorporate it to suit themselves, as other societies are organized. They will make their constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations to suit themselves.

I shall submit a report to them of all moneys received and disbursed for the church, and hand over all records and other property of the church. My volunteer work and assumed title will be ended and I will have no power or duties except what the convention sees fit to give me, if any. Should the editor of *The Examiner* unite with the Church and be a delegate from Texas to the convention he would have equal power and opportunity in the convention with myself, should I be a delegate from Kansas. Each state will be represented according to number of members in it. Every state represented by membership will be entitled to one delegate-at-large and one for every twenty-five members and major fraction thereof. The members of each state will elect by ballot delegates to represent them. Members who wish to be delegates will announce their candidacy in the church paper when the time comes. Members will be notified as to the number of delegates their respective state is entitled to and the candidates therein. Their votes will be sent me and announced in the paper. Delegates will be notified by me of their election.

I have outlined plans for church work after organization, but as that will be the subject of decision by the convention I cannot say now if my plans and proposed methods will be adopted or not.

After the incorporation the church work will be guided by the Constitution and By-Laws adopted and the regularly elected officers under them. Until that time comes I, of course, must be guided by my best judgment and the advice of members in the preliminary work of finding and enrolling the first thousand members.

This statement of the conditions that have called the Church of Humanity into existence and the pre-

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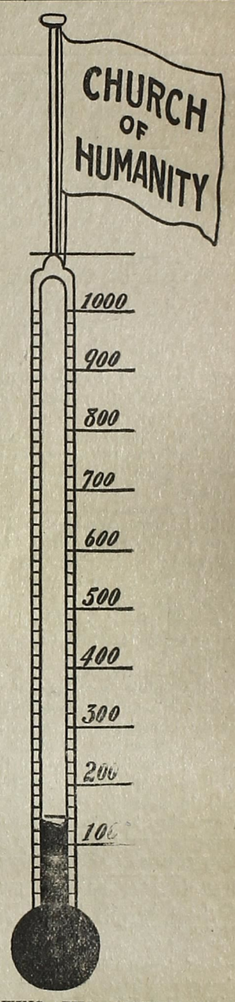

SHOWING THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

CHEER FOR COMRADE FRANTZ.

Comrade J. Frantz, of New York City, continues to order 1,000 copies of our church paper monthly for sale and distribution in the metropolis. He is greatly handicaped by not being able to speak and write English fluently. Were it not for that difficulty his enthusiasm would soon make him a great leader and teacher in the church. He has a fine opportunity in that great cosmopolitan city to build up a powerful church society. He is doing the best he can under the circumstances. In a recent letter he expresses hope of winning some very influential members for the church. I hope he will succeed in securing some able members who will aid him in establishing a great church society there.

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I hope to be able to announce the Heston fund completed next month. Comrades should send in their contributions to it at once.

Wanted—A "Billy Sunday" for the Church of Humanity, to do field work and gather the people into it by the thousands, as he is doing for the idolatrous churches.

Subscribers: Do you believe the truths about God and Jesus Christ taught in this paper? If you do, join the Church of Humanity and let others know you do.

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Don't let our membership thermometer freeze up when that of idolatrous churches is rising so fast everywhere. If we do as much hard work and pay as well as Christians do ours will rise, too. Should we not do as much for truth as they do for error?

All the adult members of the Church of Humanity should attend idolatrous churches, and especially their revival meetings, to study the methods of teaching error, and then adopt those methods as far as applicable in teaching the truths of their own church. The truth about God must be taught in the same general way error about Him is taught.

All the teaching and society building that can be done through Mrs. Bliven's proposed "Materialist Association" can be done in and by the Church of Humanity. It is not a division of our forces into numerous societies under different names that is needed, but union of all into one strong, active society. With all who know the truths the Church of Humanity teaches united we can soon employ teachers, when, by trying to establish a number of societies out of material insufficient for one, nothing can be accomplished. Dead paper-societies are worthless. We must have a live, active, building organization or none. Any number of inactive societies cannot save one child from idolatry. The saving of children from idolatry must be our object. All who wish that done should join the Church of Humanity at once.

Wanted—I want all subscribers to THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD who are not members of the Church of Humanity to at once send in their applications for membership if they believe the truths it teaches. There is no way to perpetuate and teach them except by those who believe them uniting in a society. Please read the lesson in this issue under "Evidence Per Se That God Is a Myth Like Santa Claus" and if you believe the sure proof there given then apply at once for membership. Never mind the dollar fee; if you can't well spare it now, you can send it some other time. Your name and number should be on the Roll Book to influence others to believe and accept the truth about God. The rescue of the people from idolatry depends on your action in this matter. The preservation of your posterity from idolatry depends on you doing your duty in joining this society. Do not fail to do it.

We have two new comrades to welcome to membership:

No. 142, J. W. Alexander, Chautauqua, Kan., farmer, American, English, Presbyterian.

No. 143, A. A. Robertson, Marlo, Okla., dentist, American, English, Baptist.

These comrades are not ashamed or afraid to let everybody know they have learned the truth about God. Why should anybody be? You should be ashamed not to know it. You should be ashamed to keep it a secret when you do know it. These great scientific truths taught by the Church of Humanity are the choicest jewels ever discovered. Every one who knows them should be proud of the knowledge and should desire everybody to know they have learned them. These jewels of truth are the only ones that can save people from the idolatry of worshiping idols, such as a dead man named Jesus and a myth named God. People should rejoice when they learn these truths and want everybody to know them. I am glad to welcome these comrades to membership. I hope to have the pleasure of introducing a larger number next month.

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liminary work and methods leading up to organization should be clear to all who study them closely.

I am doing the preliminary work of organization free of charge and am paying part of the expenses besides. The church paper is the property of the church. All the subscription and membership receipts are credited to the church, and all necessary expenses are charged to it. The books are free for the inspection of any member. Those who are not members, of course, have no interest in them. The convention will elect the editor for the church paper, and the treasurer and all other officers, who will be subject to the laws adopted.

The convention will have supreme power over everything relating to the church, even to changing its name if it desires. I expect to devote my services free to the church so long as I am able to be of any use to it. After the convention does its work I will be subject to its laws in my relation to the society the same as other members, officers and teachers in it.

I think this covers all the points you seemed to need light on. If, however, there are others I will be pleased to give you all the information I can if you will be so kind as to ask.

W. H. KERR,
Great Bend, Kas.
International Organizer of the Church of Humanity.

A PETITION.

To President Murray, of the constitutional convention, Guthrie, Okla.

—*Dear Sir*: Please hand the following petition to the chairman of the standing preamble committee:

To the honorable chairman and members of the preamble committee

—*Gentlemen*: I, the undersigned, a citizen of Oklahoma and member of the Church of Humanity, having discovered that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life, respectfully request you to omit all mention of God under any name in the preamble to the constitution for Oklahoma.

(Signed) .....

Church members in Oklahoma and Indian Territory would do well to sign the above petition and mail it to President Murray. On request of the Jews, Jesus Christ was not mentioned in the preamble. "The supreme ruler of the universe" was first inserted. Then a preacher told them that was a concession to atheism and requested they insert "Almighty God" instead, which they did. If, as that preacher believed, atheists are believers in a "supreme ruler of the universe," then, of course, our church is not composed of atheists. I hope none of the members will apply that title or any other to themselves or other members. We are "graduates in the knowledge of God," and that is title enough. The names, God, Deity, Creator, Lord, Heavenly Father, Supreme Being, Grand Architect of the Universe, etc., all mean the same thing—a myth with the God-idea attached.

Of course, your request will not be granted by the committee, but it will put it on record that those great discoveries were made by a few before Oklahoma became a state.

TO THE COMRADES.

Comrades: Let us all take the cue from Comrade Frantz and try to inject some life, energy and enthusiasm into our work all along the line. What he is doing in New York City you, who live in other cities, can do. Why not follow his example? We have members in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Topeka, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, Tacoma, and dozens of smaller cities. Is it not time to begin active work? You must not be dead members as long as you can breathe. Evangelist "Billy" Sunday converted sixty-three to idolatry at Kewanee, Ill., at one meeting on the 24th of January, making three thousand converts at his meetings there. Are you going to let the teachers of error have all the children, including your own? Have you not the ability, wisdom and life necessary to save even your own posterity from idolatry? Come, wake up! Nobody will hurt you if they do find out that you are alive. Don't die until you have to. If you are not able to lecture to the people on the grand discoveries you have made get ready to have a great time when our hired organizer comes to your town. Give me a chance to prepare the people of your town to turn out to hear our lecturers when they have a chance. Let me talk to a thousand of them every month through our church paper, as Comrade Frantz is doing. Then they will turn out to hear our lecturers when they come. I want every comrade to order a thousand copies and sell what they can in cities and distribute the balance free. We have enough members now to support one lecturer to do field work. We want a man who can win people to join a church teaching truth about God as fast as "Billy" Sunday can win them to membership in a church teaching error about him. I am looking around for such a man. Is there one among our comrades who is able to fill the bill? If there is, please let me know at once. No one but a member of our church need apply. His value would depend on his ability to win members to membership. I have been corresponding with Roberts and Wilson on the subject, but they are not far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to do the work we want. Maybe they will get there in time. Comrades, order a large bundle of papers every month and sow them broadcast to prepare your people for our lecturers when they come. Papers in bundles to you for that purpose only 25 cents per 100.

I want to give your Christian neighbors a lecture every month. I can talk to several thousand of them monthly for only $2.50. Why not break the news of our discoveries to them through our church paper?

MEET CONDITIONS, COMRADES.

In organizing to enable us to have our children taught the grand discoveries we have made about God to save them from idolatry we are compelled to meet existing conditions. Those conditions are made by idolaters. They include:

1. The union in one society of all those who wish a certain idea about God promulgated.

2. The payment of a stated annual salary to special teachers set apart for that purpose.

3. The establishment of special educational institutions to prepare those teachers for their duties.

All that requires, in addition, a great deal of free work by both officers and lay members of the societies, as well as the money necessary to carry on their vast educational systems. These are all voluntary conditions idolaters have imposed upon themselves. They find their reward in their children and those of others being taught to worship the same idol in the same way they do.

Before we need begin to hope to have our children taught the discovery that God is a myth, and thereby be saved from idolatry, as we are, we, too, must voluntarily place an equal obligation upon ourselves and find our reward in the saving of our children and those of others from the idolatry of worshiping God and Jesus and all other man-made idols. It will cost us as much in voluntary work and money to have our children taught the truth about God as it costs Christians to have theirs taught errors about him. Then to know what it will cost us we have only to find out what it costs them. To do that, ask any clergyman with an average congregation and salary; then add building of church and parsonage, their repairs, lighting, heating and janitor services. Then divide cost by number of members, after deducting children, women and the very poor

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EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

The God-idea is composed of three imaginary attributes—omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence — united with the natural moods of our minds—love, pity, sympathy, charity, hate, revenge, jealousy, etc. This composite God-idea is assigned by man to both real and imaginary objects, and then he worships those objects, through fear of punishment or hope of reward, on account of them having these unnatural powers man has arbitrarily assigned them. When we analyze the God-idea we find its three primary constituents—omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence —purely imaginary qualities. It is positively demonstrated everywhere and all the time that no being in existence has any one of them. No object could be a God without having these three attributes in reality. As those three attributes are purely imaginary no object in the universe has them; hence it is easy to recognize the truth and understand that every God is a creation of fiction. This method of discovering God's mythical nature is so plain to me that I am astonished that editors and readers of non-Christian publications are unable to make the same discovery or to believe that I have made it.

The God-idea has been attached to many thousands of real objects ranging in interest from the tumble-bug to the sun. The worship of those objects was discontinued when the worshipers discovered they did not really possess the attributes assigned them. Many mistake that for the dying of religion and profess to see in it the end of present religions. That is a grave mistake. The God-idea, which is the base of all religious mythologies, was simply transferred to other objects and idolatry went on unchecked. More people worship idols now than ever before because the race is more numerous. Unless the God-idea is rooted out of the mind of our race by the educational process that proves it erroneous idolatry can never be overthrown. The process of switching the God-idea from one object to another, or one myth to another, is gradually going on all the time. People take a renowned character of past ages or a conjured-up myth of the skies and hitch the God-idea to it. Then they have a God to be worshiped and a mission in life to induce other people to worship it. Their own desires are assigned to this creation of fiction until the learner mistakes it for a real being, and its worship by a part of our race goes on for centuries. God is a sample of the creations of fiction to which the God-idea is attached. He is the successor to whom was transferred the God-idea from a number of other myths that were worshiped for ages. Jesus is a sample of the hero to whom the God-idea is attached. Whether he is an historical character or a creation of fiction is immaterial. We know the reason he is worshiped is because to him has been assigned the three primary attributes of the God-idea above referred to. Those attributes being pure myths themselves can endow no object they are assigned to with the least additional power. In this case we see a poor, deluded, ignorant man, who could neither save himself from poverty nor a small mob, magnified, by the attachmen of the God-idea, into a savior of our entire race, if it worships him, from all harm in this life, a safe conductor through the Valley of Death and a constant protector through an endless life beyond. Thus is the power of the God-idea, when attached to a poor, ignorant man who died nearly two thousand years ago, able to put five hundred millions of our race on their knees in his worship. On account of the attachment of that false idea to that poor man tens of thousands of agents are teaching the coming generation to love, praise and worship him under the belief he is loving and caring for them and will continue doing so if he is only worshiped enough.

Thousands of evangelists are going all over the country as agents of Jesus to round up the people, and especially the children, to submit to them the terms of the proposition. Millions of children and young people, with many old ones, are accepting the terms and signing the contracts. The agents sign up for Jesus and the contract is binding for life. The poor, deceived children faithfully perform their part of the contract until death. Their love and worship are turned over to the mythical savior and their money to his agents, who are themselves ignorant of the fraud they are perpetrating.

Nothing in the world can check this endless idolatry of a dead man but an organized society to give the people and especially the children, a continuous course of teaching of the truth that Jesus is simply a dead man like all others, and is, therefore unable to fulfill in the least particular the contracts his agents have made for him. The proof of that fact must be objective, clear, positive and given continuously to checkmate the energy and presistence of the mistaken teachers. No line of evidence can be more convincing that Jesus is unable to perform the part his self-appointed agents promised than the direct proof that he does not. Here is a sample of the direct proof given daily that Jesus can neither care for, nor even know, a single human being who contracted for his services in time of need through his self-appointed agents, regardless of the faithfulness in carrying out the contract on their part. I want all of my readers to study this evidence and understand its meaning in relation to the contract they were led to make under the false teaching that Jesus is a real live being who knows, loves and cares for them and who is able and willing to aid them in time of need if they would love and worship him. I want all to learn that this is positive proof that no such a character as Jesus Christ is in existence and that all contracts and vows made to his mistaken agents to worship him are null and void owing to that discovered fact. When you read similar proof in your daily papers I want you to recognize it at once, without being told, as evidence *per se* that God and Jesus Christ are creations of fiction. Here is a sample of the evidence you will find in your daily papers that prove positively that God and Jesus Christ are myths:

Coronna, Spain, Dec. 28.—The Spanish steamship Primrose has foundered off the coast. Only one person aboard was rescued.

Bengen, Hesse, Germany, Jan. 5. —Forty workmen buried alive by a cave-in.

Redding, Cal., Jan. 2.—Three little children burned to death in their homes.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—Thirty people killed and many of them creamated in a train wreck at Volland, Kan.

Manila, Jan. 6.—One hundred people killed by a typhoon on the islands of Leyte and Samar.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 23.—Twenty miners were killed as the result of an explosion in the Primero mine.

The Hague, Jan. 22.—Fifteen hundred people reported drowned owing to a tidal wave engulfing some of the Dutch East Indian islands.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Forty passengers killed by a train wreck near Washington, D. C. Many bodies mangled and torn into bits and strewn for half a mile along the track.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Between 150 and 200 lives lost in the explosion in the Reden mine at St. Johann-on-Saar.

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 29.—Five men killed in a train wreck.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—Forty factory workers drowned by the ice breaking on the Neva river when crossing to work.

Hamburg, Jan. 14.—Twenty-five officers and men were drowned in the wreck of the British ship Pengwern, which went ashore on Scharhorn reef.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—New cases of contagious diseases breaking all records. In the last twenty-four hours there have been 472 new cases: Scarlet fever 407, diphtheria 29, other diseases 27.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The steamer City of Panama is reported lost with 116 persons on board.

The first page of the Kansas City *Daily World* of Jan. 19 reads very much like one of these lessons on proof of God's non-existence. Here are some of the disasters noted by one paper in one day:

Fowler, Ind., Jan. 19.—Great train wreck. Twenty-five persons killed and forty injured, of whom twenty-five will die. Twenty of the dead were cremated. Wreck due to a dense fog.

London, Jan. 19.—Official report from Kingston, Jamacia, says 700 of the 1017 bodies recovered from the ruins caused by the earthquake there have been buried.

Headlines over lesser disasters are: Collision at Sea. Chicago Epidemic. Cloudburst. Bad Freight Wreck. Oregon's Bad Storm. Bad Wreck on Lake Shore. A Great Northern Wreck. Train into a Washout. Locomotive Blows Up. Ohio River Inundates Thousands of Homes, etc.

And so the horrible destruction of life and property goes on unabated regardless of the prayers to God and Jesus to abate it. Tens of thousands of evangelists and hundreds of thousands of priests and preachers are hired by idolaters to proclaim the goodness, love, pity and sympathy of God and Jesus, and of their watchful care over all the people who love and worship them. How absurd such teaching is in the face of this daily proof that proclaims, in the language of universal scientific truth, that no such God and Jesus exist in reality. There certainly was no manifestation of love, pity, sympathy or care for any human being in any of these recorded disasters from unseen beings. Let us who can understand these truths band together in the Church of Humanity to enable us to employ teachers to teach them to our posterity and thereby save it from idolatry. I want all who read this lesson and believe the truths it teaches to let their wisdom be known to others by uniting with the Church of Humanity at once.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.
Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
Liberal Review, Chicago, Ill.
To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.
The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

Comrades, let us all chip in and finish up the Heston fund. Then all hands join the two church committees and boost the circulation of TRUTH ABOUT GOD and the membership thermometer. Let us all work and push with life and energy the building of our church, as the Christians do theirs, and we will be as enthusiastic and happy as any Christian who ever worshiped a myth-God and a dead man.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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men and you will have the money cost to the average paying man.

The Christian churches of this city are doubtless average models upon which to estimate the money cost to us of society building and maintenance. In this city—of about 3,500 population—there are ten Christian sects represented by organized societies. To take three of the most prosperous ones, which we should ever pattern after, the cost of their educational work is as follows:

Methodist, 300 members; clergyman $1,100.

Congregational, 250 members; clergyman $1,200.

Presbyterian, 150 members; clergyman $1,000.

Parsonages are furnished free to all. Marriages, funerals and other special services are paid for in addition. Lighting, heating and janitor work make a heavy additional cost. Their auxiliary societies for young people, such as Sunday schools, Epworth League and Endeavor societies, require much money for literature. There is a great deal of work done free by the members as officers and teachers of the several societies in building up and maintaining them. Women and young people of course constitute a large majority of these educational societies and do the bulk of the free work. But the active, paying men form the main organization of the church and put up the principal part of the money to finance it. Most of the money given by women and children is, of course, furnished them by the husband and father for that purpose.

Besides these heavy fixed expenses, the donations for general educational work, such as home and foreign missions and special revivals, are quite heavy. For instance, a Methodist missionary from the Philippines was given $143.00 by the Methodists, one evening recently, to aid in erecting a home and mission there for a resident Methodist missionary. About the same time they raised $90.00 to pay for the services of an evangelist for a week or so. This is the pace set by the teachers of error about God all over the world, in city, village and rural communities.

Can we, Comrades, take that pace? Can we stand that financial drain? Can we do the necessary free work in forming educational societies? Have we got the legislative, judicial and executive ability within our ranks required in society building? If we cannot match idolaters in these respects, man for man, then are our children and all our posterity doomed to perpetual idolatry. If we cannot do as much for truth as idolaters do for error we can never successfully compete with them for the education of our own posterity concerning God.

On our answer to this question depends whether our posterity is to remain in idolatry indefinitely or be rescued and preserved from it. Our answer depends altogether on the value we place on our children's freedom from idolatry. If we place a less value on it than idolaters do on making them idolaters, then our children are lost to idolatry. If we place an equal or greater value on it, then we will save them by using the necessary time and money in building up the society machinery to accomplish it.

Now, Comrades, place a higher value on the preservation of your posterity from idolatry than idolaters do on making them idolaters and use it in the upbuilding of our common church so it can do the required teaching.

To begin with, make a New Year's resolution that you will aid your church as much during 1907 as the average Christian aids his. Then carry it out by joining the Publicity Committee of our church and order a bundle of 100 copies to be sent you monthly for free distribution. A special rate to that committee is ¼c per copy for bundles of 10 or any multiple of it. Then join the Booster Committee that is to boost the thermometer of membership to the 1,000 mark by January 1, 1908. Their duty will be to pick out ten or more persons whom they think will unite with the church and urge them by letters and literature to do so during 1907. Send me their addresses, so I can aid in teaching them their duty. People will do nothing to save their children from idolatry until they are taught what to do and how to do it. Our comrades should begin doing their duty in that matter.

Now, Comrades, let us, each and all, make that resolution to aid our church as much as active Christians aid their's. Let us begin that aid by being members of the above-named committees and see if we can raise that thermometer to the 1,000 mark by January 1, 1908. A long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together, and we will reach the goal.

SPIRITUALISM.

The following letter is in answer to one (too long to reproduce) from a Spiritualist.

Great Bend, Kan., Dec. 16, 1906.

Allie Lindsay-Lynch,

6901 Stewart Ave., Chicago, Ill.:

Friend: Yours of the 1st and 2d, with other matter inclosed, at hand in due time, but have been too busy to answer such a big letter. May get to answer it only partially now. But as far as I go I hope to answer it truly from the standpoint of my knowledge, which, of course, you desire. The answers may be short, and disconnected in relation, as I shall note briefly, as I come to them, answers and remarks on the points of most interest.

1. In your writings immortality is your primary subject for teaching and God's mythical nature secondary. The first overshadows the latter so much that it receives little or no attention except what you attribute to Mr. Lincoln, and then no proof is offered. The overthrow of idolatry depends on the teaching of the latter subject principally. As I am mostly interested in that great task I devote less time and space to the subject of the termination of life at death. At the same time, I wish to know and teach the truth about it. Knowing I have found that conscious life ends at death I teach that truth. I am always open to consider new evidence against my teaching, but must continue that teaching until I have evidence enough to convince me I am wrong.

2. *Lincoln's message.* So long as I am editor of TRUTH ABOUT GOD its columns will be perfectly open and free for the publication of anything Mr. Lincoln, or anyone else who has "passed over," or any God idolaters claim exists, desires to say to the public. There is only one little condition, which no one should object to, which I shall require of all, and that is that they deliver their message for publication direct to me. You cannot justly object to that requirement, and so, please, inform Mr. Lincoln and your other "guides" as to the terms on which they can place any message they desire before the public. Christians can make known these terms to their idols, whom they believe hear every word they say.

3. *Messages from the unseen.* Why should the clergy pay any attention to your alleged message from "Uncle Abe" affirming there is no God when they have an entire Bible they believe to be a message from that denied God? You can see your untenable position. If "Uncle Abe" is able to communicate with you and tell you what to write the Christians will be still more convinced that their "Supreme Being" is able to dictate a whole book and knock "Uncle Abe" out of business. Why, Christians assure me that God walks and talks with them as confidently as you do that your "guides" talk to you. How can you disprove their assertions without weakening your own? Have they not more witnesses to prove their claims than you have yours? The facts are both Christians and Spiritualists are mistaken in regard to the source of their hallucinations regarding voices from a "spirit world." They must all seek another solution for the phenomena. They will find the cause in their own mentality instead of in that of other beings. I inclose a statement of John A. Chandler regarding his "X-faculty," as he calls it, which enables him to write what he calls "Graphic Automatism." It is not credited by him to either God or spirits. You may find the key to the solution of your imaginary guides in this phenomenon. Of course, I believe you honest and sincere. So I do the Christians. But you see honesty and sincerity are no sure protection against error. Such people can be mistaken as well as others. Some people even believe their own spoken words are the voices of the dead speaking through them and take that as positive proof of immortality. In a long letter from Mr. Geo. Vale, of Mound, Minn., is this statement: "Infidels have been demanding positive evidence of a future life. Here is proof which you may test for yourself. No mortal ever thinks in words, but what he believes to be his thoughts in words are but the voices of the dead. This is known to many persons." Is not that a great mistake? If that theory is true it proves all animals to be immortal, as the crowing of the rooster, the barking of the dog, braying of the donkey, bellowing of the bull, etc., would be but the noise of their dead ancestors. I inclose another clipping wherein "spirits" are alleged to have advised a lady to buy stock. You can see by it how people are fooled by knaves in the name and guise of Spiritualism. Does not that prove it to be as fraudulent as the God-dea? It appears to me to be very much like the theological idea of a God and a Devil guiding men's thoughts. They attribute my thoughts and work to the Devil and that of an idolater to a God, Jesus, or Holy Ghost. You can see that they are mistaken. More study will convince you Spiritualism is a mistake also. Perhaps you would find the solution to your imaginary "guides" in the teaching of Prof. C. F. Eldredge, of Kansas City, Mo., who explains to or teaches people how to see and hear things without laying it to either God, Devil or spirits. I inclose a letter from him. You might do well to ask him to explain your experience with "Uncle Abe's" spirit.

4. *Aphorisms.* Your aphorisms on the envelope and letter-head do not teach the discovery that God is a myth. Idolaters use them all except it be the one referring to evolution, and many idolaters accept that now.

5. *Diamonds.* I gave you that story as I read it in an article describing the discovery and do not vouch for its truthfulness. But you must know people place no value on things they are not taught has any value.

6. *Prejudice.* Of course, I have not the least bit of prejudice against you or Spiritualism. But I cannot teach immortality when I *know* we cannot survive death with consciousness.

7. *The Truth About God.* All who claim to have known the discovery that God is a myth before the Church of Humanity began teaching it learned it without aid from it. But see how very few know that truth. Not in all the world is there a society organized to teach it. Those who claim now to have known that truth before I was born did not place any value on it. They did not think they had discovered a truth worth teaching. They made no effort to teach it or to build up an educational organization to perpetuate the discovery and hand it down to posterity. They were perfectly willing to die without proclaiming that truth to the world and making arrangements to have it promulgated. People who "discovered" the choicest jewel in the galaxy of discoveries and recognized no value in it did not discover its value, and, as far as the world is benefited by it, they did no good by discovering that truth. Those people who are now afraid or ashamed to unite with the Church of Humanity to promulgate that discovery are in a very poor position to claim any share in any honors that may be hereafter due on account of it. Neither Paine nor Ingersoll knew that God is a myth. If Mr. Paine is in a conscious state, as you affirm, and can tell you there is no God, please request him, for me, to see the publishers of his works and have them revised, wherein he teaches Deism, to conform to the facts he now knows, or, better still, tell him to come and see me and I will make my suggestions direct to him. I believe you are making a big mistake in claiming to get your wisdom from "spirits" of dead people. You should try to learn that your thoughts are produced by your own organism. Idolaters can beat you at that game. They affirm their wisdom comes from God, and that he is the creator and ruler of the universe; hence, is mightier than any little human spirits. You can see how they are

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

The name, "Church of Humanity," is the society name of the union of all those people who have learned, or may hereafter learn, the two great modern discoveries of God's mythical nature and conscious life ending at death.

All idolatrous societies are based on mistakes regarding these two subjects. Hence their inability to teach them, from motives of self-preservation, even were they known by a few of their members and teachers. It is a great mistake for anyone to ask or expect them to do it. It is a greater mistake for those who know these truths to wait in expectation and hope of them doing so. They cannot allow non-members to come in and destroy them by proving their foundation false. All such societies are compelled to turn out their own members who learn these truths and attempt to teach them. It therefore follows that their brightest members in the study of their teachings learn these truths, and the most conscientious of that class must resign, backslide or be expelled. By this process those societies are losing a few of their best class of members in two respects.

All who are not church members are considered by all churches as common subjects for "conversion." Yet a few of them have also learned the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity and are not really subjects for "conversion" to idolatry. Both classes entertain false hopes. The ex-church members hope their former idolatrous comrades will learn the truths they have and leave the societies. The other class hopes non-church members will learn the truths they know and not unite with idolatrous societies. Those hopes could never be realized under present conditions, for hopes are worthless without the necessary action to fulfill them. Individually they could do nothing to impart their knowledge of these truths to others. Without the machinery of organized society they could not help to hire it done. By both classes uniting, as they are now doing under the society name, "Church of Humanity," they will be able to have their knowledge imparted to others, and the hopes of both classes will soon begin to be realized. There are now 163 members enrolled in the Church of Humanity, and the two classes are about equally represented, there being seventy-four former church members to eighty-nine who were not.

All the leading idolatrous churches have contributed a portion of the ex-idolaters. They all gave up their former society name and relations to adopt the new one. A few of those who never joined any idolatrous societies have adopted the various names of Atheists, Infidels, Agnostics, Materialists, Liberals, Rationalists, Freethinkers, Secularists, etc. They drop all these various names in this new alignment for the one common to all—Church of Humanity. There are good reasons for this course. As only a very small percent of those who left idolatrous churches did so from a full knowledge of the truths this church teaches, likewise only a very few, so far, of those answering to the various titles and names above know these truths. Hence the necessity for this new society alignment and name, as no other name represented those who know these newly discovered truths. This is the common society in which to meet for those of all other societies, both idolatrous and non-idolatrous, who have learned the discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of conscious life. No other society ever knew these discoveries, hence, of course, could not teach them. No other society can help to free people from idolatry since the teaching of these discoveries is the only thing that can do that. People are beginning to recognize that fact more clearly, and those who have loved ones they wish saved from idolatry and others who care for the general uplifting of our race, are turning to the Church of Humanity in greatly increasing numbers for a realization of their hopes and desires. The enrolled membership is now 163. Sixteen applications for membership were sent in during February. It gives me great pleasure to have such a big list of new comrades to introduce to the church society. The comrades will all be glad to see so many new names and will give them a hearty welcome.

Since last report the following comrades sent in their applications for membership and were issued certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and life membership in the Church of Humanity, making them founders and charter members of it:

144. J. W. Gilbert, Friend, Neb., 66, farmer, American, Presbyterian.

145. Boris Deutsch, 373 Broadway, New York, 18, printer, Jewish, none.

146. Henry Marcus, 45 Essex street, New York, 19, Jeweler, Jew, none.

147. Bruno Lehmann, 746 Jackson avenue, New York, 27, cook, German, Catholic.

148. G. F. Green, Osceola, Mo., 53, carpenter, American, none.

149. I. M. Macomber, Lennox, S. D., 75, retired druggist, American, none.

150. B. E. Stewart, Greenup, Ky., 30, printer, American, Methodist.

151. Sam Rosen, 228 Henry street, New York, 23, shipping clerk, Hebrew, none.

152. John M. Carlton, Gadsden, Ala., barber, American, none.

153. D. C. Glissman, Great Bend, Kan., 46, cabinet maker, German, Lutheran.

154. Henry Crouse, Moab, Utah, 72, gardener, American, none.

155. Nick Pescool, Marysville, Mont., 36, hotel keeper, American, Catholic.

156. George W. Padbury, Marysville, Mont., 48, J. P. & P. M., English, Church of England.

157. James M. Sanford, Fairfield, Neb., 70, manager insurance company, American, Evangelical.

158. Mrs. Anna C. Sanford, Fairfield, Neb., housekeeper, American, Catholic.

159. George M. Collier, Moultrieville, S. C., soldier, American, none.

160. James Adams, Moultrieville, S. C., 58, tailor, American, Catholic.

161. T. C. Brassell, M. D., Cost, Tex., 49, physician, American, none.

162. J. P. Hansen, Fairfield, Wash., 56, farmer, Swede, Lutheran.

163. Frank Forsland, Fairfield, Wash., 56, farmer Swede, Lutheran.

On behalf of the church, I welcome our new comrades to membership, fellowship and friendship in this society. May each have a long life and enjoy a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity. May each be able to do much for the upbuilding of our common church. May each live model lives and be daily object lessons to idolaters that it is not necessary to be idolaters and worship myth Gods and to believe the error about continued life to be good citizens. I am proud of these noble comrades. Their occupations show them to be honorable citizens. This is the best evidence that can possibly be given idolaters that the teaching of evangelists is a mistake in many vital respects. They will know from this object lesson that there is no such thing as a God to strike people dead for affirming there is none, as evangelists teach.

They will know from observing these comrades that people will not degenerate into criminals when they learn there is no God and no life beyond the grave, as all evangelists say they would do. These comrades furnish practical objective proof that literally upsets all theological theories in regard to the totally depraved nature of man, that would make him a criminal were it not for his fear of God and a future hell. Here are people engaged in all the worthy occupations of life, fulfilling the requirements of good citizenship who know there is no God to fear and no future life to hope for, who know hell and heaven are myths and are not influenced in the least by a hope of reward or fear of punishment in a future life.

Some Christians have told me they would take a delight in committing crimes if they believed as I do. But, knowing their natures better than they themselves do, I am not alarmed in the least over their confession. I shall do all in my power to teach them the discoveries I have made to make them eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity. I guarantee that the members of the Church of Humanity will be as good citizens as the same number of members in any idolatrous church. Why should they not be? Does not a knowledge of the truths of nature tend to promote civilization? Who is more wicked since learning the grand truths of astronomy, geology and all the natural sciences? A very few centuries ago the people believed and the clergy taught that a knowledge of those truths acquired by the com-

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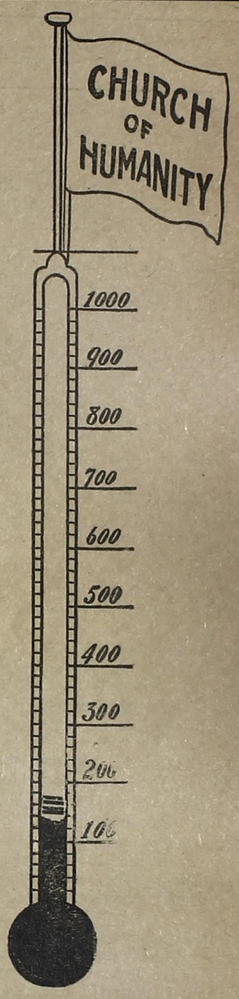

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We can't drive idolaters away from the worship of their idols. No one should try it. We must lead them away by example. Get into the Church of Humanity and help to make it so attractive that Christians will leave all other churches to come to ours.

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Don't think for a moment France is doing anything to check idolatry. The trouble there is simply between different sects over the facilities and advantages of worshiping the same myth. Neither of the parties to the fuss knows the discoveries the Church of Humanity teaches.

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Christians can't believe we have really made the discoveries we have. They swear Jesus Christ does love them and that He and God are watching over them and protecting them from all harm in return for their worship and the work and money given in their service. When they get mashed up in a wreck, torn to pieces in a mine explosion, burned up in a fire, frozen to death, starved to death, destroyed by earthquake, contagious disease, cyclones and scores of other ways, then they—well they can't tell us they guess they were mistaken, but the Church of Humanity knew they were all the time just the same.

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An old lady friend of mine told me she would be afraid to teach her children there was no God, as I do mine, for fear God would strike her down. Poor old lady. She could not comprehend the difference between us. She could not comprehend the truth that there is really and truly no God to strike any one down. She thinks I am teaching what I believe to be false, as she would be did she do it before she learned the truth. Did any one teach what I am doing before they learned it themselves, they would be teaching what they believed to be lies, while I have a clear conscience that I am doing right because I know the discoveries I teach to be true. The old ladies in every neighborhood will have their belief in the stories of evangelists about God "striking people down" badly shattered when they see our church members teaching these truths all around them and prospering as well as the idolaters. Nothing can prove to them those stories are false except the actual test and objective proof the Church of Humanity is giving them. Hence the importance of all readers who believe the teaching uniting with the church.

THE PROCESSION OF PLANETS.

"The Procession of Planets," by Franklin H. Heald, editor of *Higher Science*, Los Angeles, Calif., has been received and read with interest. It is a cloth-bound book of 188 pages, giving Comrade Heald's theory of the automatic, self-regulating, perpetual motion arrangement of the universe whereby it can get along without the services of a God to wind it up. Those interested in the fascinating study of the various theories advanced to explain the natural forces operating the universe of suns and planets would do well to look into this one. The price of the book is $2.50 and can be obtained by addressing the author.

HESTON RELIEF FUND.

The total to be raised on comrade Heston's doctor and funeral bills is $180.

Previously acknowledged ...	$78.75
The following comrades have contributed since last report as follows:	
H. O. Gaston, Cerro Gordo, Ill. ...	1.00
C. M. Dyer, 124 Sycamore ave., Chicago ...	1.00
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Dr. T. C. Brassell, Cost, Tex.	1.00
C. E. Coursen, Simpson, Kan. ...	5.00
D. M. Nolters, Bridgeport, Cal. ...	2.00
Toltal contributed	$115.80
Balance to be raised.....	$ 64.20
Total ...	$180.00

I ask the comrades who have not contributed yet to chip in now and make up this small balance. None are too poor to send her a dollar and some can send five dollars without missing it. Get a P. M. O. addressed to Mrs. Lottie Heston, Carthage, Mo., and mail it to me to be forwarded in time to be announced in next TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

GOD MAKERS! LOOK OUT FOR THEM!

Many idolaters are so hungry for a God that when it is demonstrated to them that every God concocted so far is a myth, they take refuge in concocting one of their own and hitching it to some real attribute of mind, or power in nature, that we all admit exists, and then declare they have demonstrated the existence of God. I have a number of letters on file from such God-makers. Some name the specific attribute or power they refer to and some do not. They have hitched the God-idea to love, goodness, reason, etc., as an illustration of trying to make out that man is God or at least a part of him is. Others hitch the God-idea to electricity, magnetism, gravity, etc., in their desperation to find a basis for believing in the existence of God so they will not appear to be so foolish as to believe in the existence of a being without a basis for that belief. I warn everybody to promptly turn down all such would-be God-makers as being just as foolish as the idolaters who worship the Bible myth-God, or a purely imaginary one of their own concoction.

The following card just received is an illustration of the dire straits some people are reduced to in their desperation to retain the God-idea as a sensible thing to do:

"Boulder, Colo., March 3, 1907.—Can't sign your creed exactly. There is a power which is ourselves—and more. We use it now and shall use it everlastingly, increasing it by use. If people had been conscious of this, had known themselves, and had called this used and unused power God (instead of making a funny little God for Sunday), I should not be fussing. ANNA FERGUSON."

In the first place I have no "creed" for anybody to sign. The real truths about things are not creeds. Creeds consist of belief in and teaching of errors. To believe and teach that 2x2 equals 4, that water runs down grade, that the earth is round, that fire burns, that ice is cold, etc., is not teaching creeds. Likewise teaching and believing the new discoveries that God is a myth and life ends at death is not teaching and believing creeds, but absolute truths. Now your conjured-up God, which consists of "a power which is ourselves—and more," is not God at all, but a creation of your own imagination. All the powers, singly or combined, within ourselves are not God. All the powers outside of ourselves, singly or combined, are not God. Both the powers of ourselves and those outside of ourselves combined are not God. The discovery that Gods are creations of fiction enables all who know it to detect a God-maker instantly.

This lady is an amateur God-maker, but I promptly detect her delusion and reject her product as quickly as I do that of those professional God-makers who make "a funny little God for Sunday." I warn all to be on their guard against modern God-makers, and hand them this truth by which they can instantly detect them, viz., God is a fabulous being.

WANTED! AN ARTIST.

I am so encouraged by the large number of new comrades from all quarters that I will add a new feature to the teaching if I can find the right party to produce it at a price that I can consider. I will have the lesson on the proof of no God illustrated by a picture of the greatest disaster to human life each month. Artists will please read the lesson in this copy under "Evidence *per se* That God Is a Myth Like Santa Claus," and learn from it the kind of an illustration wanted. I shall note here the principal features I wish brought out in detail:

1. Plainly show people, especially women and children, where any were killed, so situated that death was inevitable.

2. Represent a few, by words, calling on God, Jesus Christ and Holy Mary for aid.

3. Represent by name the different idolatrous churches of which a few are members.

4. Show a few able-bodied men at a safe distance praying to God for aid.

5. Show others working desperately to save the imperiled.

6. Show some caring for the dead and injured.

7. Show some being held back from certain death, who wish to try to rescue loved ones, though at the cost of sure death to themselves.

8. Show some imaginary ghosts in the attitude of idleness and indifference and name them God, Jesus Christ, and other worshiped idols.

It will not be possible to have all these features every time, but all applicable to each particular disaster should be used.

The artist is to be a member of the Church of Humanity in order to have a full knowledge of the illustration wanted and be in sympathy with the teaching it is to bring out. He should make a specialty of finding and reading the full details of all disasters to life from every cause as given in the daily press. He is to take the greatest one that happens in all the world each month, and, after studying it in detail, make the picture as true to the actual facts as possible, to enable the above features, or some of them, to be brought out. If any of our comrades are able to do this work, I ask them to please report by return mail. I ask our comrades to send me the address of any artist they may know, able to do the work wanted. Artists will please send me samples of their work along this line if they have any.

Applicants for membership must fill out in full the application blank themselves and write to me that I may be convinced they fully comprehend and believe the discoveries that God is a myth and life ended at death before they can be received and certificate issued them.

Wm. R. Adams Hooker, Okla.—"Please find 25 cents for 100 copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD."

EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

All people, our loved ones included, who worship any God, or voluntarily contribute to the teaching and support of such worship, must be classed as heathens, idolaters and pagans. These names are not given them through disrespect or contempt, but to express a truth revealed by the discovery that God is a myth.

Webster defines "idolater" in two definitions to be "one who worships as a deity that which is not God; a pagan." Since the discovery is positively made that no thing in the universe is God, the worship of any thing is the worship of "that which is not God." Hence all worshipers come under the above definitions. Christians speak of Oriental people with great contempt, as being heathens, idolaters and pagans, because they worship "that which is not God," not knowing that they themselves are doing the same thing and belong to the same class. Those Asiatic people do not know they are worshiping "that which is not God" any more than Christians do in their worship. It would not better matters in the least were the two sets of idolaters to swap idols, or both sets worship the same idol. They would still be subject to the same definitions—heathens, idolaters and pagans.

Webster defines heathen as: "A pagan; an idolater." In the light of the new discovery that there is no such a thing as a God all those definitions are applicable to Christians. The definitions also apply to those who do not worship "the true God." But since the discovery that there is no "true God" to worship, the definition cannot apply to those who have learned that discovery. Dictionaries are changed from time to time to conform to new discoveries and new alignments of the people. The discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity will necessitate many new changes in dictionaries.

I ask Christians to remember when they see the name heathen, idolater or pagan applied to them in this paper that it is used to describe those who worship "that which is not God," according to Webster, and not as an expression of contempt or abuse. I want you Christians to learn the discovery that there is no such thing as a real God in existence, that you may cease worshiping "that which is not God" and thereby free yourselves from the application of the above names. I submit to your calm consideration and unbiased judgment the following positive proof that the God and Jesus Christ you worship are purely creations of fiction, having not the slightest existence whatever. These imaginary beings you have endowed with unlimited power and wisdom, and a deep feeling of love, pity and sympathy for man. This evidence shows beyond doubt that no care, love, pity, sympathy or aid is ever extended to man from unseen beings in the slightest degree and that therefore such beings do not exist in reality, but are only creations of fiction like Santa Claus. In this evidence the horrible, shocking details of appalling life-extinguishing disasters must be omitted for lack of room. You will read them in the daily papers you take and I refer you to them for the details of the pitiful suffering of the victims in many cases:

Montreal, Feb. 27.—In a fire which destroyed the Hochelega Protestant school, in the east end of the city, the woman principal and sixteen children lost their lives.

St. Paul, Feb. 13.—Thirty-one dead bodies, from freezing, have been brought into the various towns of the northwest.

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 25.—Three killed and three fatally injured in a train wreck on the St. Paul road.

London, Feb. 25.—Two hundred persons were killed by a cyclone that struck southern points of the Philippine islands.

Hamburg, March 5.—Eleven seamen drowned in a collision between two steamers.

Hong Kong, Jan. 28.—One hundred Chinese are reported dead as a result of a terrific rainstorm.

Centropolis, Kan., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Frank Schmeck and her two children were found dead in bed with their throats horribly cut.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26.—A little 5-year-old girl killed by a street car.

Buffalo, Jan. 28.—Three firemen killed.

Sacramento, Feb. 8.—Seven people drowned.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—One death every ten minutes from contagious diseases sweeping the city.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—Forty men killed and scores injured by an explosion in the mines at Bakhmut today.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9.—Eight miners killed by suffocation from a fire in the mines near here.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Four men killed by a tank explosion.

Freeport, Ill., Feb. 8.—Three killed in a train wreck.

Bismark, N. D., Feb. 5.—A mother and five children frozen to death at Goodrich.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 23.—Eighteen seamen drowned.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—Three passengers killed in a train wreck.

Algeciras, March 4.—Eighty-five persons have been buried by a landslide near Sedrata. Fifteen square miles of earth gave way.

Elkins, W. Va., Feb. 5.—Thirty miners entombed as a result of an explosion in mine 25 of the Davis Coal company, and cannot be rescued alive.

Thurmond, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Seventy-nine miners killed by an explosion in the Stewart mine.

Hook of Holland, Feb. 21.—In a fearful southwest gale, while a hundred-mile-an-hour hurricane was blowing, a tremendous sea was running and the weather was bitter cold, the Harwich-Rotterdam passenger and mail steamer Berlin was wrecked off this promontory at 5 o'clock this morning. One hundred and twenty passengers and a crew of sixty were on board. Only one man reached shore alive.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—In a collision between the steamer Larchmont and the schooner Harry Knowlton, off Quanochontaug beach, Block island, the former was sunk and 130 of the passengers and crew perished by drowning and freezing. One of the survivors, Mrs. Harris Feldman, says she saw "those people swept off into the ice-cold sea with prayers on their lips."

This evidence is conclusive that we have been worshiping "that which is not God," because there is nothing in the universe that is God. This evidence demonstrates that fact as plainly as any fact can be demonstrated. It is a short cut to the truth about God. We can all learn and understand this evidence alike when we understand how to apply it to the God-idea. It can be easily taught to children so they can understand it. We no longer have to wade through tons of literature in search of the truth concerning God and then fail to find it. The daily newspapers will give us that truth and the evidence to prove it. We must organize and employ teachers to teach the people the meaning of this evidence and its relation to the God-idea. Let us all stop being heathens, idolaters and pagans. Let us cease forever the worship of fable-made Gods. Let us be civilized. This is the twentieth century and we live in America. Why should we worship the Asiatic myths imported by our ignorant ancestors in past centuries? We have discarded about all their ideas and methods in most everything else for those of our own to our great advantage. Let us now discard their ignorance of God and accept the new discoveries of Americans regarding God and life. This lesson teaches us that no unseen being exists that answers to the characters named God and Jesus Christ. There was not the slightest manifestation of any of the attributes assigned them, such as love, pity, sympathy for our race or any member of it. We know by the absence of an active manifestation of those qualities that the beings to which they are assigned are fabulous beings.

There was no God or Christ caring for the fate of any of these people who perished; hence there is none caring for us. Those people, being as good as we are demonstrate by their fate that truth. Since there is no God or Christ to care for our lives, there can be none to care anything about what we believe and teach. Then let us accept the truth and teach it. There is no God to object to, or care what we do.

Since the last lesson was sent out, twenty have accepted the truth and sent in their applications for membership. I believe all subscribers who read this lesson, and are not yet members of the Church of Humanity, should send in their applications at once. Women and children can not found this new church. Men must found it for them. Men, help to found a church based on truth for them. Please send in your application for membership at once.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY NOT ATHEISTICAL.

I ask my comrades to not answer to the name "Atheist" nor to call our church an "Atheist" church. The name doesn't represent us. No man that the title was ever given to knew the truths we do, nor had any idea of doing what we are doing and purpose doing. As an illustration of my meaning, I give the case of Mr. Hugh O. Pentecost. He was called an Atheist. The *Truth Seeker* says:

"His religious views were those of Atheism and Materialism."

Reading some of his lectures, as reported in the *Truth Seeker*, I thought possibly he was far enough advanced in the knowledge of God to be eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity and I wrote inviting him to join it if he was and take a commission as state instructor for New York. In regard to it he replied:

"I am not interested in the Church of Humanity, nor do I desire to undertake a commission as state instructor of New York. This latter position I would be wholly incompetent to fill, as I know nothing whatever about God. I do not know that he is even a myth, and am entirely unacquainted with any facts about Satan and the Holy Ghost. So far as I know they may be real beings or myths, and, besides, I find too much to do on this earth to bother my head about anything before or after or off the earth."

This shows that Mr. Pentecost, although being called an Atheist, had not gotten in sight of the truths taught by the Church of Humanity nor had the least comprehension of the vital importance of their teaching.

J. M. Macomber, Lennox, S. D.—"Inclosed find P. O. money order for $1.25—$1 for membership in the Church of Humanity and 25 cents for subscription to the TRUTH ABOUT GOD."

SPIRITUALISM.

(Continued From February Issue.)

You can see how they are honestly mistaken in their belief. I can see that you are honestly mistaken in yours. If I am mistaken in my teaching I, too, am honestly mistaken, but I base the evidence of the truth I teach on objective facts that all can see when they are pointed out to them.

8. *Thinking.* Man and all animals I have observed think, and it is a mistake to say they do not. Of course, they do not all think the same thoughts. They also reason, but, of course, not about the same things, nor do they arrive at the same conclusions. But where facts are recognized by man and are provable, such as the mythical nature of God and the termination of life at death, all can arrive at the same conclusion when they are convinced by proof of the facts. They must be taught that evidence, though.

9. *Inspiration.* The truths of Nature are learned and discovered through the scientific method, viz.: experience, observation and investigation. People can be inspired to that task through a desire to know, praise, honor, etc. But truths are not given by such inspiration as meaning knowledge given to man from "Gods" and "spirits." Such alleged "truths of inspiration" have always turned out to be errors. Hence no one should place any reliance on such alleged "revelations through inspiration."

10. *Hypnotism.* I do not believe there is much, if anything, in the allegations that people are "converted" to the practice of idolatry by that means. They are taught to believe certain things and to do certain things by a system of teaching until they believe from evidence and act from a sense of duty. They, like a jury, having an opportunity to hear only one side, must of necessity believe it. They do not have an opportunity to hear the rebuttal evidence and teaching that would prevent them from becoming idolaters through the preponderance of evidence. The Church of Humanity is to furnish them that opportunity and that preponderance of evidence that will save them from a wrong decision through lack of evidence. Why not be one of its founders and charter members? Do you not want the people taught the truths that will save them from idolatry? Why not aid in the founding of a society to do it?

Well, I must soon close and not half of your letter reviewed. But it was all read over two or three times, and these answers and comments cover the main subjects.

I sent you my photo' because I had some handy and I saw your picture on some of your literature. I do not deserve all the flattery you give me, and, as you read this letter of disagreement with your views you will think so, too, and take it all back.

I give you credit for honesty and a noble desire to help and benefit humanity. Hope you will concede the same to me. You would not wish me to agree with you if I had to be a hypocrite to do it and pretend to believe what I do not. I, too, was born in Illinois, but was raised in Missouri and, therefore, have to be shown. I will, however, believe anything and everything when evidence to me proves it true. I would rejoice to know I could meet and recognize my loved ones after death, but as that is an utter impossibility I must be reconciled to the fate that awaits me. Their bodies, which I loved, are decomposed. Their brains, that produced thoughts of love for me, are dead. Their minds ceased at the death of their brains. Their lives were extinguished forever then. That is what constituted death. They did not know that they died, nor when, nor that they are dead now. Only the living can know those things. It is an inexorable truth in Nature. Our desires and hopes and fears can never change it. It is inevitable. I am perfectly happy in the knowledge of that truth, since it would be folly to not be.

Life, with all of its vicissitudes, appears more grandly beautiful with eternal unconscious oblivion in contrast, as is eternity before this momentary transit of conscious life. The teaching of, and knowing, the simple truth that death is the termination forever of conscious life will have a manyfold more civilizing effect on our race than the error of belief in continuous conscious life. The value of life itself will be enhanced many hundred per cent. When this great truth is known by all, wars will cease, because no one knowing this truth will volunteer to throw the only life he can ever have away on a battle-field. People will value this life too highly to sacrifice it for nothing in a war that will have to be settled by arbitration in the end. That will force the settlement of disputes by arbitration before instead of after a war. Selfishness alone will conquer war because people will not sacrifice their dearest possession, life, when its value is increased a million times by the knowledge that this earthly life is all they can ever have, and that it will be terminated forever at death. Yes, indeed, "the pen is mightier than the sword," because through the false teaching of the pen it has kept the sword employed since its invention. But when all pens teach the grand discovered truths that Gods are myths and death ends life they will put the swords out of business for want of willing victims.

I must now close. Wishing you a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity, I remain

Yours sincerely,

W. H. KERR.

THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

(Continued From First Page.)

mon people would make savages of them. Just the reverse has been true to a great extent. A knowledge of those sciences has uplifted our race from the savagery of burning witches, heretics and scientists, and made it possible for me to announce and teach the greatest of all scientific discoveries—the mythical nature of God and the end of life at death. Were it not for the general intelligence of the people I would be burned at the stake before twenty-four hours for proclaiming these grand discovered truths. The discoveries that Bruno taught, for which he was burned only a little over three hundred years ago, were insignificant compared with those I teach. Idolatry survived the discoveries taught by Burno and many greater discoveries made since, but it can not possibly survive the discoveries I teach when they become generally understood and accepted. No sane person will worship a God when he learns positively there is no such a being. No sane person will pray to a dead man for aid when he knows that that man really died and will forever stay dead. The Church of Humanity is just what every idolatrous church needs as an object lesson to observe how people will act when they learn the discoveries that there is no God and no future life. They will not believe it possible for people to act sane and be good citizens who learn these discoveries until they see them with their own eyes doing it. Hence the importance of all who have knowledge of these truths proclaiming it publicly by uniting with the Church of Humanity. Nobody will believe you know then until you do. No one can aid in the rescue of people from idolatry unless they learn these discoveries and proclaim their knowledge through membership in this church—that is being established to teach them. I am personally thankful to our new comrades for sending in their applications in time to be recorded in this issue. I earnestly urge all the subscribers who are not members to study the lesson in this issue on the evidence of no God, and if they believe it true to send in their applications for membership at once. Never mind the fee now if you can't well spare it. It can be sent later.

COMRADES' COLUMN.

John M. Carlton, Gadsden, Ala.—"Please find inclosed money order for membership in Church of Humanity."

C. M. Dyer, 124 Sangamon street, Chicago.—"Inclosed find 25 cents. Please send 100 copies per month until I order otherwise."

C. W. Robbins, Danbury, Conn.—"I inclose money order for $1. Please send me 100 copies monthly. When this is used up, I shall send more."

P. C. Hansen, Greenleaf, Kan.—"Find check inclosed for $1.55—$1 for Mrs. Heston and 55 cents for renewal and a bundle of papers monthly."

John Hirt, 730 Clinton street, Cincinnati, O.—"I inclose money order for $5.00, to pay for 100 copies monthly for 12 months, $3.00, and the rest is for the Heston fund."

G. M. Collier, Fort Moultrie, S. C.—"Enclosed find application of my friend, Mr. James Adams. He has just returned from New York today, and requested me to send his application at once."

J. M. Sanford, Fairfield, Neb.—"Inclosed please find $4.25—$1.25 for five subscriptions to addresses given, $2 for life membership for myself and wife and $1 for a monthly bundle of papers."

G. F. Green, Osceola, Mo.—"Your letter and certificate of membership in the Church of Humanity at hand. The certificate is pretty and I am proud of it. I believe, as you say, our posterity will be proud of us in time to come."

J. R. Miller, Carl Junction, Mo.—"Enclosed find one dollar for Mrs. Heston and one dollar to be used in sending sample copies to enclosed list. Here at home I am distributing my books and getting the people ready for the truth."

E. M. Thompson, Gonzales, Tex.—"Inclosed find 30 cents for bundle of papers monthly, also an application for membership in the Church of Humanity, which I have been authorized to send you, for one of the best citizens in Gonzales county, Tex., Dr. J. C. Brassell, of Cost, Texas."

Received just before going to press four membership applications from Comrade J. Frantz, the local organizer for New York city. He continues his order for 1,000 copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD. I ask subscribers and comrades in New York and Brooklyn to co-operate with him in the work of establishing a church society there. The first requisite is church members. One hundred should be secured before a society is attempted. See him at 119 East 116th street, New York.

J. M. Gilbert, Friend, Neb.—I inclose $5 for Mrs. Heston, $1 for membership in Church of Humanity and 25 cents for subscription to TRUTH ABOUT GOD. My parents were Liberals. They are both buried in the Gilbert cemetery on this farm. Inscribed on their monuments at father's request is this verse:

"Think of a peace of fifty years;
Of lives devoid of hellish fears.
Died without fear of God or Ghosts,
Or heaven or hell with all their hosts."

Adam Bashore, Brewster, Neb.—"Find inclosed $1 for the Heston fund. Have received the January TRUTH ABOUT GOD and note the membership in Church of Humanity is 141 and no "trials for heresy" yet. I hope there never will be except for obstinate idolatry. With best wishes for your success in the Church of Humanity." (Funny if we should have to try a member on the charge of idolatry and have to turn him out on that account while other churches are turning out their members for refusing to be idolaters! In that case I would propose to the idolatrous church that we swap members without either party going to the expense of a trial.—Ed.)

James Gaston, Cripple Creek, Col.—"Inclosed find $1 for a bundle of forty copies, monthly, as long as it will pay for, and 25 cents for the Widow Heston fund. Did it ever occur to you that Kansas holds the most unique position of any state in the Union? It is near its geographical center and has taken a very prominent part in three of the greatest revolutions of modern times—the freedom of the chattel slave, the fight now on for the freedom of the industrial slave, by the *Appeal to Reason,* Girard, Kan., and now comes Great Bend, last but not least, in a world's fight for liberation and freedom from superstition and the idolatry of a mythical God that never existed." (I can do nothing without the aid of my comrades in all states. With their hearty co-operation in this great work our combined influence will be felt in time.—Ed.)

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

THE IDEAL CHURCH

In founding the Church of Humanity in the beautiful morning of the Twentieth Century we should seek to make it an ideal church. To do that the principal features of the organization must be planned in advance, as a carpenter would plan a building. The people who are to found the church and compose its organic structure should be familiar with the plans in detail and approve them in order to insure harmony and co-operation among the builders. Otherwise it would be like a house built by a thousand "boss carpenters" where no one knew the plans of the others at the beginning nor approved them or worked in harmony with them when known later.

In successful society building as in house building there must first be a demand for the structure. Then the structure must be reared in the minds of the architects as an ideal to meet that demand, and specifications formulated and approved before active work can commence to give it material form.

As my comrades in the church are joint-architects and builders of it with myself they should have an opportunity to give the specifications of what they conceive to be an ideal church that will fulfill all the demands and requirements they desire in such society. I shall set apart a half-page for the use of my comrades in giving their specifications for an ideal church. Then, as only one set of specifications can be adopted, the various plans will have to be modified and merged into one composite ideal that will come nearest pleasing all. It is self-evident that my comrades base their objections to other churches on their fundamental teaching and are forever lost to those churches, as it is impossible for them to change those fundamentals except through necessity of self-preservation through the influence of a rival church. My comrades who never before united with any church could find none that came up to their ideal, else they would have joined them. Those who did were forced out through learning the new discoveries that conflicted with their church teaching. To idolaters an ideal church is one that teaches their children and others to believe in and worship their idols by their methods. To those who have learned the discoveries that Gods are myths and life ceases at death a change in church ideals is imperative to make them conform to these new-found truths. As existing churches cannot be changed to meet the requirements of the new ideal, a new church must be established that will. That church must rescue and preserve people from idolatry and the delusion of continued individual life by teaching them the evidence that proves God a myth and continuous life an error. That ideal is realized in the Church of Humanity and is materializing by increasing membership as an international church. But the time is not far off when our growing membership will enable the church to put paid workers in the field to organize local churches for our comrades, and increase our number faster. The symposium on "The Ideal Church" by the comrades as suggested is to enable us to outline a uniform plan for the establishment of local churches by our field organizer when one is secured.

I shall specify the leading features necessary to constitute an ideal local church that I believe would fill the bill for me. My comrades can indorse it, add to or omit features to make it conform to their ideal church as their judgment suggests.

1. The local church must have the same base and object as the parent, or national, church and be under the supervision of the authorities created by its constitution and by-laws to insure uniformity of structure, teaching and methods among all local churches.

2. *Instructor.* A Local Instructor should be employed on a yearly salary to conduct the meetings.

(a) *Qualifications of Instructor.* He should be a graduate in a five years' course of study in the preparatory college of the church and have a commission as Local Instructor for the church.

(b) *Duties of Local Instructor:* His duties would be to teach the people the proof of the truth discovered by the church, build up its membership, organize the various auxiliary societies for children and young people, teach the latest developments and discoveries in the natural sciences, aid the various committees in their special tasks, conduct the funeral services of the dead, teach good moral ethics by precept and example, and make himself generally useful and indispensable to the church organization that employs him.

3. *Library.* A free circulating library of church literature, including the best works on the natural sciences and biblical criticism.

4. *Entertainments.* Vocal and instrumental music and illustrated lectures by specialists in amusements and experts in the arts and sciences suitable for instruction to the old or innocent fun for the young.

That, in brief, is my idea of an ideal church society. Each local church organization will, of course, own its own building and finance its own affairs through its elected officers. I ask the comrades to send in a brief statement of your ideas of an ideal church. If you indorse my ideal church say so. If you have thought out a better ideal give it. If you wish to make any changes in mine—add to or eliminate—mention them. I shall place two columns at your disposal for that subject.

I have thought all along that we should find 1,000 people eligible for membership and get them enrolled and organized and incorporated as a national organization with a constitution and by-laws before we put out field workers to build up local churches. The field organizers should have that backing in advance and have definite rules to work by. But if there are not 1,000 people who know the discoveries taught by this church we may have to put out field workers to assist in teaching more people these truths in order to get the required number to organize.

Sixteen applications for membership were sent in during February and seven so far in March, besides six applications sent in from New York, which have not yet been accepted, owing to defects in the applications. I have sent new blanks to the applicants with instructions and hope they will be properly filled out and returned. A number of others have written for blank applications. I hope to have a much larger number of new comrades to introduce to the society next month.

The following comrades have united with the church since the March report and it gives me pleasure to introduce them:

164. Geo. B. Savage, Aguanga, Cal., 63, cattle and bee farmer, American, English, none.

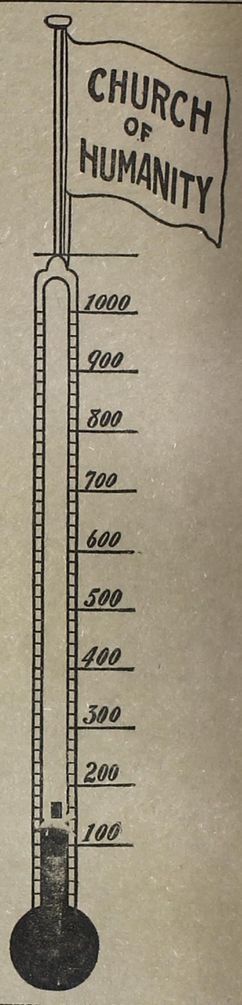
165. G. W. Gann, Denton, Tex., 71, retired attorney, American, English, none.

166. Martin Dennie, 209 E. 89th street, New York, humorist and comedian, French, French-German, English.

I welcome these comrades to our church and hope they will all live to see it organized and making better progress in its mission of saving people from idolatry.

I want all who read this appeal for help to build an ideal church who are not members of any, on account of none coming up to their ideal, to join the Church of Humanity and help in the founding of an ideal twentieth century church.

The time has now come when all abuse of the people for being idolaters should cease, and in its place an educational society be established to teach them the necessary truth that will cause them to cease idolatry. All abuse of idolatrous churches in Freethought publications should cease forever and the abusers devote their time and space to the upbuilding of an ideal church that will teach the truths they think a church should teach. That is the only wise and sensible course to take. My comrades have taken that course and all the subscribers who know the truth about God and life termination should follow their example and join the Church of Humanity at once.



SHOWING THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

When the Church of Humanity gets a large enough membership to enable it to employ field workers, its teaching will spread like wild-fire and its membership increase rapidly. Thousands are about ready to give up idolatry if they have the moral support and backing of a strong organization and able advocates in reach to defend their move in their own neighborhood. It takes a great deal of nerve to do right where all are doing wrong. They need, and must have, the moral support of organization and able defenders to give them the required moral courage and nerve to give up idolatry and to let their neighbors know they have done so.

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Love your enemies enough to rejoice to know that hell is a myth so they will not be made to suffer in it.

All editors and authors of publications that will teach the discoveries that God is a myth and conscious life ends at death can have free membership in the Church of Humanity by sending in their applications. Their work proves their knowledge and sincerity and pays the bill.

Just Received 500 paper mailing tubes from Chicago to send certificates in to keep them nice for framing. If any of the comrades have a mutilated certificate unsuitable for framing, I shall send them a duplicate free on application by returning the old one.

I ask all the readers of this paper who are ready to graduate in the knowledge of God through learning that He is a myth to please send in their applications for their graduation certificate at once.

The Church of Humanity is making interesting history for future generations. Comrades, and subscribers who have not graduated yet, can make that history many times more interesting by all doing your duty as I point it out to you. Our church paper is placed on file monthly by two State Historical Societies—those of Kansas and Colorado—at Topeka and Denver. Let your part in this grand work be great, as it will be recorded there and be read with intense interest by your posterity hundreds of years hence.

THE BLANK APPLICATION.

Comrade J. Frantz thinks he could get more applicants for membership if they were not required to answer the questions in the blank application. I have given my reasons for that requirement before, but will give them again, for the benefit of new members and subscribers.

It is very important that this brief record of each of the founders of the Church of Humanity be kept in full, for future reference, to head off adverse criticism of idolaters.

The first 1,000 members are to be known as the original discoverers of God's mythical nature and of life cessation at death, and the founders and charter members of this church, by which those truths are to be taught to the people. I am, therefore, more particular to have this record of the founders in full than I would be after the first 1,000 members are secured. I shall give briefly the reasons for correct answers to each question.

1. *Address.* Of course that must be given in full so I can correspond with them, send them the church paper and notify them when we have the required number for organization. Then I want the Christians to know that all our members are genuine and can be verified by any one.

2. *Age.* That will prevent any assertion that all the founders are children and do not know what they are doing.

3. *Sex.* The name generally denotes the sex. It is easier though to keep a record of the sex of the founders and the proportion of each by having the question answered.

4. *Occupation.* The answers to that question will forestall any assertion that the founders are a lot of worthless vagabonds and outcasts. They prove the intelligence, good citizenship and respectability of the members.

5. *Nationality.* The answers to this question will prevent the assertion of idolaters that the Church of Humanity is founded by foreign heathens who never heard of "Christ, and Him crucified." It proves the founders to be citizens of the most enlightened countries.

6. *Language.* So far all the members know the English language and I hope the first 1,000 will all understand it so they can aid in the organization as delegates from the various states if elected by their comrades. But it is contemplated to accept people of all languages and this record gives them a chance to know comrades who can speak their language, and form local societies in large cities.

7. *Previous Church.* This is a very important question. By having the answers to it no idolatrous church can claim that its particular creed and style of idolatry are unknown to all the founders of the Church of Humanity. The answers show that nearly half my comrades were once members of the various idolatrous churches, and, therefore, knew all about their belief and teaching.

This brief biography of each founder of the church is transcribed in the church roll book as a permanent record. I deem it of such importance that I must insist on it. There is no question that anyone should be ashamed or afraid to answer.

The dollar fee is to show good faith in the applicant. It goes into the church treasury to help to pay for stationery used in church work.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.

Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.

The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.

Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.

To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.

The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

COMRADES' COLUMN.

J. C. Cramer, 724 E. Mansfield street, Bucyrus, O.: "Yours of the 13th ult. received and contents noted, and I herewith hand you $1 as membership fee in the Church of Humanity. I also enclose application. I think the invention of the Christian God the most horrible crime ever committed by man." [The Church of Humanity will, in time, stop the creations of Gods and overthrow the idolatry of those created by our ignorant ancestors. All who wish that job done should follow your example to give it the necessary strength.—Ed.]

G. W. Gann, Denton, Tex.: "Firmly believing there is no God I desire membership in the Church of Humanity, for which inclosed find application and money order for $1. Never belonged to any church. Was a Deist till 34. Never believed in the Divinity of Christ or Bible." [Comrade Gann is 71 years old. This move proves the adage, "one is never too old to do good." Hurry up, you younger readers, with your applications for membership so we can organize while this comrade is living and able to help us.—Ed.]

G. M. Collier, Fort Moultrie, S. C.: "Enclosed find $1.25 to pay for membership and the TRUTH ABOUT GOD for my friend, Mr. Adams. Please send his certificate to him at once and place his name on the sub list so he will get the paper without delay. I received my certificate and am highly pleased with it. Will be in a position to help you in your good work soon."

E. M. Thompson, Gonzales, Tex.: "Our school trustee wants Bible reading, Lord's prayer and sacred hymns in our school. I had a talk with our teacher on the subject and she said she belonged to a Christian denomination, but before she would teach it in a public school she would resign. She is an excellent teacher and all but one of the patrons and the trustee signed a petition in favor of employing her another year. I have three children, all boys. The oldest one is 10. He does not go to Sundayschool, but the children all like him. When they try to persuade him to go he knows how to excuse himself. He says he is going to be a worker for the Church of Humanity." [Right now is the time to begin. You can explain to him that God is a myth, and what a myth is, and what death means. Then he will be eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity and you can apply for membership for him. He will then know the truth about those two great questions, which is something that President Roosevelt and all the rulers of nations don't know nor are likely to learn. We will welcome our little friend to membership as willingly as we do the older comrades. I hope the church will some day be able to put a thousand such boys into its preparatory college, where they can be prepared and qualified for instructors in the church to enable them to go forth and rescue the people from idolatry.—Ed.]

Martin Denni, 209 E. 89th street, New York: "Enclosed find $1.25 for membership and subscription. Please send me a few copies each month. I am a member of the German Freethinker Club in Milwaukee. I am also an agent of the German Freethought paper of Chicago. Kindly send me the address of Comrade J. Frantz, of New York." [Comrade Denni is a French and German humorist and comedian. It will seem strange to those idolaters who think they would be despondent enough to commit suicide if they knew their idols were only myths to know of a man who knows that fact and is engaged in this business.—Ed.]

Sem Zieferblot, 147 Essex street, New York: "Please send me 500 copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD." [I wish all the comrades would send in for a bundle like that each month. Why not? It would cost only $1.25 for them. You never can expect to have your neighbors taught these great discoveries cheaper than that. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?—Ed.]

AN IDEAL CHURCH.

In the *Truth Seeker* of March 9th is a brief account of the People's Church at Aurora, Illinois, of which it remarks: "An ideal independent church, we should say, and one deserving success."

But it is not an ideal twentieth century church, as my comrades will admit, when they learn that "neither acceptance nor rejection of any theological doctrine is a condition of membership" and "Liberal religious books, recommended by the minister, Mr. J. M. A. Spence, are kept on sale." "Every Sunday the membership book is open for signatures; all who sign it are welcomed to fellowship and become members without further ceremony. Non-residents, on payment of two dollars, will have their names entered on the membership roll, and will receive literature from time to time, including the weekly program." All of which means that, instead of being "converted" to idolatry before joining a church, you are here invited to join first and the conversion will be attended to afterwards. That is indicated by their teaching from "Liberal religious books." Thomas Paine's imaginary "Creator," in whose defense he wrote "The Age of Reason," will be accepted as a reality and worshiped in place of the Bible. Jehovah and His hope of immortality will be instilled and his fallacious evidence of it accepted as sound reasoning and proof. Look out for God-creators under the name of "People's church" or "Independent" church! We must reject their Gods created by "Liberal religious books" as quickly as we would those Gods created by un-"Liberal" religious books.

It is impossible for me to reconcile the *Truth Seeker's* statement that this is "an ideal church" and "one deserving success" with the editor's claim of knowing and teaching that God is a myth and death the end of conscious life. Here is a church that does not know those greatest of all discovered truths, but teaches the same untruths that form the base of all idolatrous societies on earth, and my friend Macdonald calls it an ideal church. No church can be an ideal one for us that does not have for its object the direct rescue and preservation of the people from idolatry. No church can do that unless based on those two discovered truths and make a specialty of their teaching and their knowledge and acceptance a condition of membership.

EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

The Church of Humanity is to be the true missionary church of the world. All missionary work, done by other churches, has to be done over again, owning to the fact that they have not learned the truth about their own idols whose worship they teach "the heathen" to adopt instead of continuing the worship of the idols of their ancestors. But the Church of Humanity will have a great advantage over the Christian missionaries. It will not be so difficult to shake a people loose from the worship of a new and strange idol as from one worshiped by their ancestors for ages. When we get to them with our field workers, as we will in time, we will soon knock the idolatry of a strange dead man and a new creation of fiction out of them. But missionary work, like charity, should begin at home. So, for a good while yet, we will devote our attention to the home folks. We believe parents, brothers and sisters, other relatives, friends and neighbors are more dear to us than people of a foreign land, and to them our first labor is due. It is often amusing, though, to note how this labor of love is appreciated by the recipients. A mother will refuse to read or hear our new-found truth, saying it is the work of the Devil. A brother will throw the message into the fire through fear of a God striking him dead should he remove the wrapper and peep in. A sister will hide it from her husband through fear of it upsetting his morals. A friend declares that if he believed as I do he would commit every crime in the list of crimes and wind up by committing suicide. A neighbor solemnly warns me that a general acceptance by the people of what I teach would reverse the wheels of progress, overthrow civilization and cause a general retrogression of our race to ancient heathenism. The idea that our race is so highly civilized and enlightened that it could not possibly survive two more scientific discoveries is laughably ridiculous. Why, bless the timid people, a general knowledge of these truths, taught by the Church of Humanity, will forever prevent the worst thing feared—reversion of our race to barbarism. The objectionable doings of barbarians and heathens are mostly due to their belief in and worship of Gods. When people learn there is no such a being as a God it will then forever be impossible to revert to idolatry. Learning these truths leads out of heathenism and not into it, as suspected by idolaters. The same objections are doubtlessly made by worshipers of other idols to the strange teaching of Christian missionaries. But whoever heard of one of them ceasing his teaching on that account? Why should they expect me to cease my teaching on account of their absurd fears and predictions? I am just as sure they will be benefited by learning the truths I have discovered as they are that Asiatics and Africans will be by accepting their idols as objects of worship. I know of no good reason why the teachers of truth should not be as persistent, patient, and steadfast as the teachers of error. How else can truth win and overcome error? After all, are not the truths of Nature more desirable than errors, and should we not all rejoice to see them win? Is not our advancing civilization due to a general acceptance of the discovered truths of Nature? Is not this proof that the discovery and acceptance of more truths will still farther advance it? It most certainly is.

Now the two greatest discoveries made in historic times have been made, and are being taught, by the Church of Humanity. Those discoveries, when they are generally known and accepted, will do more to advance civilization than all other discoveries combined. The most distinctively heathenish ignorance and practices clinging to our civilization are the beliefs in and worship of Gods, and the belief in continuous individual life and the worship of dead people. The general acceptance of the discovery that all Gods are myths will stop forever the practice of worshiping them, and the acceptance of the discovery that conscious life ceases at death will stop forever the practice of worshiping dead people. Thus will a general knowledge and acceptance of these two discovered truths stop idolatry forever on this planet. Instead of that being a condition of heathenism, as my Christian friends fear, it is discarding heathenism and advancing to higher planes of wisdom and civilization.

In order to make it possible for the people to accept these new-found truths they must be won from idolatry of Gods and dead people by teaching them objective lessons that they can easily comprehend, and those lessons must prove to them, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that no God or dead person knows anything about them. They cling to God and Jesus Christ because they believe they are doing something of value for them. But when they learn the truth, that they are not, they will be in a receptive frame of mind to receive the discoveries that God and Jesus Christ are simply creations of fiction like Santa Claus.

Life itself is more valuable by far than all else a Christian has. When it comes to a test between their lives and all else they generally choose life. They will abandon all their wealth, no matter how great it is, and their dearest relatives and friends to cling to life. If it can be proven, then, that there is no God nor Christ caring for their lives, their dearest possession, then it is clear that no such beings are caring for the things of less value. How could a God or a Christ care for your crops, business, belief, morals, health, or anything else of interest to you when it is demonstrated every moment that no such beings are caring for your life, which is your dearest possession. To prove to you that your life is not cared for by such beings it is only necessary to prove to you that the lives of your comrades, who are as good and as worthy of such care as you are, are not cared for. Those comrades believed the same errors you do, and while living would have sworn their lives were protected by a God and a Christ. But in the following disasters their mistake is proven. While they can not be benefited by this test of the truth of their belief we who are living can be. We can learn from their practical test that no such beings as God and Christ are in existence, and that will cause us to cease their worship and the false teaching that there are such beings. It will enable us to teach our children the truth about them and thus save the children from the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus. It will enable all who can comprehend these truths to unite in the Church of Humanity and help to devise ways and means of perpetuating and spreading these new discoveries. Here are the practical tests that prove there is no God nor Christ in existence to know or care for our lives.

Naples, March 7.—Twenty-nine bodies have been washed ashore at Castellamare and more are coming ashore hourly. They are believed to be those of passengers and crew of the British steamship Malaga, which recently foundered. It is not known how many were lost.

Fort Williams, Ont., March 12.—Five persons were killed in a wreck of a colonist train here today as a result of a furious snowstorm.

Berlin, March 16.—The explosion of air damp in a mine at Kleinrosselen, in Loraine, caused the death of 65 miners. The same day an elevator in a mine at St. John dropped 1,000 feet, killing 22 occupants of the cage.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Reports from American representatives in China state that the famine there is the worst in 40 years, and was caused by excessive rains that flooded large districts and destroyed the crops. Ten million people are suffering and four million actually starving.

Harbin, Manchuria, March 19.—Seventeen persons killed in a train wreck at Turushiohe station.

Copenhagen, March 19. — The Viking was blown over in a storm in the yards today and fifty of the workmen aboard drowned.

Steubenville, O., March 17.—Ten members of two families were drowned in the flood at Mingo Junction.

Joplin, Mo., March 13.—An eleven-year-old boy, while flying a kite, fell into a mine shaft 130 feet deep and was instantly killed.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 13.—Three killed in a train wreck caused by excessive rains, a 5-year-old boy drowned in Millvale, and two boatmen drowned.

Toulon, France, March 12.—An explosion in the powder magazine of the battleship Jena today resulted in the death of between 100 and 200 men.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 15.—As a result of the great flood in the Ohio river valley, seventy-six people have lost their lives by drowning and fire.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 16.—At least seven persons perished in a fire, which has added terror to the flood.

Excepting the starving Chinese, these perished people were all Christians, believed in the Christian mythology and its idols. They were sure their lives had always been protected by a God, Christ, Holy Mary, saints and other imaginary spooks. For that imaginary service from said spooks they felt under the deepest obligations to them, and many felt it their duty to reward them in thanks and praises, and in fervent prayers asked for a continuation of their services.

From this supreme and final test that they now have given us we know positively they were mistaken all the time and that no such spooks really existed and that their lives were at no time protected by unseen beings. By observing these demonstrated facts we are able to learn the truth that God is only a creation of fiction, like Santa Claus. The knowledge of that truth will save us from idolatry and advance all who learn it farther along the road of civilization. This lesson ought to convince many of its readers that it is true. Those who are convinced should unite with the Church of Humanity without delay. You should let others know you have learned it. You can't help others to learn it unless you do. People cannot be driven out of idolatry. They must be led out. Those who want them out must themselves take the lead. It is teaching by example they need. Set them a good example by accepting the truths taught in this lesson and prove to them you have accepted them by sending in your application for membership in the only society in the world that knows them and teaches them.

A few people are strong enough morally to stand the new discoveries that God is a creation of fiction like Satan, heaven a myth like hell and that life ends forever at death. Those few must unite to form the leaven that is to leaven the whole lump of idolatry.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

Comrades:—The overthrow of idolatry can be accomplished only by teaching the people the two greatest discoveries ever made—God's mythical nature and life termination at death—taught by the Church of Humanity. You are the church. That teaching depends entirely on you. No one can aid in that teaching but those who know those truths. You are the only ones found so far who know them. I want each of you to aid to the best of your ability in that teaching. You can do that most effectively and cheaply by distributing your church paper. Its circulation is only 4,000 now. I want you to put it to 10,000 at once. It is the only way we can find more comrades to increase our church membership. We all want to see it grow. The papers are so cheap to you in bundles—only 25 cents per 100 copies—that the poorest of you can take 50 copies monthly, which will cost you only 12½ cents. The next abler ones can take 100 copies monthly—only 25 cents. Others can take even hundreds, up to 1,000 copies, monthly. Order the bundle monthly for a year. Pay some down and the balance monthly, or at your convenience, so that you keep up with the payments as papers are received. A boy can sell some of the papers for you in cities, enough to pay for his time, and distribute the balance. Religious publications are bought in bulk this way by religious societies and distributed free. They increase their membership in that way. We must follow their example in propagating the truth our church teaches and in gaining numbers thereby.

Twenty million dollars have been given monthly for the last fifteen months by American millionaires for charitable and educational purposes. A very large proportion of it went to religious societies and institutions to propagate their error. Our church would have gotten a share of the money from the non-religious donors had we a large membership to be benefited by it, and an organization with responsible boards of directors to have administered it. Let us push our propaganda to the uttermost of our abilities so our membership will increase and enable us to organize and get into a position to use large sums of money, then we will get donations, too.

Comrades, please help in this great educational work by ordering as large a bundle of your church papers, monthly, as possible. I will look, and hope, for each of you to respond to this appeal with an order at once.

FAIR WARNING.

Better send in that membership application now and avoid the rush. The first 1,000 members are to have the honor of being the original discoverers of the basic truth taught by the Church of Humanity. There will be a big rush near the last to get in for a share of that honor. Their applications will be recorded in the order received. I predict that many will come in by telephone and telegraph near the last, so anxious will some become to share in this great honor that will make them famous for centuries as the discoverers of such great vital truths in Nature and the founders and charter members of the Church of Humanity, through which they are to be made known to the world. Only 1,000 members are reserved for that purpose. When they are taken the organizing convention will be called. Only those holding numbers less than 1,001 can take part in that convention. I wish to give all fair notice and fair warning. Then if they miss this great opportunity it will be their own fault.

STATE ROLL CALL.

In calling for those who have made the grand discoveries that God is a myth and life ends at death, in order to form an educational organization of them to enable them to teach those new-found truths to posterity that it may be saved from idolatry thereby, thirty-two states have responded with a number of such discoverers as follows:

Kansas	27
Iowa	11
New York, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, each	10
Arkansas	9
Missouri	8
Washington, Kentucky, each	7
Indiana	6
Montana, Pennsylvania, each	5
Arizona	4
Alabama, Colorado, New Jersey, each	3
Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, each	2
Connecticut, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, Hawaii, each	1

Subscribers: You see how many your state lacks of being up to progressive Kansas. You can overtake her and put another state in the lead of the procession if you will send in your applications for membership. Why not? Maybe the Kansas subscribers would not let any state get ahead of theirs, but you can make it mighty interesting for them to hold their position. You have an equal chance with Kansas subscribers to put your state at the head of the list.

By these figures you can know how many delegates to the organizing convention your state is entitled to so far. The more members your state has, the more delegates it will be entitled to in that convention. You should see to it that your state is well represented by helping to increase its membership.

There are seventeen states and territories not yet represented by membership in the Church of Humanity. Who will be the first to represent them? This roll call by states will be kept standing and the increase in membership of each state added monthly. Let us see which state will increase the most in the next issue. Let all hands, comrades and subscribers, see what they can do to give their state a good showing in this friendly rivalry.

You can't save your children from idolatry unless you are saved yourself. You are not saved from idolatry unless you know the truths taught by the Church of Humanity, but are simply a waiting subject for the services of an idolatrous evangelist. If you know those truths get into the Church of Humanity and get your children in. That will be a public notice that you and they are no longer waiting subjects for idolatrous evangelists.

THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY WANTS THEM.

The *Truth Seeker* of February 9th says, on page 85, first column:

"We have had many letters from clergymen who have outgrown their creed inquiring if the Liberals had an organization which could put men onto platforms whereon they could tell the truth and still get bread and butter for their families."

Just the men we are looking for! Send them here! Who are they? Please give me their addresses at once so I can correspond with them with a view to arranging for their immediate employment. Clergymen wanting to "tell the truth" and can't get employment! Shame! Scandalous! Outrageous! Are people really totally depraved that they will employ only clergymen who will tell untruths? Will they refuse "bread and butter" to those clergymen who know the truth and desire to tell it? Do they bribe clergymen to tell untruths with "bread and butter"? Monstrous! Disgraceful to all parties! To the people for offering a bribe for such wickedness; to the clergymen for accepting a bribe for such a purpose; to the "Liberals" for refusing to organize to give truth-telling clergymen employment!

Who are the "Liberals"? Why don't they organize so they can employ those clergymen? Are they the contributors to Freethought publications who abuse women and children for believing the untruths taught by clergymen who are bribed for that purpose? Where are *their* women and children? Are they included with the ones abused? Would "Liberals" rather abuse their wives and children, mother, brothers and sisters for believing untruths than organize to enable them to give "bread and butter" to some one to tell them the truth? Is abuse cheaper than "bread and butter"? Shame, everlasting shame on such "Liberals," who are liberal in nothing but abuse of helpless women and children! There must be two classes of "Liberals." One class, who send their wives and children to idolatrous churches and let other parties pay the bills while they write to Freethought publications, telling how much wiser they are than the weakminded men, silly women and undeveloped children who believe in Gods, Devils and ghosts; and another class, who believe the proper way to do is to organize and hire teachers to tell the truth to their loved ones to save them from idolatry and the abuse of the other class of "Liberals." Are you, reader, a "Liberal"? If so, to which class do you belong? If to the former class you should change over to the latter class without delay. Don't you want people to know the truth about God and death? Why abuse them if you don't? Why abuse them if you do? How can they learn the truth when given only an opportunity to learn error? Stop abusing them, join the latter class and then both classes unite with the Church of Humanity and help to furnish bread and butter to teachers while they teach the people the truth about God and the cessation of life. Would not that be the better plan? Would it not accomplish results, easier, sooner and more pleasant for all parties? Would you not rather give a few dollars to have the truth taught to your mother, brothers, and sisters than to abuse them for not knowing it? Would it not be better for all Liberals to join the Church of Humanity, which will put them in a position to hire people willing to teach the truth to their families, than to have them forever depend on the teachers of untruth? I think it would. My comrades think it would. We all invite you to come. We will all extend to you the glad hand of welcome. Let your answer be an application for membership.

The *Truth Seeker*, continuing, says:

"They were ready and anxious to desert the church as soon as they could see their way clear to maintain their families."

What a shame and disgrace that those clergymen are compelled to continue teaching untruths knowingly because those claiming to want the truth taught will not unite to enable them to give them employment! I ask the editors of all non-idolatrous publications to make a specialty of teaching their subscribers the discoveries that there is no such a being as a God in the universe and that life ceases at death. Make them eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity and then unite with it, urge the subscribers to do likewise and help to organize it. Help to put your subscribers in a position to hire people willing and able to teach their families the truth.

A JOKE ON THE POPE.

The Great Bend *Tribune* contained the following recently:

"About the latest joke is one sprung by some man in Texas who has read W. H. Kerr's paper and who says that Kerr is an emissary of the Pope."

Now, if the joke is not on the Pope it must be on the man who reads our church paper and is stupid enough to believe its editor is employed by the Pope. Of course, I would be greatly pleased to get a commission from the Pope to teach the Catholics in America the discoveries that God is a myth and life ended at death. But, as I am no more likely to get such a commission from that source to teach those truths than from "the man in the moon," I shall proceed to teach them without it, and the records in our Church Roll Book show that some Catholics are learning them, too.

Thousands of idolaters are watching our membership thermometer to see how many there are who believe the discoveries that God is a myth and life ended at death. They will be profoundly impressed by the increasing number of people who believe them as there indicated. Hundreds of millions of people can never believe it possible that these discoveries are true unless they absolutely know they are believed by many other people. Joining the Church of Humanity is the only possible way you can let the people know you believe these discoveries true. The greatest act you can do then to rescue the people from idolatry is to let them know the truths you have learned by uniting with the Church of Humanity and helping to place its publication in circulation.

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Church Founders at Work.

Extracts from letters of church founders:

Henry Krogman, Crookston, Minn.—"David Sanders, of Crookston, gave me one of your leaflets 'Join the Church of Humanity.' As I have been looking for something like that I at once decided to join. To keep this work up is my earnest desire. If you would send some more literature now and then to David Sanders it will do some good, as he is in a position to distribute it."

R. D. Faucett, 417 University street, Waco, Tex.—"According to notice in *Higher Science,* I enclose $1.25 for a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, knowing God to be a fabulous being. Enroll me as a life member of the Church of Humanity and send me the church paper one year. I was raised in the Methodist Episcopal church; read the Bible too much; went to the Presbyterians; moved from Missouri to Texas; joined the Missionary Baptists; studied the Bible inconsistencies with natural science for two years and decided I could not indorse any spiritism twenty years ago."

[When the Church of Humanity gets able to put a few qualified instructors in the field to teach the people the discrepancies between Bible teaching and the truths of the physical sciences it will win members fast.—Ed.]

W. C. Dunbar, Fulton, Kan.—"Please find enclosed 50 cents—25 for renewal of subscription and 25 for 100 copies of T. A. G."

O. Ellsworth, 505 Main street, Denison, Tex.—"Enclosed find $5.00 for the educational work. Send me 100 copies monthly. Keep drumming it into them; it will tell in another generation. Yes, it is a pity the Freethought editors cannot see through it and help. They are like thousands of Christians; they know it, but lack the backbone to announce it."

[Some of them do not know the truths the Church of Humanity is based on else they would not abuse their readers for uniting to teach them. In these cases a few of their subscribers have advanced in the knowledge of these subjects far ahead of the editor. Those editors who abuse us are more of a detriment to our progress than are the Christian editors, because we expect better treatment at their hands. If they continue the unjust abuse of their subscribers who are making a heroic effort to organize to enable them to save their posterity from idolatry it may become necessary to withdraw our patronage of their publications as a rebuke to such injustice. Abuse in their columns from any other parties will be considered as under their indorsement. I have written column after column, and letter after letter, begging them to unite with their advanced subscribers in an educational society to enable them to save their posterity from idolatry. The abuse of myself and comrades in *The Examiner, Humanitarian Review* and *People's Press* is our reward.—Ed.]

C. H. Mordoff, M. D., Genoa, Ill.—"Find enclosed application for life membership in the Church of Humanity and $1 fee. I hope that some of the members will see to it that when I come to die no preacher of the dead mythology shall raise his idolatrous voice over my remains. Trusting and hoping that you may succeed in gaining the 1,000 members soon, I am your friend and well wisher."

[To save ourselves from the disgrace of an idolatrous funeral it is necessary to have our families and neighbors taught the truth about God and death and united with us in the Church of Humanity. Otherwise they will stow us away in an idolater's grave with idolatrous ceremonies and it cannot be helped. Our only hope is in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity, so it can provide qualified instructors to teach our families and neighbors the discoveries we have made and bury us when we die. We must devote our money and services to this end while we are living. When we die we can do nothing and the ones we failed to provide teachers for will turn our property over to the idolatrous societies and teachers to bury us in idolater's graves and abuse us for making and proclaiming the greatest discoveries in historic times. Theology is not dead, nor has it even commenced to die. The weapons necessary to kill it have only recently been discovered. We who know what they are must unite to enable us to produce trained experts with these weapons and hire them to go forth and slay the twin monsters of idolatry and superstition.—Ed.]

John Martin, Cayucos, Calif.—"Please find enclosed application for life membership in the Church of Humanity and $1.25 for graduation certificate and subscription for TRUTH ABOUT GOD. Please don't expect too much of me, as I live in the mountains surrounded by Nature in the rough."

George W. Lucas, Rocky Mount, N. C.—"Please send by return mail 100 copies of church paper for enclosed 25 cents, for free distribution."

[The Church of Humanity is an educational society to teach the people the two great discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life, which is necessary to free them from idolatry. The comrades who distribute THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD among the people are much greater factors in the educational work than the editor. My observation is that no one practicing idolatry will subscribe for our paper, except a few of my acquaintances on personal solicitation, but that 75% of them will read it if furnished free. As it is impossible for me to personally distribute the paper the work must be left to my comrades and the progress and magnitude of our educational work depends entirely on them. I hope each of them will realize his responsibility in this matter and do his share in the work.—Ed.]

Miss Minnie Soll, Park River, N. D.—"Enclosed find money order for the following:

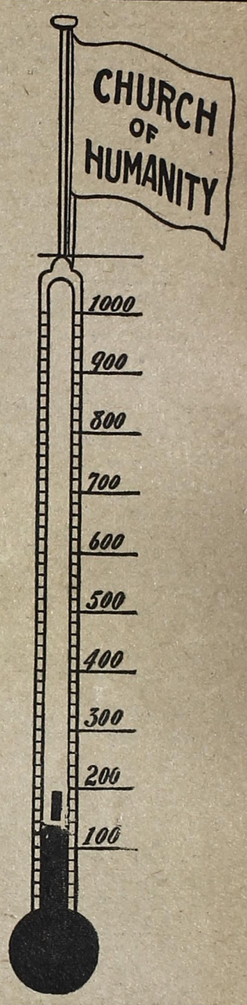
Sander Soll, donation to Mrs. Heston	$1.00
Renewal of subscription	.25
Dr. Holldersen to Mrs. Heston.	.75
Dr. Holldorsen, Park River, subscription	.25
Minnie Soll, life membership in the Church of Humanity	1.00

"I inclose 12 names to whom you might write and send literature. With a little encouragement they might join the Church of Humanity."

[It is very encouraging indeed when young people take an interest in the teaching of the Church of Humanity and unite with it and aid in its work. In time this church must have societies in every neighborhood to give the young people an opportunity to join it and aid in its teaching and upbuilding, as the young folks do by other churches.—Ed]

H. M. Fisk, Pella, Ia.—"Inclosed please find check for $1.35, for life membership in the Church of Humanity and its publication one year. The paramount object in offering my name for membership is the hope that we may provide a fund so that when a death occurs among our membership or their families, at the tick of the wire we can send a capable man to officiate at the funeral of our loved ones and save them the disgrace of a burial by the clergy, who say that our teaching is good enough to live by, but not to die by. Hoping to see grand results from this society, I am yours for truths, not fictions."

[Yes, we must provide for the burial of our dead. Your suggestion is a good one. When the church gets able it will employ field instructors when qualified candidates for the position can be found. Among their duties will be the burial of our dead. When one learns the discoveries that Gods are myths and death the end of life he will no more think of denying them when near death than of denying any other truths he learned, and it is a deep disgrace to store such a person in an idolater's grave. It is our duty to provide against it while living.—Ed.]



SHOWING THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

C. L. Westmoreland, Royston, Ga.—"I send you $2.00 to pay for life membership in the Church of Humanity for myself and Mr. S. A. Ginn. He never believed in a God, heaven or hell, but I did. I was a Baptist preacher for twenty-five years. Robert Ingersoll took the religious starch out of me about twelve years ago, and I have read all kinds of Freethought literature. I read the *Truth Seeker* three or four years, and the *Blue Grass Blade* ten years. I do not believe there is a God, Devil, hell or heaven. After death I will be only what I was before I lived. All the particles of my body will return back to their original condition in the earth and

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Comrades: Please send me the addresses of all you believe would be interested in our educational work so I can send them sample copies and invitation leaflets.

Subscribers—We lack only 15 of the 200 mark in our membership roll. Please send in your membership applications and make up the number at once, so I can announce the full 200 next issue.

Notice—A bundle of 100 copies was returned to me last month bursted and the address lost. If the comrade who failed to get his monthly bundle will please notify me I shall send one in its place better wrapped.

People, like the editors of *The Examiner* and *The People's Press*, who refuse to join with us in this great work on account of the name "church" would refuse to join in singing a beautiful song of truth, hope and joy if sung to the tune of a religious hymn.

Idolaters in Boston have weighed a fabulous thing people are supposed to have in them named "Soul" and find it weighs about ½ ounce. Now they should have no difficulty in weighing those other fabulous things named God, Devil, Christ and Holy Ghost that idolaters claim are in them sometimes. They can find out what Santa Claus weighs by the same process also.

Comrades: The spreading of the knowledge of the discoveries concerning God and life made by your church depends entirely on you. I can write lessons teaching them, but they are of no value unless you distribute them among the people. I earnestly urge each of you to take a bundle of copies monthly for distribution. To you in bundles they are only 25 cents per 100 copies. Three dollars will pay for 100 copies monthly for a year.

In selecting teachers for our children in any branch of knowledge we select those who have themselves graduated in those branches. Likewise, in selecting teachers to teach them regarding God and life we should select only those who have graduated in the knowledge of those subjects. None but those who hold certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God issued by the Church of Humanity should be employed to teach children anything about him.

Readers of Freethought publications are proving that they will unite and organize. The editors should not fight against it by abusing them for doing so. It is the only possible method by which they can have their knowledge taught to their children to advantage. There are thousands of editors of religious publications, but they all advocate and encourage society building among their subscribers. They all know children and young people can be taught better orally in society classes than by any other method. Our Freethought editors should follow their example and do all in their power to get their subscribers organized so they can give their children proper teaching in society classes. Perhaps by next issue I will have the full 200 members enrolled. The editors should now stop their adverse criticisms and come in and help organize.

Good idea. Mr. Remsburg or Mr. Wakeman should unite with the Church of Humanity and take charge of our preparatory college and have a large class this next winter in training to fill the position of instructors in the church. Our church will be able by then to pay a monthly salary and furnish such a teacher. If either one of them will take the position I believe the students can be found. We will have good facilities here for the students to carry on other lines of study. A new high school building and a Carnegie library building are being built now. The high school will include business courses and will be free to the students. Our church should have a class preparing for instructors in the church. Biblical criticism and scientific works, such as Darwin's and Haeckel's, should be taught them as text books. Who are better prepared to do that than Messrs. Remsburg and Wakeman? What do you say to the proposition, gentlemen? Will some of the comrades please write invitations to them? Address Mr. J. E. Remsburg, Potter, Kan., and J. B. Wakeman, Coscob, Conn.

COMRADES, ENDOW YOUR CHURCH.

I can use any amount of money to good advantage in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity that my comrades wish to turn over to me for that purpose, and I will gladly give a bond of $50,000, if they wish it, that it will be used for that purpose alone. I do not need it, and will not accept any money for my services. As to my financial ability to work without pay, I refer any parties who wish to know to the Citizens' National Bank of this city. Rich idolaters are endowing their idolatrous churches with many millions of dollars monthly. That is what makes them so powerful and efficient in teaching idolatry. To give truths a "square deal" they must be backed as well financially by their advocates as errors by theirs. Who will be the first of my comrades to endow his church with $10,000? Don't all speak at once.

Church Founders at Work.

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atmosphere and I will never live in consciousness again."

[Now that you have learned the truth about God and death you should be as enthusiastic in its promulgation as you were in the promulgation of error for twenty-five years. You helped to make hundreds of "converts" to idolatry and you should do all you can to counteract it by active work now. Your knowledge of both sides ought to equip you well for the duties of an instructor in the Church of Humanity. When clergymen learn the truth about God and death their services are of much greater value in the educational work than before. But all idolatrous societies turn them out. The Church of Humanity is the place for them then, and it will in time be strong enough to give all such clergymen employment at an advance in salary.—Ed.]

J. Frantz, 119 East 116th street, New York.—"Enclosed please find $5 on account. Send me 1,000 copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD. I inclose the membership application of Comrade John Hart, 397 4th avenue, North Troy, New York, by request. He is 101 years old and is as lively as a man of 40 or 50. He reads and writes without glasses, and walks four or five miles daily. I am glad to get his application for membership in the Church of Humanity. I had his photo taken for the *Tomorrow Magazine*. Have just returned from a visit to Albany, Troy and Schenectady."

[Comrade Frantz is an active worker in the building of the Church of Humanity. He intends trying to organize three local church societies in New York and Brooklyn next winter. Comrades and interested parties in those cities should aid him all they can in that good work. Comrade Hart is a living proof that it is not necessary to worship idols and believe in the superstition of immortality to live to old age.—Ed.]

A. J. Boyer, 221 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C.—"I enclose 25 cents for our church paper. Several chapters of my book are devoted to the origin of the God-idea among primitive mankind and how the absurdity was spread among the people of the world as intelligence and civilization progressed. Religion had its origin in savagery and lingers today most conspicuously among semi-barbarians. Enlightenment illumines the minds of men, and Gods and ghosts flee from it. The future man will be ashamed that his forebears entertained such nonsensical beliefs about God and life after death. Then religion will no longer curse the earth, but morality and right will guide the acts of men. I inclose filled blank application for membership in the Church of Humanity. I shall do missionary work with the paper by passing it around among those who are halfway out of the woods. As soon as I get time I shall run through the files of my papers and send you the addresses of those who have outgrown the superstition about a God and a future life."

G. J. Kleinert, 714 Savoye street, W. Hoboken, N. J.—"Inclosed please find filled-out blank and one dollar for membership in the Church of Humanity. I wish you great success."

A. Jonsson, Gillett, Fla.—"I enclose $1 for membership in the Church of Humanity, 25 cents for one year's subscription to THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD, and 50 cents for as many copies and invitation leaflets as you can afford. I have many *Truth Seeker* books and have been expecting the "Short History of the Inquisition" for a long time. Then I will start out with lots of rational and scientific books, including your literature. Think I will be able to make some impression on the people then. At least I can narrate the experience I had while a sailor visiting the principal divisions of the world. Regarding your suggestions for an ideal church I think they can't be improved on."

William A. Winham, 296 Hewes street, New York.—"I am sending you enclosed the new application filled out as requested. Will pay fee to Mr. Frantz. In one of your letters you asked me if I understood your teaching and believed along that line. In reply would say that I never did believe in any Gods, Devils or any other such fabulous beings."

Charles R. Kimberley, Circleville, O.—"For the enclosed 25 cents please send me 100 copies of the March issue of our church paper."

HOW TO OVERTHROW IDOLATRY.

The way to begin the overthrow of idolatry by easy stages is as follows:

1. Subscribe for THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD and learn it.
2. One thousand graduate and become the founders and charter members of a society to teach it perpetually.
3. Formally organize and incorporate that society under the name "Church of Humanity."
4. Employ one of the graduates as a national instructor on a salary to organize local churches and conduct the funeral services of our dead.
5. Local churches employ qualified instructors on a salary to teach the people orally these discovered truths.
6. Endow our preparatory college and give candidates for the office of instructor free education in the truths he is to teach and his duties as an instructor.
7. Pay the instructors a larger salary than clergymen get to induce competent young men and women to take up the work as a life occupation and devote the necessary time to preparation.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.
The Searchlight, Waco, Tex.
Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.
The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

EVIDENCE PER SE THAT GOD IS A MYTH LIKE SANTA CLAUS.

Above the graves of our perished loved ones the Church of Humanity proclaims God a myth.

In trying to prove the negative of the discovery that Gods are fabulous beings, idolaters use many lines of evidence, arguments and reasonings. These, of course, must be forever accepted as sound and true until overthrown by rebuttal evidence, arguments and reasoning furnished by qualified teachers provided and maintained by an organization for that special purpose.

To date no such organization has materialized and no one qualified to do the teaching has been produced. To rail against idolatrous societies in general, or abuse members of them in particular, as some writers in Freethought publications do, is not aiding in the overthrow of idolatry. To curtail the political power of one idolatrous society in the interests of other like societies, as is being done in France, is not aiding in the overthrow of idolatry. To tear down one man-made God in the interest of another man-made God, as Thomas Paine did, is not overthrowing idolatry and superstition. The worship of hundreds of Gods have been overthrown, but never except in the interest of the God of the overthrowers. It is extremely difficult to interest people enough to put in time and money in the task of overthrowing the worship of an idol unless they have concocted an idol of their own whose worship is to be substituted for that of the deposed idol. The Christian churches are engaged in overthrowing the worship of man-made Gods, but are substituting other man-made Gods in their places. The Church of Humanity is the first attempt ever made to organize an educational society to overthrow the worship of fabulous beings without substituting the worship of other idols in their place. We place our time and money in the task of overthrowing the worship of idols in the interest of the great discoveries of God's mythical nature and of life termination at death. These scientific truths are to be substituted for the delusion of immortality and the false God-idea. Like all discovered truths, they will not be worshiped, but will add immensely to the store of knowledge of our race. The duty of this church is to provide and maintain qualified instructors to teach the people the rebuttal evidence against every line of evidence offered by idolaters to disprove God's mythical nature and life cessation at death. As the Church of Humanity grows stronger in numbers and financial ability it will take up other lines of evidence to prove its discoveries true.

Thomas Paine aided greatly in his "Age of Reason" in advancing evidence, argument and reasons to overthrow the Bible as a revelation of a God, and Jesus as the son of one, and the Jewish Jehovah as a God. All that we can indorse and use in the overthrow of his concocted "Creator," who is equally a creation of fiction with the Bible God. Many more would join the Church of Humanity, but they have hitched the God-idea to Mr. Paine's imagined "Creator" and are not eligible. We must knock that "Creator" out of their minds as a real being. In the creation of his God he uses this untrue statement used by all idolaters: "When we see his (God's) care and goodness extended over all his creatures, it teaches us our duty toward each other, while it calls forth our gratitude to him."

The fact is there is absolutely no "care and goodness" extended over any creatures of earth by unseen beings. That is so plain it seems strange that Mr. Paine could have been so poor an observer as to assert differently. In his criticisms of the Bible and of Christians' mistakes in their God-making he was a sound reasoner. But in his own God-making he was as shallow as any other God-makers. Life is the dearest possession of all animals, as it is of man. That life is destroyed by the elements and by each other, and no unseen being interferes to protect it in a single case. Man wantonly destroys all forms of life and exterminates entire races of animals and no God comes to their aid. It is folly to talk about the "care and goodness" of a God being over all creatures unless it is extended in defense of their lives, which is their dearest possession, and we see clearly that it is not. Hence Paine's "Creator," who extends care and goodness over creatures, is a fabulous being, like all other Gods.

Most idolaters are so egotistical as to believe our race are the only creatures worthy of the "care and goodness" of a God and they are the only "creatures" meant. But the same observations are made in regard to man's life as is made of other animal life, which proves we are not the creatures, either, who receive "care and goodness" from a "Creator." Since that is the case the "Creator" is a myth and we must cease worshiping him and unite in a society to enable us to employ competent instructors to teach others to cease idolatry.

Here is positive proof that Paine's Creator is a myth, because the evidence he relied on to prove his existence—"care and goodness"—is not extended to any member of our race from unseen beings.

Manistee, Mich., April 23.—As a result of a big storm the Arcadia was lost on lake Michigan and her 16 passengers and crew all perished.

Dubois, Pa., March 21.—Six men killed by an explosion in a powder mill.

Chapleau, Ont., April 11.—Fifteen men, women and children cremated alive in a train wreck.

Birmingham, Ala., March 21.—Six men killed by the falling of the lining in a furnace.

Sergeant, Ky., March 21.—Ten miners killed in a mine explosion.

Gilmore City, Ia., April 13.—An epidemic of measles has killed seven people.

Denison, Ia., April 19.—Five on a hand car killed by a train.

Raleigh, N. C. April 23.—Four men swept over the Buckhorn Falls and drowned.

Passaic, N. J. April 3.—A mother and her four children burned to death in a fire in a tenement house.

Atlanta, Ga., March 27.—Four killed in an explosion of dynamite.

Rome, March 21.—Several vessels reported lost in a hurricane.

Harbor Beach, Mich., April 24.—A crew of six on the tug Searchlight perished in a gale.

Lisbon, Portugal, April 10.—Twenty-five lives lost in a fire in an apartment house.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 1.—The entire crews of two freight trains killed in a collision.

Gunter, Tex., April 13.—Eight perish in a fire that destroyed the home of J. C. Price.

Port Huron, Mich., April 21.—Three children cremated in a fire in their home.

Washington, April 9.—The crew, nine men, of a coal barge was lost at sea in heavy weather off the Florida cost.

Dallas, Tex., April 5.—A cyclone at Alexandria, La., killed twenty people.

Fulton, Ky., April 22.—Four children were burned to death in their home.

Baltimore, Md., April 27.—From forty to fifty workmen drowned as a result of the collapsing of a pier in course of construction.

Mexico City, April 16.—Advices indicate that 500 people have been killed by the earthquake that spread death and desolation throughout many southern districts, more especially in the state of Guerrero.

Colton, Cal., March 28.—Thirty people killed in a train wreck.

This list of life extinguishments by many causes proves conclusively that no such a thing as "care and goodness" is extended to any member of our race by "Gods" and "Creators." It proves conclusively that all "Gods" and "Creators" are nothing but creations of fiction, like Santa Claus. Let all who read this lesson cease idolatry forever. Join the Church of Humanity and help us to free others and save your own prosperity from idolatry. Do your duty and help to get others to do theirs. Send in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity right now.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or State.....

..... State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

NEW MEMBERS.

Since last report the following comrades have applied for membership and have been issued certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity, making them founders and charter members of it. It gives me great hope and encouragement to have the pleasure of introducing such a large number of new members to my comrades:

167. J. C. Cramer, Bucyrus, O., 31, iron moulder, American, none.

168. A. J. Boyer, 221 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 68, journalist, American, Protestant.

169. G. J. Kleinert, 714 Savoye street, W. Hoboken, N. J., 36, pilot, German, Catholic.

170. William A. Winham, 296 Hewes street, New York, 21, American.

171. C. L. Westmoreland, Royston, Ga., 66, shoemaker, American, Baptist.

172. S. A. Ginn, Royston, Ga., merchant and farmer, American, none.

173. George W. Lucas, Rocky Mount, N. C., 48, messenger, American, none.

174. Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.

175. R. D. Fausett, 417 University street, Waco, Tex., 47, cabinet maker, American, Methodist.

176. Joseph Ephraim, 291 E. 4th street, New York, 19, printer, Hebrew.

177. John Martin, Cayucos, Calif., 46, farmer, Irish, Catholic.

178. Miss Minnie Soll, Park River, N. D., 22, bookkeeper, American, none.

179. David Sanders, 512 Central avenue, Crookston, Minn., 38, clerk, Scandinavian, Presbyterian.

180. C. E. Kofford, Spring City, Utah, 57, farmer, American, Latter-Day Saints.

181. Dr. C. H. Mordoff, Genoa, Ill., 50, physician and surgeon, American, none.

182. John Hart, North Troy, N. Y., 101, farmer, American, none.

183. Henry Krogman, 514 Pine street, Crookston, Minn., 45, superintendent cemetery, German, Lutheran.

184. H. M. Fisk, Pella, Ia., 62, manufacturer, American, Methodist.

185. A. Jonsson, Gillette, Fla., 72, retired sea captain and fruit grower, Swede, Lutheran.

On behalf of the church I welcome most heartily these new comrades to membership, fellowship and friendship in this educational society. May they never regret this noble move they have made to encourage others to learn the truth about God and life and cease idolatry forever. You are leading the way out of idolatry to higher planes of civilization. May you ever prove faithful leaders by precept and example.

Quite a lot of people are civilized enough now to be taught the truth that Satan is a creation of fiction and hell a myth without deranging their moral equilibrium.

WHY DO THEY DO IT.

Corpus Christi, Tex., March 30, 1907.—Dear Sir and Brother: I enclose you money order for $1, for which you may mail me one hundred papers per month for the next four months, so that I may circulate them and thereby teach the people the truth about God. I take twenty copies of Bro. Peterson's *Examiner*, Paris, Texas. He gives our church hell sure, like all the rest of 'em. Ha! Ha! Fraternally,

ALLEN JOHNSON.

And there are others! See the *Humanitarian Review* for February, on page 73, and *The People's Press*, of April 6, in its editorials. But why do they do it? There is more abuse there of me and my comrades than came to my notice from the 900 editors of religious publications to whom I mailed our educational paper monthly for nearly a year. Many of them commented on the church and teaching and sent me marked copies. But there was no such abuse in them.

Mr. Peterson says he has "been fighting the church for fifty years." He saw the name "church" and trained his fighting battery on us from force of habit regardless of what we are teaching under that name.

The editor of *The People's Press*, Mr. Lenau, bases his objection to our society on the same grounds, the name. He says: "We don't want any certificate of membership in godless churches or any other churches—'they all look alike' to us. Kansas has always been freakish, and Mr. Kerr is only trying to keep up her reputation." He, too, has been "fighting the church," and, like Mr. Peterson, is unable to distinguish any difference in the teaching between ours and all others, as "they all look alike" to him. That gives me unbounded joy, as it insures great success for our church if some of the other claims of these critics are true. They both claim to be rationalists and reasoners par excellence. They both claim the idolaters are far below them in mental power and are, in fact, nothing but bundles of stupidity, being unable to think for themselves. Now, all idolaters love the name "church" as intensely as our critics hate it. They are untiring workers for it and freely dump their wealth into its contribution boxes. Our field workers will simply advertise a "church" where they wish to establish one, and the idolaters will flock to it, join it by the hundreds and dump their coin, bills and bonds into its coffers by the thousands, as all churches will "look alike" to them. That is, if they are really not any smarter than our critics, who assure us they are not half so intelligent. The only cloud that appears on the horizon of this bright prospect is the fear that my critics might possibly be mistaken in the idolaters not having any more sense than they have. They might have the mental power to observe some difference in the teaching of the Church of Humanity and other churches and be influenced in their actions thereby.

My old friend, Jamieson, in the *Humanitarian Review* for February, says (and I presume it is indorsed by the editor) "I was greatly pleased at the 'handling without gloves' you gave Kerr (page 484) in December last. If he can inveigle 'Freethinkers' to join his 'church,' let them 'jine'—but the whole thing is a humbug based on another humbug 'My Discovery'! * * * His term 'church' itself is, like his claim, 'My Discovery,' stolen property."

After being informed that we are all freaks we now learn for the first time we are all thieves! But, from whom did I steal the discoveries? Surely not from Mr. Jamieson, because he never knew them, and does not now, else he would not say "the whole thing is a humbug." That indicates that he believes the discoveries are not yet made.

If our critics would not go off half-cocked, but would take the trouble to study our literature, they would probably not go off at all. While I made the discoveries on which the Church of Humanity is based, and was the first one, to my knowledge, to announce them as discoveries, yet I never claimed to be the only discoverer of them. I wish millions of people had made it and organized societies to teach them centuries ago, so that I would have been taught them in childhood. It would have saved every one now the necessity of "discovering" them in order to know them. If we who have made the discoveries fail to organize and teach them it will leave to future generations the same necessity of discovering them if they know them at all. The very few who know them now proves that only one or two in a million will be able to make these discoveries for themselves. I have said time and again that I wanted to find 1,000 of the discoverers to organize them into an educational society to enable them to have them taught systematically to the people, that they may be rescued and preserved from idolatry thereby. I have stated many times that the first 1,000 members of the Church of Humanity were to be known as the original discoverers of the truths the church is based on, and the founders and charter members of it. That makes them all equals with myself, both as to making the discoveries and founding the society to teach them.

If the parties I stole the discoveries from are members of the Church of Humanity they have full credit as being original discoverers of them. But I want them to be liberal and make an active effort to give them away, so that no one else will be under the necessity of stealing them. If the parties are not in the church I want them to get in so they will have full credit as original discoverers, and where they can aid in giving them away. But if they refuse to proclaim to the world the discoveries they made, for want of which our race will be kept in perpetual idolatry, it was perfectly right that some one should have stolen them who would make them known to all. As my critic failed to give me the address of the parties I stole the discoveries from, and as they have failed to call my attention to the theft, I am unable to apologize to them. But no one will have to steal them from me, I am more than anxious to give them away. I am devoting my time and money in my effort to get people to accept them. I never knew before that to give a horse, cow, dog or baby the same name some others have, is stealing. But it must be if giving a society the same name another one has is stealing.

It is high time our critics were letting up and getting into the band wagon with us.

STATE ROLL CALL

In calling for those who have made the grand discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of individual life, in order to unite them in an educational society to enable them to have those new-found truths taught to posterity, that it may be saved from idolatry thereby, thirty-five states have responded with 185 of such discoverers as follows:

Kansas	28
Iowa	14
New York	13
Texas and Illinois	11
Ohio	10
Arkansas	9
Missouri	8
Kentucky and Washington	7
Oklahoma and Indiana	6
Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Montana and California	5
New Jersey and Minnesota	4
Utah, Colorado and Alabama	3
Wisconsin, South Carolina, North Carolina, North Dakota and Maryland	2
Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Hawaii	1

These people have made the greatest scientific discoveries ever made and want to organize to begin a methodical teaching of them to the people to save posterity from idolatry. When 1,000 such discoverers have answered this call by applications for membership in the Church of Humanity I shall call an international delegate convention of the church members to formally organize and incorporate the society.

I hope to have the first two hundred to announce in the July issue, and want all subscribers who are ready to graduate in the knowledge of God to send in at once for their certificates. Three new states are represented, and some have doubled their membership in the last month. Put your respective state forward in this grand work by sending in your membership applications. Do it today!

HESTON RELIEF FUND.

The balance to be raised on Comrade Heston's doctor and funeral bills is $180.

Previously acknowledged, $115.80.

Since last report the following comrades have contributed as follows:

Jack Frantz, 105 Greenston street, New York	.50
John Hirt, 730 Clinton street, Cincinnati, O.	5.00
Sander Soll, Park River, N. D	1.00
Dr. Hollderson, Park River, N. D	.75
Total contributed	$123.05
Balance yet to be raised	56.95

Comrades who have not contributed should do so now and raise this small balance to relieve his widow of this long-standing debt over which she worries greatly, but is unable to pay. We should all cultivate the good qualities of sympathy and charity and here is a worthy opportunity.

PREPARE FOR DEATH

Comrades, the surest guarantee you can make that you will not be buried in an idolater's grave by idolatrous ceremonies is to see to it now that your family and friends are taught the new discoveries regarding God and life taught by your church and enrolled as members of it. Get the women and children of your families in your church. Then you will be reasonably safe from the disgrace of an idolatrous funeral. Teach them the lessons from TRUTH ABOUT GOD that prove God and Jesus Christ myths, and what death means. Then have them fill out membership applications and send me and I will do the rest. Dr. Wilson should unite with the Church of Humanity and make a special preparation to conduct funerals of our dead on short notice. I believe our comrades would organize a mutual burial association on the assessment plan to employ him, or some other qualified person, to conduct their funerals. We need some such arrangement made in advance. It is too late when a comrade dies to make it for him then.

ABOLISH WARS.

Along with our task of abolishing idolatry by teaching the people the truth about God and life, we should do all in our power to abolish wars by doing all we can in aid of the permanent establishment of the Congress of the United Nations for the peaceful settlement of all matters.

Owing to the annihilation of time and distance through modern methods of communication and transportation all nations are brought closer together than were the states of the Union fifty years ago. There is no more sense in two nations going to war than there would be in two states doing it. Our national motto should be "Millions for peace, but not one cent for slaughter."

The coming peace conference at The Hague next month should make arrangements to establish a permanent Congress of United Nations to convene annually and enact international laws.

I believe this sentiment for peace is unanimous with my comrades and the Church of Humanity gives its full power and influence to the sentiment for universal peace.

Subscribers: I don't want you to remain in the study class one day longer than necessary to graduate in the knowledge of God. You must then get into the graduated class by applying for a certificate of graduation. Please read the lesson herein on the proof of God's mythical nature. If it convinces you God is a myth please send in your application for certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God. That certificate makes you a life member of the Church of Humanity and one of its founders and charter members. Sixteen readers graduated in February. I want a still larger class to graduate monthly. If you are ready to graduate, please fill out the application blank in this copy and send it to me. Idolaters cannot believe the great discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity unless they know other people believe them. Hence the necessity of all who know them making it known through the Church of Humanity.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Creating a Demand.

It has been said that every demand can be supplied. If that be true, it is only necessary to create a demand for the teaching of the discoveries that Gods are creations of fiction and life ended at death to induce people to prepare themselves and come forward as teachers of these discoveries. So far, there has been no demand for such teachers. On the contrary, there has been a vast demand for the teaching of error regarding those subjects. Millions of people have prepared themselves and come forward to supply that demand. Hence the people have kept themselves well supplied with the teachers of idolatry by creating the demand for them.

I know many poor observers lay the idolatry of our race to the clergy, but that is a mistake. When a clergyman dies or moves away you will notice that his congregation will at once send for another one. He will say he was "called" by the command of God. But he really came to fill a demand of the people. There is a great difference between a *command* and a *demand*. A command can make people do things without price if there is authority with sufficient power back of it. A demand must have a sufficient price attached to it to be effective. God, being a fabulous being, can not give commands. Idolaters offering a tempting salary create the demand for teachers of idolatry and the demand is supplied, and ever will be regardless of how many die or move away. There can be no demand for teachers of truth regarding God and life until those making it attach a money consideration to it. There must be a price set on it, and that price must be high enough and permanent enough to justify people in preparing to supply the demand.

The Church of Humanity is nearly two hundred strong and ought to be able to begin the creation of a demand for teachers of its discovered truths. I shall start the nucleus of the first demand ever made by our race for teachers of the truth about God and life, and shall ask my comrades to join me in creating this demand by pledges for similar purposes. I head this demand by the following personal offers, good annually for ten years, beginning January 20, 1908:

1. For a National Instructor for the United States, annually for ten years, $100.
2. For a State Instructor for Kansas, annually for ten years, $100.
3. For a Local Instructor for Great Bend, annually for ten years, $300.
4. To maintain the church preparatory college, annually for ten years, $100.
5. To build a church edifice in Great Bend, $1,000.
6. To build a residence for Local Instructor, $500.

This pledge is for the minimum amounts. I may be able to give much more some years.

Besides the foregoing, I shall give the Church of Humanity a clear warranty deed to the building here for its preparatory college as soon as it is able to maintain a college. The building could not be reproduced now for less than $50,000. In addition to this, I expect to have a few thousand dollars worth of property to leave by will to the church, when I am through with it, provided the church is organized and incorporated and actively teaching its discovered truths, and saving people from idolatry thereby.

Now, comrades, this marks the beginning of creating a demand for the teaching of the two great discoveries our church has made. I want you to add to this demand until it becomes great enough to induce some of our comrades to prepare to supply it. Fill out the following blank pledge, or one like it, and send to me to be published in our church paper.

Now, comrades, express in dollars and cents what it is worth to you to have those discoveries taught that will save your families from idolatry. Help to create a demand for teachers that will teach the truth about God and life. When that demand is great enough the teachers will be forthcoming to supply it. The Agnostics, who now boast of their ignorance of those subjects and take a pride in declaring their inability to learn anything about them, will see a new light. Pride in their ignorance will diminish greatly and they will make an effort to learn something if they desire to make themselves of any value to us as teachers. The Church of Humanity must create the demand for its own teachers and also supply it from its own ranks. Then people able to supply the demand will get into the ranks where they should be. When our demand for such teachers becomes great enough to induce young people to take a course at our preparatory college they will come and prepare to fill that demand. All we need to do in this matter is to be as sensible and practical as we are in other matters. We do not ask or expect our children to be taught in any branch of knowledge without paying the teachers. We must pay enough to create a demand for teachers and justify them in preparing themselves for the work. We should be as sensible and practical as the idolaters are. They want their children taught the things they believe to be true regarding God and life, and unite in societies to enable them to create a demand for teachers of those things by the offer of salaries that will bring them. In the practical work and business methods in organizing and teaching we must follow their example to win success. We are on the right track at last and should move along now with confidence and firmness.

When the Church of Humanity has a tempting salary pledged for ten years in advance for instructors there will be people with ability as public speakers who will turn their attention to the demand and prepare to fill it.

Come, now, my comrades, fill up the blank pledges with nice tempting bait and rush them in and see how much of a demand we can create for the teaching of those discoveries that will save our posterity from idolatry.

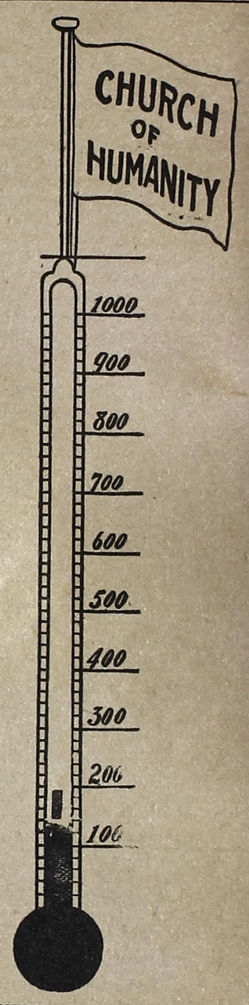
I hereby promise to pay to qualified instructors, provided by the Church of Humanity, annually for ten years, if I live, the following amounts:

1. To our National Instructor, ...
2. To my State Instructor, ...
3. To my Local Instructor, ...
4. To maintain the preparatory college, annually for ten years, ...
5. To build a local church, ...

It is understood that the instructors provided are to be members of the Church of Humanity, and to hold commissions as to their fitness and qualifications for such offices, provided by a national board of examiners of the Church of Humanity.

Name .....

Address .....



SHOWING THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

HARD TO PLEASE.

My friend, W. H. Maple, editor of the Ingersoll *Memorial Beacon*, is surely hard to please in the matter of organization. In the May *Beacon* he calls special attention to Dr. T. J. Bowle's plea for an organization of Rationalists in that issue. Then he proceeds to use up over a page and a half in adverse criticism of myself and comrades in our efforts at organization. He then switches over again and uses nearly a page in stating his disagreement with General William Birney's pamphlet against organization. The majority of Mr. Maple seems to be in favor of organization, since he decided twice in its favor and once against it. But it is noted he voted in favor of it where only talk was used and against it where actual organization is being done. That would indicate that he is in favor of it so long as nothing but the wind work is being done, but against it the moment real organization begins.

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To find fault with God for the wickedness attributed to him by his makers expresses as much ignorance of him as a child would of Santa Claus by blaming him for not bringing it toys.

The idolatrous churches will have at least one thing to thank the Church of Humanity for, and that is that it is now attracting most of the venom of the Freethought press from them to itself.

An editor who believes in the possibility of there being "a very 'bad' God who has a special liking for fires and earthquakes and railroad smash-ups" does not know enough about God to free himself from idolatry, much less others.

help to build up an educational society with thousands of teachers, backed by billions of dollars, it would probably take two thousand years to teach these discoveries to the world so thoroughly as to make them acceptable to all.

A part of the Freethought press seems to hold the same relation to the Church of Humanity as the idolatrous church did to the scientists a few centuries ago. I wonder if it will borrow its instruments of torture to use on us.

The teaching of hatred of God and churches frees no one from superstition and is not what we want at all. What we want, and are willing to pay for, is the truth about God and life and the establishment of societies to teach it.

The lesson and other good features are crowded out of this issue to make room to repel the attacks of the Freethought press on the Church of Humanity. I shall not divert our space from its proper uses often in this way. If the fight to destroy our society is continued on their part we had best put them on the black list and see them no more forever. We can not afford to sacrifice our children to idolatry for all the Freethought publications in existence.

Subscribers: If you disapprove of the campaign inaugurated by a part of the Freethought press to prevent their subscribers from organizing, please let your protest be known by applying for membership in the Church of Humanity. That will be the only effective way you can protest. Do not let them force us to give up the good start we have made. The rescue and preservation of your own posterity from idolatry depends on the success of this society. Join it, stand by it and help to defend it against all comers.

Freethought publications that fight organized societies regardless of what they teach are of no value in freeing people from idolatry, since they have an unworthy motive.

Friend Maple's idea of "progressive thought" in the knowledge of God may be like the Irishman's idea of cropping his dog's ears. He cut off a small slice each day in order to not hurt it too much at once. He may believe our race should eventually get to where the Church of Humanity is, but that it should put in one hundred thousand years more in getting there. Well, don't be afraid that the world will learn our discoveries too fast. Though the entire Freethought press of the world should have the good sense to unite with us and devote its energies to the teaching of these discoveries and

The Church of Humanity received only five new members in May. I charge this low record directly to the baneful influence of the hostile part of the Freethought press. A large proportion of our comrades are old people—over 65 years of age. I wanted to get the required number to formally organize while they are living so that the organizing convention could have the influence of their wisdom and experience to guide it in framing the organic laws of the society. This unwise fight of the editors on their subscribers' effort to organize is retarding the growth of the society and will put it back many years in reaching the 1,000 mark, where formal organization and incorporation is to begin. Many of our old comrades will have died by the time we get the required number if the hostility of the press we have helped to support for years is not withdrawn.

NEW MEMBERS.

186. Mrs. Louise W. Terhune, 816 W. Walnut street, Danville, Ky., 63, housekeeper, English, Episcopal.

187. J. N. Austin, Edmond, Okla., 48, liveryman, American, none.

188. G. P. Parker, Edmond, Okla., farmer, American, English, none.

189. G. J. Lambrigger, Niobrara, Neb., 44, truck farmer, Swiss, English and German, Catholic.

190. L. I. Lambrigger, Niobrara, Neb., 42, farmer, Swiss, English and German, Catholic.

191. V. G. Smith, Trinidad, Cal., 73, farmer, American, English, none.

192. Miss Fanny C. Fischer, 67 E. 4th street, New York, 20, worker, English, none.

Comrades, I welcome you to this society home. No one can save us from idolatry but ourselves, and we must unite in a society to do that. No one can save our children from idolatry but ourselves, and we must unite in a society to enable us to give them the necessary teaching. Children can not build society for themselves. We must do it for them. Then let us all work in unison and harmony in this society building. We have a common interest in it and will receive a common benefit from it. Please do all you can to aid in the upbuilding of our common society. Urge those you know who are eligible to unite with us. In union there is strength and popularity. The best rebuke you can give to the enemies of the Church of Humanity is to send in your applications for membership in it and aid in its upbuilding.

DESTROYING ORGANIZATION.

It will never be necessary for idolaters to pay any attention to any attempt at organization to teach the truths that would overthrow idolatry, for they can depend on the Freethought press preventing any such organization. We have had contributions to the destruction of the Church of Humanity from several of the Freethought papers, and the attack has only begun and will doubtless be joined in by the rest of them.

We have not reached the 200 mark, but Mr. Maple has become scared at our success and proposes to protest against it, as he thinks "real friends of progressive thought" should do. In the first consignment of his protest he says:

"We believe Mr. Kerr to be both earnest and honest, but this does not imply that his scheme is a good one for the promotion of scientific knowledge and reasonable right doing—the two great aims of the rationalistic propaganda."

To unite to enable us to prepare and employ qualified teachers to teach our children the necessary truths to save them from idolatry is not a "rationalistic propaganda" and must be stopped by order of Mr. Maple. To teach the truth about God and life is not a good scheme "for the promotion of scientific knowledge and reasonable right-doing," and must be stopped by order of Mr. Maple. The negroes everywhere can organize to enable them to teach their children the errors they have learned. There are about 500 in this town and they maintain two churches of their own. But we must not manifest as much intelligence and ability as they do. We must not organize to teach our children the truths we have learned because it would "injure the cause of sane scientific rationalism." Oh, no, we must not injure that dear cause, whatever it is, if our posterity has to continue worshiping myths forever. The Church of Humanity intended to teach all the truths and good moral ethics taught by all the other churches, and I thought that would be "reasonable right-doing," but now I am informed it is not and must give it up. The Church of Humanity intended to teach the truth about God and life in place of the errors about them taught in other churches, but now I am informed that would not be a good scheme for the promotion of "scientific knowledge."

The fact is that all scientific knowledge, excepting that regarding God and life taught by the Church of humanity, is taught in all the great universities and it has not checked idolatry there or anywhere else in the least. The discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity regarding God and life is "scientific knowledge" of those subjects. But it will never be taught in existing societies and schools because of the inability to reconcile and harmonize it with the idolatry in those institutions. Therefore, a special society must be organized for their special teaching. If you Freethought editors succeed in killing the Church of Humanity, as you intend to do, the hope of promulgating the scientific knowledge of God and life will be destroyed and those grand discoveries will be lost to our race for centuries.

NOTICE.

If the Freethought editors kill the Church of Humanity by their abuse, and make it impossible for their readers to ever organize to provide that society and teaching necessary to save their posterity from the idolatry of worshiping creations of fiction, such as God and Jesus Christ, the pledge I make on first page will be good to any organized church of white people that will teach the discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life. All the aid in money and free work I have promised to the Church of Humanity will be given to the active organizing society accepting the proposition.

It is hard to tell where the Freethought press stands. It is apparently divided in its energies between abusing the idolatrous churches for not advancing fast enough and the Church of Humanity for advancing too fast.

Comrades: I appoint all of you a Committee on Public Education for our church. The public must be educated in the discoveries our church has made. You must do it. No one else can. I ask each of you to take a bundle of copies monthly for distribution. I want each of you to be a center of education in your respective neighborhoods. You can get some boy to distribute the papers if you have not the time. I want you to order 10,000 copies monthly at once. It is extremely important that you should do this now. Before a month I want to get an order from each of you for a bundle of papers monthly for a year. Please act at once. To you in bundles, the price is only one-fourth of a cent per copy.

33 copies monthly, one year.	$ 1.00
66 copies monthly, one year.	2.00
100 copies monthly, one year.	3.00
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Many of you are able to take 500 copies monthly, and you should do it. Just think of it! Here is a chance to teach your neighbors the truth about God at a cost of only 3 cents per family per year. Did you ever hear of such vitally important education being given so cheaply? You never had such a chance as this. You must seize it now. Send in your order at once. I shall have a few extra thousand copies run off of this issue to fill your orders as they come in. Don't disappoint me. Millions of copies of religious publications are distributed weekly through the various church societies in this way. We must follow their methods in that respect. I will do my part to the best of my ability. You must do yours, as I can do nothing without your aid. By co-operation among ourselves, we can accomplish the object so dear to us all. Do your part, comrades, and do it now. We must all cease abusing Christians for their ignorance and begin to educate them. That is the better plan, the more honorable and the more effective.

LOST CONFIDENCE.

The attitude of the editors of Freethought publications toward the attempt of their subscribers to organize a suitable society for themselves and families deeply grieves me, as it doubtless does my comrades. I did everything in my power to induce them to join with us in this movement and help us build up this society, that is positively necessary to give our families the required teaching that can save them from idolatry. I am unable to express my sad disappointment in them. My hope of their assistance has vanished. My confidence in their ability to organize has been dispelled. My belief that they really cared to save anyone from idolatry was erroneous. My idea that they had the ability to lead the vanguard of our race to higher planes of civilization was a delusion. I was mistaken in my belief that they knew the truth about God and life. Their attitude toward their subscribers who do know the truth, and wish it taught in a systematic way by an organization for that purpose has been a rude awakening to me. My earnest entreaties for them to join with us and help in the work of society-building have been spurned with contempt. My articles advocating organization and outlining suitable plans have been thrown in their waste baskets. My search for people who know the truth about God and life in order that they could be invited to form a society to teach it could only be made by paying the usual advertising rates, when allowed to make it at all, through their publications. And now, when they see we are making some advancement and have a fair prospect of success, they unite to destroy it. They could not unite to help build a society for their subscribers and their families, but they can unite to destroy it. They have no room for a word of aid and encouragement for society building, but they have any amount of free space to be devoted to the destruction of the start we have made. Some of them accepted the money our dead comrade left, to be used in the church work, to advertise for people eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity. Then they wrote page after page of criticism of us to make that advertising worthless and to keep their readers from organizing.

I had thought the active idolaters would be the only ones to fight us because our discoveries destroy the very foundation of their idolatry. But to my amazement, the Freethought press are the only active fighters of our movement. They are the only editors who have taken alarm at our teaching and are nearly unanimous in their hostility to it and the effort of their subscribers to organize to teach it.

Comrade, I appeal to you! Is it fair? Is it right and just that they should destroy our work of organization? The Church of Humanity is yours as much as it is mine. The grand discoveries it has made and is teaching are yours as much as mine. The teaching of them is the only thing that can possibly save your posterity and mine from idolatry of fabulous beings. Must our posterity remain in idolatry forever for want of the knowledge of the discoveries you and I have made? Must these great scientific discoveries be lost again to our race for want of some society to make them known? Must the honor of making these discoveries and proclaiming them to the world be left to some other generation in the distant future? It is for you to say. The fate of the society is in your hands. Will you rally to the defense and preservation of your society, or will you give aid and encouragement to its destroyers? You are subscribers to one or more of those publications that are seeking the destruction of your society. You have the power to request their editors to cease fighting your society or take your name off their subscription list. When they come between you and the only hope you can have of saving your loved ones from idolatry, your course is clear and your duty is plain. They are not saving your posterity from idolatry, and never can do it. They are now using their power to prevent you from doing it. Being your representative, I am naturally the target of their abuse and criticism, and the bulk of it will fall on my shoulders. But, I tell you comrades, I shall loyally stand by you and your society against the combind abuse of the entire Freethought press. At your command I shall put on the black list each publication that develops the fighting fever against your society. At your command I shall not hesitate to check them off our free directory and my exchange list. That will be a notice that they have, by their unfair treatment and abuse, forfeited the good will of the Church of Humanity and are not entitled to the patronage of its members.

OBSERVATIONS OBSERVED.

I have written a reply for the *Beacon* to Mr. Maple's "Observations" concerning the efforts of his subscribers to organize, and hope he will publish it, but I wish to comment more fully on a point or two, and on one or two I overlooked.

The first point I wish to note is in reference to my lessons proving God's mythical nature where Mr. Maple suggests that "possibly it may be a very 'bad' God who has a special liking for fires and earthquakes and railroad smashups" that causes the destruction of life there recorded. It is remarkably strange to see the editors of Freethought publications taking up the defense of superstition for the idolaters against their own subscribers, who are making a feeble effort to organize to enable them to save their posterity from it. There are thousands of editors of religious publications, and hundred of thousands of clergymen whose special duty it is to teach and defend the idolatry of the people. If they knew about it they would smile to see the way the Freethought editors take up their burden and attempt to knock out their enemy, the Church of Humanity, which is composed of their own subscribers. They would be further pleased to see them use their own reasoning and argument. When my dear little son, Albert, was struck down in the harvest field by lightning I was informed that some Christians said it was a judgment from God for my belief in his non-existence. I wrote an article for the local papers, defending my position and criticising idolaters for worshiping a being they believed could be guilty of such atrociousness. An idolater came to the rescue of his idol's character in a two-column article to prove that it was the work of the Devil, the name of Mr. Maple's "bad" God. Many Christians have learned that the Devil is a myth, and I was under the impression that all the Freethought editors had, and made no effort to prove him such. It seems, though, that I have greatly overestimated the wisdom of some of those editors, and may have to establish a special kindergarten department in our paper for their exclusive benefit to bring them up to the knowledge of some idolaters regarding the Devil.

Another great mistake he made is: "As we have said before, it is an easy matter to destroy gods—that is, particular creatures of the imagination." * * * Such talk as that is fatal to the necessary effort to overthrow idolatry. Nothing causes a stop in work quicker than the belief that the job is done. No one will prepare adequately to do a work that is underestimated. The trouble is, Friend Maple, like idolaters, mistakes "particular creatures of the imagination" for real beings, and, of course, thinks it not necessary or desirable to destroy the belief in them. The Devil is a "creature of the imagination," like Santa Claus, yet Mr. Maple does not find it "an easy matter" to free himself of the Devil-idea, as shown by his belief in the existence of a "bad God."

God, Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost, soul, heaven, hell and Satan are all pure "creations of the imagination," but it is not an easy matter to destroy the belief in them as realities. All these, or similar myths, are believed to be realities by practically our entire race. Each generation is taught by their parents and an army of teachers that they are realities, yet my mistaken friend says it is an easy matter to destroy that belief. In the United States alone there is an army of 154,390 ministers hired by 31,148,445 idolators to teach this superstition to the rising generation in 201,608 churches. There is in the world another army of 2,426,888 Sunday school teachers teaching that these creatures of the imagination are realities to 22,739,323 children in 262,131 Sunday schools. My friend thinks it is so easy to vanquish these hordes of idolatrous teachers that he is alarmed for their safety and rushes to the defense of their superstition against the Church of Humanity, and calls that the work of "real friends of progressive thought" * * * "in the cause of sane scientific rationalism."

Another delusion Mr. Maple is under, and, I suspect, is shared by other editors of his class, is that I am wanting them to aid me in something they get no benefit out of. Now, I never viewed it in that light at all, but have been guided by the thought of co-operation among all the editors and all their subscribers for the accomplishment of an object of equal value to all that could not possibly be obtained in any other way. He says:

"He (Kerr) has no word of encouragement for any other (organization), and is astonished that all the Freethought editors do not turn in and give him a boost."

There is no other organization for me to encourage, but I want to aid all I can in establishing thousands of them. I supposed the editors had families they wished saved from idolatry, that they were really interested in freeing all the people from idolatry and promoting civilization. I thought if we could organize an educational society able to do that it would be an equal "boost" for us all. I have always regarded myself as an isolated reader of their papers and not a rival editor. This little organization sheet is designed to express the wishes of their subscribers as such. It is printed to let them know what their readers want them to do and to teach, and how they want them to organize into an educational society with them and help them more effectually to give their families the necessary teaching to save them from idolatry, which can not be done under present arrangements. But now you meet this desire of your subscribers with not only a flat refusal, but a demand "that some real friends of progressive thought protest against (their) movement, which, to the extent that it is successful, will injure the cause of scientific rationalism much more than it will hurt ecclesiasticism." You not only refuse to "boost" your subscribers to what they want, but propose to do all in your power to prevent them from getting it. If you will turn to the first page and read the pledge of aid I make to the organization you certainly will concede that I am willing to aid a little in the boosting business myself. If you and all the other editors were members of the society, and working in co-operation and harmony with it, it seems to me you would all be boosted a little by my aid, perhaps as much as your aid would "boost" me. My idea is for all my comrades to do all they can to booost the society in general, but not any member of it in particular.

I do hope you will be able some time to comprehend this movement and get into it and do some real boosting in the right direction. It is what every one of you editors should have done on the first invitation. You can be sure if you kill this effort of your subscribers to organize it will be the last one they will attempt to make.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
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Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.
The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

OUR CRITIC.

The Examiner returns my article. It is remarkably strange that by far the greatest abuse of myself and the Church of Humanity has come from what is supposed to be a Freethought source. I would pay no attention to it whatever except that my reply can be used as a means to teach my position and that of the Church of Humanity to prospective comrades that might be led astray by the second consignment of abuse in *The Examiner* (Paris, Tex.), for March and April.

Mr. J. Peterson, the editor, proposes to let me make a statement in *The Examiner* if I will republish his abusive article in our church paper. I decline, with thanks. The price is more than I care to pay. I have too much respect for my comrades to fill their paper with abuse of them from anybody. He persists in misunderstanding the nature of my work now and what I purpose doing. He conjures up things he supposes I am doing and then abuses me for doing them when I have no thought of doing them at all. But, as I have no more desire to abuse anyone than to be abused, I shall throw the cloak of charity over him and try to find excuses for his abuse:

1. He is old—in his 77th year.

2. His sight is very poor, and perhaps he has not read much of our church paper—not enough to grasp the meaning of our movement and comprehend what we are doing and intend to do.

3. He and I are working along two entirely different lines of thought and action that really have very little in common. Hence, being under the impression that I am trying to do the same thing he is and seeing I am not using his method gives him a basis for his abuse. I am inclined to believe this is the real cause of it. But if it is it puzzles me to understand why he, being a Freethinker, should abuse me, for doing my work in my own way, more than the millions of people do who make no claim to being Freethinkers. Now, I shall try to make plain to him the fundamental differences between his work and that of the Church of Humanity, that he may see it is on a different road entirely and not trying to take his job away from him. Then I hope he will stop abusing it from jealousy or any other motive. I shall state his life's work in his own language, which is the base and object of his labors. In his first attack on me under "An Emissary of the Pope" is this: "We are in the sere and yellow leaf of seventy-seven years, and have been fighting the 'Church' for over half a century, and this is the first attempt, so far as we recall, of any reformer, real or pretended, to collect Infidels into a society under the shibboleth, the trade-mark universal, of the whole hoodoo Klamjamfry." That sentence not only gives the key to his life's work, but reveals his mistaken idea of mine. I am not a "reformer," as he believes. I am teaching two great newly discovered scientific truths—that God is a myth and life ends at death. The teaching of scientific truth is not reform work. Neither am I trying "to collect Infidels into a society," etc., as he believes. I am not trying to collect either Infidels, Atheists, Agnostics, Freethinkers, Secularists, Materialists or people of any other title or name into a society, because very few answering to any of those titles know the truths that God is a myth and death the end of life. I am only collecting those few who have discovered these grand truths from all societies and from no societies in order to have them found a new educational organization based on those two great truths that they may be enabled thereby to have them taught to their posterity that it may be saved from idolatry. But here is the main difference in the basic principles that separated his work from that of the Church of Humanity. He has "been fighting the 'church' for over half a century," and, of course, will keep on doing that to the end of his days, while the Church of Humanity fights nobody and no society, but simply tends to its own business of teaching the discoveries it is being founded to teach. He fights the name "church" regardless of whether truth or error is taught by a society bearing that name, and that maybe the only reason why he "fights" the Church of Humanity. It may be from force of habit, acquired by "fighting the 'church' for over half a century." In fact, a careful reading of both articles discloses the principle reason for the attack is the name "church," and it furnishes the best illustration I have seen of the truth of his statement that "the world goes crazy over *words*." He says: "As it (my article) was written with a pale pencil, and hard on our bad sight, we took our time to wade through it and then returned it, for the reason that there was not one syllable of the entire article in reply to our objections to the misuse of the word 'church' as a proper name for Infidels to work under." As stated before, I am not asking or desiring "Infidels" to work under that name or any other. I am asking people who know that God is a myth and life ended at death to unite under the Church of Humanity to enable them to have those truths taught to the people. Not many Infidels know those truths and it would be absurd to think of organizing people to teach a thing they did not know, or, at least, think they know. I want the people of all names and titles to learn these truths and then unite with the people who know them *in one society* and abandon their former class names, as all Christians do after joining the Church of Humanity. Many of those who have united, both ex-church members and those who never united with any other church, had been answering to the various names above mentioned. But I want them all to drop their former titles, as none of them represents people who know these truths.

As to my reasons for applying the name I did to the society, many of them have been given several times in the church paper and it becomes monotonous to repeat so often. I guess I will have to put them in a booklet for the benefit of those who do not read the paper thoroughly, and new subscribers who may object to the name. I shall give a few, however, and ask him to have patience until I can get the booklet out as my reason for using the name would fill several copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD. As none object to "Humanity," I shall give my reasons for using "Church":

1. It is the name under which the people receive their teaching regarding God and death.

2. As my discoveries are about those two subjects it is the proper name under which to teach them.

3. As all other church societies are organized to teach error regarding those subjects none can teach these new-found truths, hence the necessity of a new church society to teach them.

4. The people we wish to reach and rescue from idolatry by the teaching of these discoveries love and respect it.

5. Other churches, remembering their early struggles for existence, and the abuse and persecutions they endured from more powerful societies, will be slow to repeat the injustice of which they themselves complained.

6. Other church societies, being free to use their time and money in teaching what they believe true, will concede the same right to this new church society.

7. It will put us on equal footing and respectability with members of all other churches.

8. We can then do as we think other churches should do, viz.: teach the sciences, welcome every new-found truth in nature, receive the scientists with joy and make them our teachers.

9. We can then return the kind invitations of neighbors and friends by inviting them to attend our church.

10. We can demonstrate to all other churches how moral ethics can be taught without teaching people to be idolaters; that it is not necessary to take on a new vice to free ourselves from an old one.

11. We will want orderly conduct at our meetings, and the people have been trained to behave themselves in church.

12. It puts us in a position to unite with other churches in advocating a good cause or protesting against a bad one.

13. The law will defend our rights and property equally with other churches.

14. Knowing the truth about God and death, and being members of a "church," we will not be subjects for evangelists to "convert" to idolatry and the delusion about immortality.

15. It will put us in a position to make a reciprocity treaty with other churches, wherein we can swap them truths to teach for their method of teaching. We have the truths and they have developed the method of teaching to perfection, else they could not make people believe such monstrous delusions in the light of twentieth century civilization. But it will be a happy combination when each church knows the truths and the method of teaching them.

16. It is following the line of least resistance to accomplish a desired object, which makes the name justifiable. In this case, at least, the end justifies the means.

17. Our children can be raised up in a "church," learn its teachings in early childhood, attend its Sunday school, help to do the teaching later, marry those with like knowledge, have the benefits of society culture and sociability, live in a church society as their mental home, and finally, die in the full knowledge of their church teaching without fear and be buried by their comrades with appropriate farewell address from their instructor.

18. The members of this church will be a constant object lesson to members of all idolatrous churches to prove to them that it is possible for people to live, enjoy life, be happy and prosperous, be good citizens in every respect and die peacefully in the conscious knowledge all the time that there is no God and no future life. It is just what idolaters need, and it will do more to cause them to accept the truth than anything else.

19. To give the result of all the additional reasons in one, it is simply the only name under which the results I wish accomplished can be realized.

(To be Continued.

Comrades, remember that the abuse of myself in the Freethought papers is indirectly aimed at your society. They are determined to smash it if they can. Will you allow them to do it?

To curse and abuse churches because our ignorant ancestors used to "burn witches" and scientists is on a par with the justice and intelligence of Presbyterians who consign infants to an imaginary hell because a creation of fiction ate an apple of the same make thousands of years ago.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Making Favorable Conditions.

The material prosperity of a people can not be judged by the very few who revel in luxuries. It must be judged by the general condition of the great common masses. The greatest material benefactors of the people are they who labor to make conditions favorable for all the people to acquire the luxuries of life.

Likewise, in judging of the wisdom of a people, that of the great common masses must be taken as the basis of judgment.

When we come to grade them on their knowledge of the two great subjects—God and life—they get a very poor grade indeed. We find from the innumerable false answers that practically our entire race is still lost in the primeval jungle of superstition regarding those vital subjects. In that vast jungle our race has formed, mentally, a few great encampments with hundreds of smaller ones surrounding them. They formed their camps around what they believed to be the truths regarding those vital subjects and there intrenched themselves in tradition and authority and custom to withstand a siege while they waged a continual mental, and sometimes physical, warfare on each other to win recruits or break up opposing camps. From time to time great leaders arose in the various camps who perceived, on close investigation, that it was error instead of truth they were camping around and made great schisms in their respective camps by leading their followers to another part of the jungle and pitching their tents and unfurling their banners around what they believed to be the real thing. They there repeated the methods of the mother camp only to fall victims to her experience as advancing intelligence produced abler investigators of those subjects. This process has been going on since history began, and doubtless for ages before. Let the nine great religions of the world represent the primary camps of superstition into which our race is divided. Christianity represents the largest of these camps and includes about one-third of our race. Since it is camped around error it is a blessing to our race that it is weakened by eight schisms, which divide it into eight camps, as hostile to each other as they are to the other primary camps. These secondary camps are again happily weakened by numerous subdivisions into hostile camps of various sizes. So long as they are all based on error it is a blessing their power is weakened by division and subdivision. Were any of them based on truth their weakness through division would be a great misfortune. While this weakness makes it possible to form other camps around other errors, such as the Mormon, Spiritualist, Dowie and Eddy camps, it also makes it possible to find the real truth and establish a camp around it, as the Church of Humanity is doing. This camp is unique in that it departs radically from all former methods of camp-founding. The features that distinguish its founding from all others are:

1. Its teaching is not based on the ideas expressed in any book, as is that of all the secondary camps.

2. It is not based on a pretended revelation from mythical beings, as are some of the primary camps.

3. It has no individual leader and founder, as all the others had.

4. It is not a schism from any particular camp.

5. Its basic truths were found in Nature by the scientific process of discovery, viz., experience, observation and investigation, and are, therefore, the voice of science on those subjects.

6. The evidence of its basic truths being material nothing has to be accepted on faith or belief, but each one can know for himself the evidence of the truths when properly pointed out to him by qualified instructors.

7. It is the first camp ever pitched on solid, scientific ground in the radiant light of knowledge outside of the jungle of superstition. At last a few have extricated themselves from that dreadful jungle. They are going into camp around the new-found truths by mutual consent in advance of any leader. They have unfurled their banner, on which is inscribed the truths they found as they emerged from the jungle of superstition, and that inscription proclaims that "All Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life." They intend to establish a permanent camp here and keep their banner raised in sight of all the camps in the jungle as a beacon light to guide all who wish to move out of the jungle of superstition. To this camp will be welcomed all comers. It has now two hundred enrolled members and recruits are coming in weekly. As soon as we are able we intend sending guides to all the camps in the jungle to explain to them the right road to take to get out and the desirability of getting out. We will not be so little and mean as to abandon our families and loved ones in the jungle while we enjoy a continual feast of the grand truths of Nature. We have several hundred dollars now subscribed for hiring guides to conduct the people in the jungle to our camp. When it grows large enough it will have all the proper society attractions for children and young people the other camps have. Try to get your families to come with you to this camp. But if they will not come now, come on yourself and help us to employ guides to go back for them. You need not move or discontinue your business to reach our camp. Just fill out the blank membership application in this copy and mail it to me and you will get a certificate of graduation in the knowledge of God, and life membership in our society, making you one of its founders and charter members. Since last month the following comrades have taken up their permanent residence in our camp under its banner:

193. John P. Williams, Dallas, Ga., 60, farmer, American, Methodist.

194. Mrs. Andrew Lindal, 103 Steiner street, San Francisco, Cal., 64, Norwegian, Lutheran.

195. O. B. Berglund, Gunnison, Utah, 48, merchant, Swede, English.

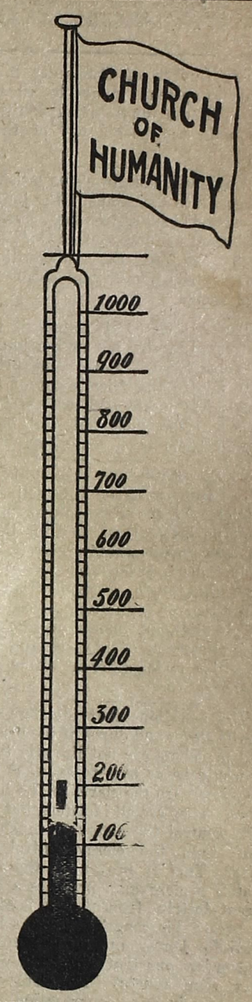
196. E. B. Cox, Samaria, Idaho, 36, shepherd, American, Mormon.

197. W. N. Griswold, Amarillo, Tex., 60, employment agency, American, none.

198. O. E. Saylor, 327 East First street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 25, auditor, English.

We welcome these new recruits to our camp. We shall try to make it as pleasant and as comfortable as we can for you. It is a new camp. We have very few of the conveniences and none of the luxuries of the older camps. In time we will have them. Our location is grand and compensates for the want of society luxuries in the jungle. We are on the beautiful borderland of science overlooking the grand truths of Nature ahead and the dismal jungle of superstition behind. We congratulate you on your wise choice of camps. You were ashamed of and disgusted with camp life in the jungle of superstition, where they deify dead men, worship man-made Gods and are scared out of their wits by Ghosts and Devils of their own imagination.

There is work for you to do in this camp. We want you to help us to make it ring with life and energy and industry. We want you to help to make it a genuine pioneer boom-town. We want you to help us to hold aloft our banner so it can be seen from all the camps in the jungle. We want you to help us to send back guides to bring thousands of people to this camp. We want you to help to prepare the camp to receive them, to entertain them, to locate them, to furnish them employment in society building. We want you to help to make conditions possible for all our race to move out of the jungle of superstition to where they can get a high grade on their intelligent answers to the questions of what is God and life. For this service you will receive some time the thanks of a grateful people redeemed from superstition and idolatry.



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The Church of Humanity must send competent guides to all the camps in the jungle of superstition to guide the people out of their camp.

People will not always be satisfied to remain in the camps in the jungle of superstition, where they worship dead cranks and man-made Gods and teach children the superstitions about spirits, ghosts and spooks of dead people.

The Church of Humanity is the first camp located out of the jungle of superstition. Come and bring your family and friends out of the jungle and locate with us. It is a pioneer camp now, but will be a regular boom town some day.

We do not want our children made into Paine Deists or Ingersoll Agnostics. If the Freethought press can't do better than that for them we have no use whatever for it. A Holy Roller can be rescued as easily from the jungle of superstition as a Deist or an Agnostic. Those are simply different names of teachers and supporters of idolatry and superstition under different forms and methods.

The assertions that idolaters are servile slaves and dupes of the priests and preachers are not literally true. It would be as true to say that the clergymen are the slaves of the idolaters. They are all idolaters, but the laity control the clergy as much or more than the clergy control the laity. That is proven by the fact that if a clergyman preaches a different doctrine from that he is hired to preach his congregation has him tried for heresy and turns him out and orders one that will teach what they want taught. No clergyman dare teach his congregation the truths taught by the Church of Humanity, though he should thoroughly believe them himself. If that is not servile subjection to the laity what is it?

Before we can make much headway freeing people from idolatry we must have a new set of teachers, with a new press and a new literature, or the old revised to conform to the new discoveries regarding God and life. In examining the hundreds of books, pamphlets and tracts bought of the Truth Seeker company I find that very few can be indorsed by the Church of Humanity. They were mostly written by Deists, Agnostics and believers in the immortality superstition, none of which can be accepted as teachers for us and our church and children, none of which can guide the people out of the jungle of superstition. They are worthless to us, since they endeavor to induce us to return to the jungle of superstition from which we have extricated ourselves.

"CUT IT OUT."

A belief in a supreme being is required by the organic law of nearly all societies. When the Farmers' Alliance swept this state fifteen years ago my neighbors were anxious that all farmers join it. At their urgent request I allowed my application for membership to be sent in. There were several to be initiated the same evening and we were lined up and asked the printed questions. When it came to the question of belief in a supreme being and Christ, as the savior and ruler of nations, I answered in the negative. I told them I did not know it was a religious society or that it had a religious catechism to be subscribed to, and that I could see no connection between those questions and the object of the Alliance. The chairman said I could believe in them long enough to be initiated and that was all that was required. I replied that if I could believe in them a moment it would have to be based on evidence and that would be good so long as I lived if not overcome by stronger rebuttal evidence. One of the members came to my support by saying that I was right in refusing to answer the questions in the affirmative if I did not so believe, as it would be making a bad start to begin with a lie. Seeing the perplexing situation, I told them to go ahead with the initiation of the others and to please excuse my withdrawing.

Now, there is another farmers' movement to better their condition spreading over the state. The farmers' wives are eligible to membership and they are as enthusiastic as their husbands. My married daughter, with a lot of other wives and daughters, applied for membership. The usual out-of-place question about a belief in a supreme being was asked. She promptly replied in the negative. The officers, one a Catholic and the other a Methodist, after a short consultation, allowed good sense to guide them and said it made no difference what she believed on that question and accepted her with the others.

The committee that planned the constitution of the "Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America" should have had as much sense as these two local officers and recognized the fact, as they did, that the belief of a farmer or his wife about a "supreme being" could make no difference as to their usefulness in a society of that kind and should not have incorporated the question. Writers of constitutions and by-laws for fraternal and co-operative societies for mutual material benefits should be compelled to "cut it out" by all those who have learned the truth about God refusing to answer the question in the affirmative. I hope all the members of the Church of Humanity will be as brave as my daughter in such cases. Societies have no moral right to compel their members to be liars in order to get the benefit of them. The question is proper, and a true answer must be insisted upon, in all societies organized for the special purpose of teaching the true, or the false, ideas about God and life, but it is entirely out of place in all other societies. The Church of Humanity must do all it can to put it out and keep it out of the constitutions of such.

Later—I saw the national organizer of the Farmers' Union in this city and called his attention to the unnecessary question regarding a belief in a supreme being as a requirement in applicants for membership. I pointed out its uselessness and how it made ineligible conscientious people who know there is no such being, and how its omission would be no injustice to those who believed in such a being. He saw the reasonableness of my criticism and communicated with other high officials of the society regarding the question. They took the sensible view of the matter and ordered the question omitted in the future. This is a great victory for good sense and justice.

I want all my comrades to develop a strong conscience on this subject that will cause them to refuse to join any society requiring them to be liars and hypocrites to do so. Idolaters have often been accused of lying and hypocrisy regarding their beliefs. That accusation ill becomes us if we practice the same thing. The proper attitude to take is to believe idolaters are honest in their professions of belief, and to so act ourselves that we will convince them we are honest in ours.

WANTS NAME CHANGED.

In sending in his subscription for TRUTH ABOUT GOD Mr. Samuel A. Couillard, of St. John, N. B., Canada, says, among other things:

"I want to join with all who are freed from idolatry, but will have neither part nor lot in any trademark of superstition, such as the name 'church.'. Brush it off! 'Church' popularly means a place of worship, 'the Lord's house.' But I wish to join you and learn. Therefore, please call it the 'School' of Humanity, and I will send my dollar by first mail after sight of change of name."

I adopted the name because it was the most appropriate one I could think of for a society with the basis and object of this one. A society has always the power to change anything connected with it. At the formal organization convention the delegates can adopt any name they wish for the society. I must leave the change of name to the Church of Humanity to decide at the convention when it meets to enact its organic laws. I want all who believe its teaching to unite with the society and make their suggestions regarding the name to that convention. The name is immaterial to me except from the viewpoint of appropriateness and policy. It is the basis and object, and method of obtaining the object, that are the all-important essentials. Join the society and aid in its upbuilding and leave the name to be changed, if at all, by the society at its organization convention.

The same teaching we would do under the name "School of Humanity," or any other name, we can and will do under the present name. Our teaching and object would be the same under any other name. The name "church" is appropriate because the teaching of this society is based upon new discoveries about the fundamental teaching of churches and represents the evolution of the "church." You will find a few of my reasons for the name in the June issue. Should a farmer refuse to use an up-to-date plow because he disliked the kind used hundreds of years ago? Progressive farmers will use a modern plow when they would not use one of ancient make. This church is an improved one. It is modernized and brought up-to-date in its basic teaching. Would you continue to object to other churches if they would teach the truth about God and life? I would not. There would be no excuse for the existence of the Church of Humanity if its discovered truths were taught by the other churches or any other organized society. The truths of Nature are what I want taught, especially those regarding God and life that will free the people from idolatry. Those truths are just as acceptable when taught by one society as another, regardless of the name of that society. You should base your likes and dislikes of a society on its teaching and not on its name.

CALLING THEIR BLUFF.

In all Freethought publications are found editorial and letters—envious dissertations on the soft snap the clergy have. They hold them up as lazy, idle drones living off the labor of their dupes. Now I call their bluff by asking them to accept a like position in the Church of Humanity. The Church of Humanity wants the counterpart of the clergyman to teach its discoveries from the rostrum; build up its membership and organize them into local church societies, Sunday schools and young people's societies; organize and teach the choir; conduct the weddings and funerals of our people; collect their salaries; visit the sick; console the dying; take care of the orphans; find husbands for the widows and old maids; deliver orations on all public occasions on any subject required, and keep our members doing their duty in harmonious cooperation. Now here are soft snaps, like the clergy have, for a few of those people who envy them so much. From the number of those envious writers in Freethought publications I can confidently expect a few hundred applicants, including all the editors of such publications, for the positions by return mail.

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FREETHOUGHT IDOLATERS.

The titles Freethinker, Agnostic, Infidel, Liberal, Atheist, Secularist, Rationalist, Scientist, etc., do not signify that people answering to them are free from idolatry or a belief in the fundamental errors of it. None of my comrades should answer to any of these titles. The rankest kind of idolaters are found bearing them. They only represent people who have, at the most, discarded a little of the non-essential foliage of superstition, such as a belief in a few of the most absurd stories in the Bible, in the inspiration of the Bible, the divinity of Jesus, or even the Bible God as the true one. But they believe in the existence of a God and the superstition of a continued conscious life, which are the tap-roots of all systems of idolatry Most of the Freethought press, if not all, is edited by such men. They are not eligible to become members of the Church of Humanity and are incompetent to make their subscribers eligible, as is being demonstrated now by the very few of their subscribers who are. Their patron saints are Thomas Paine, and like Deists, that they teach their readers to believe were right in their teaching regarding God and life. They ridicule Christians for following the mistaken leader who lived nineteen centuries ago, while they as stupidly follow one of a century ago and call that a wonderful advancement. The fact is, people who follow mistaken leaders, though living today, are just as stupid as those following the mistaken teachers of ancient times. The believers in the mistakes of Dowie and Mrs. Eddy and Thomas Paine and Ingersoll are as stupid as the Christians are for believing in the mistakes of Jesus. Therefore, "Freethought people" does not mean people who are free from idolatry through learning the truth about God and life, and "Freethought publications" does not mean publications teaching those truths that would free people from idolatry. They simply endeavor to induce people to accept the mistakes of another set of mistaken teachers. A good illustration of this fact is presented by Mr. L. M. Phelps, of Rhode Island, in *The Truth Seeker* of June 15. He says in part:

"I am glad to learn that Paine's 'Age of Reason' has been reduced to the low price of 15 cents a copy. This puts it in the reach of all. Before I read the 'Age of Reason' I was a Christian (that is, I thought so), but since reading this book I have never felt that I could be a Christian any more. I firmly believe there is something better and more glorifying to God for man to seek than the Christian religion. It is my firm belief that in time (though we may not live to see it) every visible church of the present day will be wiped from this earth, and the whole of the human race will be united in one religion, the godhead of which will not be the Pope of Rome, nor any other man supposed to have divine authority, but God himself. Then, and not until then, will God be glorified to the extreme, and then, and not until then, will man have eternal happiness."

This seems to be a fair sample of what the Freethought press can do for an idolater. At best it only seeks to aid him in exchanging the mistakes of the Bible for the mistakes of the "Age of Reason." That change is of no more value to one than the exchange of counterfeit dollars would be. The "Age of Reason" is based on the tap-roots of idolatry—the God and immortality superstitions. Until the Freethought press can advance enough to free the people from the mistakes of Thomas Paine it can be of no aid in the great task of overthrowing idolatry. The teaching of the scientific truth about God and life is the only possible thing that can do that. That truth is now discovered to be that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life. The Church of Humanity would like to see the Freethought press move up and base its teaching on these discoveries with the direct object of helping to free the people from idolatry and uniting them into the Church of Humanity, where they can help in the task. Then we could give them our hearty support and patronage. Until they do that they can be of no material value to us and our families. By teaching Agnosticism and Deism they are more of a detriment to our progress than are the Christians. Mr. Phelps thinks he can not be a Christian again, but he is an ignorant idolater just the same, and would be as difficult to win from his position now to that of the Church of Humanity as he would have been before. There is no advantage gained by making people Paine Deists except to weaken the forces of idolatry through division. The ultimate object should be to get them free from a belief in a God of any kind and in continuous life. No method of teaching can do that unless it can reach the children. Papers and books cannot do that. They can only be supplementary. It requires the machinery of organization. But the press is a great auxiliary to organized society and we need it greatly to help in making more people eligible to membership so they can organize. Can the Freethought press arise to its opportunity and furnish this service? That is the question for it to decide. There are only three questions involved. Do the editors know, or can they learn, the truths the Church of Humanity teaches? Will they teach it properly? And, will it pay? It is for them to answer the first two questions and the Church of Humanity to answer the third. If they would move out of the jungle of superstition to our camp and aid in its upbuilding in numbers I for one will promise to give half a dozen of them five times the subscription price for their publications, and I believe my comrades will all give them an increase as a bonus for them to locate in our camp. It is simply a matter of practical business. We want teachers able to help us save our posterity from idolatry. We must pay such teachers. They must give us the teaching we want in the way we want it to get that pay. To do that they must move into our camp and then help to keep our posterity in it and to bring millions more to it by the right kind of teaching. Will they do it? If they don't move out they will die in the jungle in a few years of starvation. As proof of it I call attention to the *Agnostic Journal, Ironclad Age, Freethought Magazine, Torch of Reason, Liberal Review, Freethought Ideal, Boston Investigator* and a dozen or two minor starvelings of various ages. While these papers were dying of starvation hundreds of religious papers grew stronger from year to year, until they numbered their subscribers by the hundreds of thousands. The difference between the starvation of the one class and the opulence of the other is simply organization and methods of teaching. One spells failure and the other success. One class encourages and helps to build up organizations of their subscribers. The other class fights against all attempts of their subscribers to organize. But this is a free country and they are perfectly free to commit financial suicide if it suits them best.

A FIRM STAND.

"Smithland, Iowa, June 19, 1907. —To all comrades and members of the Church of Humanity: I wish to say that never in the history of the world has anything been so ruinous to humanity as the Bible and the Christian teaching. For 1900 years people have been humbugged by the priests and preachers, who say to their dupes: 'There is a creator called God, and unless you do as we tell you you will be damned, but if you do as we tell you you will be saved and live in heaven forever.' All that is fiction. To knock out that nonsense will be a hard job, but it can be done by the Church of Humanity. We must stick together and continue the good work with Comrade Kerr. If the liberal papers continue their fight on our society we must drop them. I take ten in all, but will drop them all unless they stop abusing the Church of Humanity. Yours for good,

"Dr. L. S. Stoll, ex-Catholic."

All my comrades heard from so far express a like determination to stand by their society firmly against the unjust abuse of those editors who seek to destroy it. Of course, we want no fight with those editors. We have a standing invitation to them to move into our camp and help us win the world from idolatry. There is more than enough for us all to do in that great task without fooling away our time in fighting each other. But if they will not join us in this work at our urgent invitation they must not try to prevent us from uniting to make an effort to rescue and preserve our posterity from idolatry.

THE BRAVE TWO HUNDRED.

Hurray, brave boys and girls! I congratulate you this Fourth of July on completing the second chapter of our society building. To win our race from idolatry is the greatest and grandest work ever undertaken by man. We have begun a two thousand-years job. The building of all the railroads, digging of all the canals and the erection of all the buildings of the world has been a small task compared with that of redeeming our race from idolatry, which we have begun. It will require millions of devoted lives and hundreds of billions of capital to complete the task. It will require a special building in every school district and a special instructor maintained there perpetually to win the people from idolatry. Our buildings and instructors must equal all the buildings and all the idolatrous teachers of all the religions of earth combined before the people can be won from idolatry. Prepare to devote your energies and your wealth to the task. Is it worth it? Yes, indeed, it is. It is your imperative duty to do the best you can for your posterity in particular and the race in general. To win and preserve them from idolatry is the greatest good you can possibly do them. To do that they must be taught the truth about God and life. That will require special buildings and special teachers for all the people of earth. You are laying the foundation for this great work. You must recognize its grandeur and importance. You must arise to a full recognition of your opportunities, duties and responsibilities. On you depends the rescue of our race from idolatry. Throw all of the wealth that you can possibly spare into this work. It will draw interest for your posterity to the end of time in the essentials of civilization. You will make no mistake in devoting your time and wealth to this great task of laying the foundation of a power able to free our race from idolatry.

We begin at once to raise the third chapter of one hundred recruits for our society building. We were only a little over one-third of the time finding the second hundred members that we were the first. Let us all work with renewed hope, energy and enthusiasm to gain the next hundred members in a third of the time required for the last hundred. We must all do our full duty now. We can do nothing when we die.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kan.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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ORGANIZING ABILITY THE MEASURE OF INTELLIGENCE.

The measure of the intelligence of a people must be based on their ability to organize and develop a system of teaching whereby they can transmit their knowledge to posterity, apart from the question as to the truth or falsity of that knowledge. Judged by this standard we, who have discovered the truth about God and life, do not measure up to the intelligence of the idolaters, since we have not as yet developed enough intelligence to organize to enable us to transmit that knowledge to our posterity. What we know is of no value to our posterity or to the world at large if we keep that knowledge locked up within our own minds. Our great discoveries regarding God and life are of no value to the world if we do not have the intelligence to develop an organized system of teaching them to others. We are in the peculiar position of knowing there is no God and continuous life while idolaters win our children to idolatry through their superior intelligence in organizing and teaching. I charge this condition directly to the false teaching of the Freethought press. All editors of such papers continually teach us that the Christians are fools and idiots for having teachers and supporting them. Of course, their theory is that if they can prevent us from contributing to the churches by such teaching we will have that much more to pay them on subscriptions and books. But that theory does not work out in practice at all, and the populated graveyard of starved-to-death Freethought publications, and the very hungry ones not quite dead, should convince the editors by this time that it does not, and that they should revise those theories and change their teaching to conform to the effects they desire. In practice their teaching has had disastrous results to themselves. The moment they convince us that the Christians are fools for having and supporting their teachers we are also convinced that we would be equally foolish to have and support teachers, which, as a matter of fact, we would be if the first assertion is true. Then, as we do not wish to be considered fools, we stop our Freethought papers or, worse still, we let them come, but refuse to pay for them, since the editors have convinced us we would be fools if we did. The same principle knocked out of the ring every Freethought lecturer by removing financial support from under them by this false teaching. Those who are still living do not yet know that the cause of their non-support was that teaching by themselves and the Freethought press.

To judge of the wisdom of an act we must judge from the actor's viewpoint. The idolaters, believing their ideas of God and life true, as a matter of fact manifest the highest wisdom and intelligence in organizing and employing teachers to promulgate those ideas and hand them down to their posterity. Of course, it would be very foolish and hypocritical in us, knowing the truths we do, to support those teachers of error. But in that alone we do not manifest the highest wisdom and intelligence of which we should be capable. We can do that only by organizing and producing and supporting competent teachers to promulgate the discoveries about God and life we have made. Until we do that we must concede a higher degree of wisdom and intelligence to the idolaters than we possess. Until we do that our self-laudation of superior wisdom is an idle boast, proved to be such by the ability of idolaters to win our own posterity to their superstitions.

This condition should make every Freethought editor and every member of the Church of Humanity blush with shame, and cause them to be so thoroughly dissatisfied and indignant at the position they are in that they will resolve to remedy it regardless of cost. We must either put our money and time into this work of organizing and teaching or go down to defeat in shame, ignominy and disgrace, as a set of incompetent ignoramuses. Which will it be? Fellow editors, and church comrades, it is for you to decide.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity

Dear Comrades: The Church of Humanity needs lecturers and organizers. They can't be had without pay. We must provide for the pay first. My plan is to pledge a yearly salary for ten years in advance for the services of a suitable national instructor. We should have one as soon as possible. Many of you are old people, and any of us are liable to die any time. We should have the services of an instructor engaged in advance for such an event. Now, let us make arrangements for the salary of one at least. The best plan I can think of now is to raise the salary by subscription in pledges from each member in the accompanying blank pledge.

The plan is to have the instructor locate in the town and state pledging the most. Thus he could fill all three offices temporarily. If there is enough pledged to hire two instructors, so much the better. The United States could be divided into two districts and each given an instructor. That would be best, as it might be too far for one to attend a funeral in a remote part. As our membership increases the pledges will likewise increase and the territory can be divided into smaller and smaller districts for each instructor until finally all our members can have the services of a local instructor. I take this method to solicit your subscriptions to save time and expense of writing to each one. Please attend to filling out the blank pledge and mailing it to me as promptly as if this was a personal letter. We are two hundred strong now and are amply able to hire at least one instructor for our society. Let each one pledge an amount according to his financial ability. Remember, none can do this great work but ourselves, and that those who pay for it are the most important factors.

I shall publish only amounts pledged and omit the name if desired. There is now over $500 pledged for this purpose annually for ten years. Please let your pledges be as large as possible, and answer this circular promptly, though you be unable to pledge any aid, so that I will know you get this copy of TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

W. H. KERR.

I hereby promise to pay to qualified instructors, provided by the Church of Humanity, annually for ten years, if I live, the following amounts:

1. To our National Instructor, ...
2. To my State Instructor, ...
3. To my Local Instructor, ...
4. To maintain the preparatory college, annually for ten years, ...
5. To build a local church, ...

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OUR CRITIC.

(Continued from June Number)

Now I shall examine the grounds for his objection to the name. There are two primary grounds for his fifty-year-war on the "church," which are manifest in every copy of *The Examiner*. The primary one is that people under that society name committed the most atrocious crimes in history and the secondary one is that societies under that name are now teaching error. I promptly admit those facts, for they are the very reasons I am engaged in the work I am, to which I cheerfully contribute my services free and to which I intend to contribute most of my property. I do not want our race to ever again repeat those horrible brutalities and I desire to remove existing errors that would cause their repetition. Hence it is clear that the bases of our work are identical, but our ideas as to the remedy and method of applying it are radically different. His remedy is hatred, contempt and abuse of the name under which the things complained of were done. My remedy is along educational lines that seek to remove the ignorance caused by mistaken teaching regarding God and death, back of the name, by the substitution of truths regarding those vital subjects. He cites as justification of his half century "fight" on the name "church," the following atrocities:

The murder of nine millions of women for witchcraft, the massacre of the Waldenses, the Albigenses and Huguenots; the wars of the Crusades and Thirty Years' War in the Netherlands; the Salem witch murders, the murdering of Catholics in Ireland, the inauguration of the Dark Ages, which lasted a thousand years, and the establishment of the Spanish Inquisition. He says: "Hell and heaven may be interchangeable. God and devil may be synonymous. But the word 'church' has a clear-cut definition all its own. It cannot be confounded. She is the devil incarnate. God may be a myth. Beelzebub, horns, tail and club feet, may be a fiction, but there is no mistaking 'the church.' She is the real thing, she is the d——ed spot that will not out. She is the essence, the quintessence, of human despotism and human degradation."

Mr. Peterson reads of the horrible slaughters perpetrated by people and sees the name under which they operated, then works himself into a frenzy and lambasts the name. I read the same things but I know the name is not in the least responsible for them. It is the mistaken belief and teaching regarding God back of the name that is responsible. That belief is still held by the people. It is that there is a supreme being of infinite power and wisdom who knows and cares for our race and delivers his desires and commands to it. Any unscrupulous or self-deceived person can declare he has had communication with God and lead people into doing anything he desires them to do by making them believe it is "God's will" or "God's command." Our late lamented president, Mr. McKinley, made millions of Americans believe it was "God's will" that America should take and keep the Philippine Islands. So long as people believe there is a real God the fires of fanaticism will be easily rekindled and the atrocities of the Dark Ages be liable to be repeated. My remedy is not to "fight" the church or anything or anybody, but to teach the people the modern discoveries that God is a creation of fiction—a myth—and death the end of conscious life. A general knowledge of these discoveries will forever be a guarantee that the atrocities of the Dark Ages and the Spanish Inquisition will never again be repeated by our race under the belief it is "God's will" and command.

Speaking of the combination name, "Church of Humanity," Mr. Peterson says: "No, no; the epithet 'Church' and the grand old word 'Humanity,' so far as the power of *The Examiner* may extend, shall never come into juxtaposition; shall never darken the door of the house." As a matter of fact, most all the crimes charged to the church societies were really done in the honest belief they were for the good of humanity in general, and often for the victims in particular. Those people were actuated by humanitarian reasons from the viewpoint of their belief and teaching. Hell and heaven they believed real places representing the extremes of pleasure and torture where an eternity was to be passed.

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Wanted—Better Teachers.

Nearly every issue of a Freethought publication demonstrates the necessity of better prepared teachers of the vital subjects of God and life, and demonstrates the necessity for our preparatory college, where people who are to do our teaching in these vital branches of knowledge can be prepared by proper study, instruction and training for their life work. Until we have such specially prepared teachers very little progress can be made in freeing the people from idolatry.

Freethought does not necessarily mean true thought or correct thought, and to be a Freethinker does not necessarily mean one who knows the truth about God and life. The Church of Humanity cannot accept Freethought editors and authors as teachers unless they know the discoveries this church has made, and so declare by membership in it, and then make all their teachings consistent with that knowledge.

To illustrate my position that we cannot accept Freethinkers, Agnostics, Nonconformists and Liberals as our teachers I call attention to some articles in the *Blue Grass Blade*. In the *Blade*, dated June 16, is a reproduction of an article from the *London Freethinker* in which its editor, Mr. G. W. Foote, says:

"The Liberal party has become a religious party. It has even become a party of religious propaganda. The Nonconformists have captured it."

The Nonconformists include all Protestant churches except the state church, of which the king is the head. They are outdoing the state church in forcing their superstition on the children at the expense of the tax payers by being the principal supporters of the "Education Bill" now before parliament requiring the Bible to be read and taught in the public schools as the rule of faith and conduct. Continuing his comment on the bill and its supporters, Mr. Foote says:

"All the principal champions of the bill in parliament are Nonconformists. Agnostics like Mr. John Morley and Mr. John Burns have not made speeches in the house in its favor, although they have voted for it as their party bill. Not a single Liberal voted against the second reading.

There were 384 Liberals who voted for the bill. This proves my assertion true that Liberals and Agnostics are rank idolaters and do not know the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity. The Bible is to be set up as a fetish in English elementary schools. He says:

"This constitutes a fresh challenge to Freethought. Freethinkers are thus called upon to subject it to a new and deliberate attack. If one body of citizens have a right to cry 'Up with the Bible!' another body of citizens as citizens have the right to cry 'Down with the Bible!' If the one cry is legitimate on political platforms and in parliament, so is the other, and Freethinkers would be foolish not to shout it at the top of their voices. * * * We have to fight the authorized version of the Bible as the word of God."

All this shows how shallow the English Freethinkers are. Like their American cousins, who are tagging after them, they utterly fail to grasp the situation in a comprehensive manner by going to the root of the trouble. They fool away their time and energy in "fighting" a little of the foliage of the tree of superstition instead of attacking its roots—the God and immortality delusions—and grubbing them out of the mind of our race as realities. They do not know the great discoveries made by the Church of Humanity or they would recognize at once the futility of their course and change it. A Freethought editor of a Freethought publication in writing to me once said:

"I have always tried to believe that you were at least sincere, no matter if I did think your pretension to having made a 'great discovery' is a rank fake and an insult to every Freethinker of the past and present."

But now comes Mr. Hughes, a Freethinker and editor of a Freethought paper and vindicates my position by stating in the *Blue Grass Blade* of June 2 that: "Freethinkers neither assert or deny the existence of a God, but simply say that they do not know, as there is no evidence either one way or the other." Now which of these editors is speaking authoritatively for Freethinkers? One says I insult all Freethinkers of the past and present by my claim of discovering that all Gods are fabulous beings, intimating that they all knew that fact. The other says they do not know it. I think Mr. Hughes is right in affirming they do not. The preponderance of proof is in his favor. Mr. Foote would not waste time in trying to prove the Bible was not the word of a God if he knew the discovery that there is not, and never was, such a being. He would put in his time proving that fact, because when the people once learned it they would not have to be told that the Bible was not the word of a God. They would know it without being told. When a child who has been lied to about Santa Claus bringing its presents learns there is no such a being it knows without being told that he did not bring its presents.

In "Six Historic Americans" Mr. Remsburg says of Paine, Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln and Grant: "All were unbelievers—all Infidels—all Freethinkers." But not one of them knew the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity. On the contrary, some of them were rank idolaters and supporters of idolatry. All believed in the God and immortality superstitions, as doubtless Mr. Remsburg himself does, as he says in the above book: "The dogma of the Church is passing away; but the religion of Thomas Paine will endure." Mr. Paine's religion was a firm belief in the God and immortality superstitions of the church, but Mr. Remsburg does not seem to recognize them as only dogmas and superstitions. He evidently believes them true. In October, 1904, I made a special trip to St. Louis to place before the international congress for progressive thought the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity and to request that they be made the basis of all anti-idolatrous societies, with the direct object in view of winning the people from idolatry by their teaching. I was turned down by the officers and not allowed a hearing. The Rome congress of that year and the recent congress of Bohemian Freethinkers at Chicago were like gatherings of people who do not know the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity. I urged some of the officers of the latter convention by letter to call the attention of their convention to the teaching of the Church of Humanity and to see if it would indorse it. But they are evidently not far enough advanced to accept it. In the "World Almanac" for 1907, under statistics of "English-speaking religious communities of the world" Freethinkers are credited with being 5,250,000 strong. But no detailed statement of their distribution by countries is given, and I can find no statement as to their belief and organizations. They are classed here under "religious communities." They certainly do not know, much less teach, the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity or I would have heard, or read of them, for I have made a diligent search for such people. When I turn to the dictionaries I find that neither of the above editors speaks authoritatively for the Freethinkers, as they are classed as Deists. This proves conclusively that the Church of Humanity has made great discoveries not known by "unbelievers, infidels and Freethinkers." It proves the error of those who abuse us on the ground that our claims to being the true discoverers of the truth taught by the Church of Humanity are fradulent because "Freethinkers of the past and present" knew them. It also proves that the Church of Humanity cannot accept any editor or author as its teacher who is classed as simply an unbeliever, infidel or Freethinker. It would put us in the awkward position of accepting the services of persons as our teachers who know nothing about the truths we want taught. There is only one way to know those unbelievers, Infidels, Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers who know the truth about God and life, from the common ignorant idolaters, and that is for them to unite with the Church of Humanity. This separates those who know the truth about God and life from those who do not. So far there has been found 205 who know the discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life. All others of whatever name and title must be classed as being ignorant of these discovered truths until they separate themselves from the idolaters by uniting with the Church of Humanity. If you, reader, know the above discovered truths you should hasten to let it be known by separating yourself from the ranks of the idolaters and getting into the ranks of those who are not. The world can be divided into only two classes—those who are idolaters and those who are not. All must be classed as idolaters until they learn the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity and have united with it as proof of that fact. If you, reader, know those truths and are not a member of the Church of Humanity you are in the wrong class and you should hasten to get into the right one. You see by the above evidence that you cannot escape being classed as an idolater by any other means. All the people can be classed as Freethinkers which, as a matter of fact, they are, there being no way to prevent them from thinking anything they can and want to. The members of all other churches are just as free to think as are the members of the Church of Humanity. They are also as free to act, as is proven by there being members of the Church of Humanity from all the leading idolatrous churches. The idolaters of all churches are perfectly free, in this country, to learn the truths taught by the Church of Humanity and to unite with it when they learn them. But that freedom of thought and action does not give them the necessary teaching. Hence the necessity of competent teachers to furnish it. I appeal to Freethought editors to post up on the God and immortality questions, then separate from the idolaters by joining the Church of Humanity and help to provide that teaching that can win the people from idolatry.

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Don't forget to send in that membership application as requested in that circular to Freethinkers and subscribers.

Don't forget to send in your promise of aid as a financial backer of the truths you comrades have discovered, as requested in the circular.

I think we will be able to secure the services of a satisfactory field worker when we have $1,000 promised as a salary. Let us promise it and see if it will not fetch 'em.

Friend Hughes' editorial in the *Blade* of June 16, under "The God Idea," wherein he asserts there is no God-idea, only emphasizes the necessity of clearer and better prepared teachers of that subject.

Life, push, energy, enthusiasm, determination and stick-to-itiveness are the forces that move the world along to greater achievements. The Church of Humanity must have all these qualities to win success.

A comrade writes that the state should teach our discoveries at public expense in the common schools. But he seems to forget that the people are the state, and that they will not allow things taught that such a large majority disbelieve. Hence the necessity of the Church of Humanity bearing the expense of teaching until a majority of the people learn them.

Idolaters dig up the cash to hire people to teach errors regarding God and life. Let us dig up some to hire people to teach the truth about them. Is it not a good scheme, comrades? Every church teaches us to love the truth, defend it and teach it and to be generous, benevolent, charitable and to donate to the church freely. Now let us play a practical joke on them by following their advice and teaching in those matters, and see how well pleased they will be.

An M. D. named George H. Dunster, of Argentine Republic, South America, writes to the *Truth Seeker* to criticise the Church of Humanity for claiming to have made the discoveries it teaches, and intimating strongly that he does not know them. Well, what if he don't! Not a member of the Church of Humanity has to go half way to South America to find plenty of people who do not know those discoveries. Just remember, though, that people know many things now that were regarded as "absurdities" when first proclaimed by the discoverer or inventor.

I shall have some extra copies of this number printed as I believe you will want to begin your monthly bundle with this issue. But to insure your order being filled do not delay in sending it in.

NEW RECRUITS.

The following comrades united with the Church of Humanity since last report:

199. J. B. McKeever, Hebron, Ia., 46.

200. Mrs Julia C. Coon, Bartow, Fla., 40, housekeeper, American, none.

201. R. G. Earle, Pine Grove, Ark., 32, farmer, American.

202. A. F. Fortier, Circle, Alaska, 44, miner and taxidermist, Canadian, Catholic.

203. Henry F. Ebers, Cazadero, Cal., 66, farmer, American, Catholic.

204. T. F. High, Boise, Idaho, 47, laborer, American.

205. Mary Juster, 36 E. 7th street, New York, 23, milliner, Roumanian, none.

The Church of Humanity welcomes the new recruits to its ranks. This is the first effort ever made to separate by a special society the people who are not idolaters from those who are. Until comparatively recently there were no non-idolaters to be separated. Every one believed in one or both of the primary superstitions of our race that lie at the foundation of all systems of religion and idolatry. No one had made the discoveries that all Gods are fabulous beings and that conscious life ceases forever at death. Now a few are making these grand discoveries and are uniting into a special society so they can be known and so they can work in harmony and unison in a systematic way to teach these discoveries to others that they may be rescued from idolatry. This is the only practical method whereby these grand discoveries can be propagated. All who know them should unite with the Church of Humanity as soon as they learn of its existence. It is the only way one can let the people know they have learned these discoveries and by which they can aid in having them taught to others. I would like to be kept busy for an hour each day recording new recruits and filling out their certificates. Come on, subscribers, if you know the truths taught by this church, and apply for your graduation and membership certificate as these comrades have done.

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Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

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A CIRCULAR LETTER TO SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

Friends: Am I doing a good work? Do you approve it? Do you want it done? Do you want a society of those people who know the discoveries herein taught? Do you want the people to know them? Do you want the people rescued from idolatry? If you do, give me some encouragement. Lend a helping hand. Societies can't be built up without members. We can only build up by receiving members who believe our teaching and who want it carried on. That is the way other churches are built up and increase so rapidly to a large membership. We must follow their method in society building if we build one. Have you children you would like to see join this church? Then join it yourself and set the example. Show them how it is done. Do not ask or expect them to do it if you are afraid to do it yourself. Children join other churches because their parents are members. Help to turn the tide of children to this church by taking the lead. They will join some church and believe in its teaching and support it. Why not take the lead and influence them to join this one? Do you not prefer this one to all others? Is it not your choice? Then prove it to your children, to your neighbors, relatives, friends and to us. You see by the evidence in this issue that all Freethinkers are classed as Deists and must be included with idolaters whether they practice it or not. Don't you want to be something more than an ignorant Deist? Don't you want to let it be known that you have learned the grandest discoveries of modern times? If you do, then send in your application for membership in the first and only society of people who know these discoveries. It is the only way you can get due credit for knowing them. You must be classed as an idolater entirely ignorant of these discoveries until you prove you are not by a public declaration through membership in this society. At least a hundred of you should join the Church of Humanity at once. In letters to me you said you believed this teaching and would unite with us some time. It is time you were doing it. Why put it off any longer? You can't get credit by anybody for knowing the truths taught until you are enrolled as a member and a certificate of graduation sent you. Please call for your certificate if you are entitled to one. I don't care anything about your 25 cents subscription to TRUTH ABOUT GOD or your dollar fee for membership, as they are nothing to me, only to fill the requirements of the postal regulations and to show good faith in the applicant. I get nothing out of either, as it all goes to the credit of the church. But I do want your application for membership in the Church of Humanity. That is the goal I am working for. That is the only reward I get. It is all I ask, or expect, or want. Will you withhold that reward? The days membership applications come in are the only ones on which I get my reward. They are days of encouragement, of hope, of enthusiasm. All other days are those of discouragement in my work. If my labor is entitled to its reward please send in your membership application.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

A Circular Letter to All Freethinkers.

Gentlemen: I have been criticised severely by certain parties for claiming to have made the discoveries the Church of Humanity teaches, on the ground that all Freethinkers of the past and present knew them. As I wish to give due credit to all who have made the same discoveries I have examined the writings of dozens of people who have either claimed to be Freethinkers or were so classed by other writers, and I find from their own statements that they believed in the superstition of the existence of a God and a future life. I examined three different dictionaries and they all class Freethinkers as Deists. In no papers or documents of any society or organization of Freethinkers have I found a statement that they know these discoveries, or that they intended to teach them. In view of these facts, if you know that God is a fabulous being and life ended at death you are in the wrong class. Freethinkers can not be credited with knowing these modern discoveries. You must get out of that class to get credit for knowing them if you do. The Church of Humanity affords you an easy and cheap way to get into a class where you can be given due credit for making these grand discoveries and of having that fact proclaimed publicly to the world in permanent records. I urge you most earnestly to unite with the Church of Humanity, if you know the grand truths it teaches.

LETTER OF EVIDENCE TO A CHRISTIAN MOTHER.

NO. 1.

DEAR MOTHER: If you have been reading TRUTH ABOUT GOD regularly, which I hope you have been, you are aware of the great scientific discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity regarding God and life. I shall address a few letters to you giving some of the reasons for proofs of the truth of these great modern discoveries. It is one thing to hear of discoveries having been made and another thing to learn and understand the evidence that proves them true. When material objects are discovered it is not difficult now to prove it true by the application of our physical senses aided, if necessary, by mechanical inventions. But when things believed to exist are discovered to not exist the discovery is more difficult to prove since we must rely more on correct reason and logic, and on our senses negatively.

That difficulty is increased millions of times when that discovery is the non-existence of an idol whom the people have been taught to fear more than death, and in whose worship is invested billions of dollars and the services of millions of teachers. To overcome that false teaching, deadly fear, false hopes of perpetual conscious life, prejudice, habit and custom, is a gigantic task to undertake, and will require hundreds, if not thousands, of years to accomplish. But this is an age of great achievements and undertakings.

The Church of Humanity is now gathering power to begin that stupendous work that will not be completed until every member of our race learns the discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life. If I fail to convince you of the truth of these discoveries it will be due to one of two causes. First, my inability to present enough of the evidence in a convincing manner or, secondly, your inability to weigh correctly the evidence I do give.

My inability will be due to the voluminous evidence of the truth of these discoveries, all of which no one man has the ability to gather and present to a student in a convincing manner, especially when the lessons are so short and so far apart as these will necessarily be.

Your inability to give due weight to the evidence presented will be due to several reasons:

First—Your deadly fear of God and hell, which we have discovered does not exist in reality in the universe.

Secondly—Your intense hope and desire for continued conscious existence in heaven with your loved ones, which can never be realized owing to heaven being a myth and immortality a mere baseless superstition. The discoveries have now been positively made by the Church of Humanity that no such a place as heaven exists in the universe and that no being can possibly survive death with consciousness.

Thirdly — Your long-continued regular practice of idolatry, which has become such a fixed habit as to be perhaps impossible for you to break, though your better judgment should be convinced it is useless. Should you be convinced of the truth of these great discoveries you would probably still continue the practice of idolatry from force of habit, like a person continues the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks from force of habit when his better judgment says it is useless, detrimental and wrong and should be stopped.

Fourthly—The fear of the conventional opinion of your associates in idolatry. It is next to impossible to see any harm in what one's associates all do regardless of what it is. And when the harm is recognized very few have the moral courage to risk the criticisms of those associates by ceasing a bad habit and urging the others to do so.

Our assistants—In presenting this evidence I can use that which has been accumulating for centuries in a fragmentary way by the researches of many people in many lines of investigation into the phenomena of Nature, and also the results of the critical examination by many people into the evidences relied on by idolaters to prove their teaching true. I have the moral support and backing of the Church of Humanity, which is composed of those people who have learned these great discoveries through their own experience, observation and investigation, reinforced by a knowledge of some of the evidences I shall present. You will be prevented from accepting this evidence at its true value by considerations already given and the influence that superior numbers have on most people.

Some truths to remember—In studying the evidences of these discoveries always remember the following truths and statements:

1. We do not destroy a continuity of life beyond the grave or in any way prevent you from having it. We have simply discovered the truth that Nature does not extend conscious life beyond the grave for any being. Hence it is Nature and not we that will terminate your conscious existence forever at death. We do, however, destroy the hope of immortality in those who have been taught that mistake. If you experience any sorrow at parting with that hope, which you doubtless will, charge it to those false teachers who implanted it As fast as the Church of Humanity can do it, it will teach children what death means before idolaters teach them the errors about it. That will spare them sorrow on learning the truth later in life. It would be as commendable to teach children that they could not be killed as to teach them that they will not die when they are killed. One teaching would be no more untrue than the other.

2. We do not destroy God or deprive you of the privilege and joy of seeing Him. We have simply made the discovery that no real God exists in the universe. Nature, and not we, has made it impossible for you to ever see a real God by not having produced one. All the hundreds of Gods worshiped by our race in the past, including the one you worship, were man-made creations of fiction, like Santa Claus. If you experience any sorrow on learning that you will not see God, as doubtless you will, charge it to those teachers of error who implanted that hope in your mind. When a child weeps from excess of sorrow on learning that its dear Santa Claus is not a real being, that sorrow is to be charged to those who taught it error about Santa Claus and not to those who told it the truth about him. You can comprehend the fact that there would have been no real Santa Claus though the child had never been undeceived. Your belief in the existence of a God and a future life are parallel cases. The discoveries that there is no real God and no life beyond the grave are truths that will remain truths regardless of whether you ever hear of them or believe them when you do. We teach these discoveries in the firm belief that all people should know them, and that they should be taught to every child born to our race that lives to be old enough to be taught anything about these subjects. We do not believe it right to lie about Santa Claus and we know it is not right to lie about God and life when we know what the truth is. You taught your children that it is not right to lie, and I think that teaching should be followed when the subjects of God and life are under consideration as well as other subjects. Hence in teaching the truth about God and life I am following your own high standard of moral teaching that I am confident you will not repudiate. You also taught me to worship God. But when I discovered there was no real God to worship I had to cease it or violate your teaching against lying, deceit and hypocrisy.

3. I shall devote very little attention to the other fabulous beings and places, such as the Holy Ghost, Satan, Jesus Christ, heaven and hell; because all these are secondary myths that depend for their vitality and perpetuation on the two primary superstitions regarding the existence of a God and continuous life. When those two superstitions are overthrown as realities in the minds of the people they will cease teaching these secondary superstitions through necessity. The evidence of their non-existence will be used to some extent to prove the non-existence of the primary subjects.

4. I love my children as much as you love yours. I would give as much and do as much to see my dead children alive again as you would yours. I would run no more risk of going alive to a real hell and of causing my loved ones to be sent there than you would. This is a guarantee that I am sure of my ground; that I know that I am right. There is no guess-work, belief, opinion or theory about my discovery. I absolutely know positively that there is no such a being as a real God, and no such thing as conscious life surviving death. I know these truths as plainly and as thoroughly as I can know anything. I stand personally responsible for any punishment all who believe my teaching are to have on that account after they die, to the extent of taking that punishment on myself one million times greater and longer than required of them, after I die. Then time will be no object to me, and I would as leave be in a furnace as a refrigerator. I could not know the difference. If a poor, ignorant, superstitious man who lived nineteen centuries ago named Jesus can atone to a mythical God for the ignorance of idolaters by going to hell for three days an intelligent man living in the twentieth century ought to be able to atone for the manifestation of intelligence of civilized people by being placed in hell for eternity after he dies. I wish to destroy your hope of heaven and fear of hell as much as possible before calling on you to weigh the evidence of my discoveries that no God exists and no future life is possible, because you know as well as I do that no one can judge evidence correctly whose judgment is influenced by hope of reward or fear of punishment.

5. There is another fear of yours I wish to dispel as much as possible in advance, and that is the effect of my teaching on the people's morals. I wish to assure you most positively it will have a more civilizing effect on them than the teaching of error about these subjects. All good moral ethics will remain unimpaired and will be taught and observed as generally by those who know these truths as by those who do not. As proof of this statement I refer you to the membership of the Church of Humanity, whom you will find to be as good citizens in every respect as are a like number of those who do not know or believe these discovered truths.

6. There has been much hatred and abuse indulged in by the forces on opposite sides of this controversy. I recognize that as all wrong and out of place and hope you do. There can be none of that between you and I, although we may continue on opposite sides to the last. You may never be convinced of the truth of the discoveries I have made and am teaching, but you will always remain the dear good mother to me you have always been, and I hope you will always regard me as a dutiful, loving son. Had I never made these discoveries I would have continued in the practice and support of idolatry, as you are doing, and had you in early life made the discoveries I have you would have ceased idolatry as I have done. I am not a subject for abuse because I made great discoveries. You are not a subject for abuse because you failed to make them. In the natural course of progress only the few make discoveries, and it is their imperative duty to teach them to others. Thousands of Christian mothers will read these letters to you with interest. A few of them may be able to correctly weigh the evidence presented and recognize the truth of the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity and unite with it. Many others will have their fears dispelled for the safety of their progressive children who join this church and believe its teaching. That will be ample reward for all the pains I can take in writing them.

The next letter will present daily objective proof that God is a fabulous being.

Your loving Son.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 2.

Comrade P. C. Hansen writes:

"In answer to your circular letter I must say that I am unwilling to donate anything at the present time for instructors, or at least before there are about 100 members in my own county."

As the comrades did not respond with pledges of aid to pay for the services of field workers I suspect you do not fully understand the plans I have in contemplation. If we should all refuse aid until there are one hundred, or even two, members in our own county we could never have a national society, much less a state or county organization, of our people, or in any way have our discoveries promulgated, and they could never be made known to others. In the beginning of our society building we must consider the whole United States as our local territory and build up in it one national society first. Owing to the very few and widely-scattered people who are eligible to membership in our society through their knowledge of the discoveries it teaches we must take in a vast territory to find enough to form the first society. Then as our number increases we can organize state, county and local organizations in their order. We must begin by organizing the national society first, as it will be much easier to find 1,000 people in all the United States who can learn our discoveries than a half dozen in Comrade Hansen's county. My plan is for all of us to chip in to pay one field worker to aid in teaching our discoveries from the rostrum to win numbers faster. He would work where he would have the most success, perhaps in the largest cities first, until we get the required number for our national organization. I believe you will all prefer a national organization to none at all, as would be the case if we refuse aid until we have a hundred members in a county. It would be hard to get a hundred members in a county containing one of our largest cities and impossible to get that number in any other for many years to come. I shall change the form of the pledge to include aid for only one national field worker to canvass the largest cities for members. That will simplify the matter. Then, when we get the salary of one worker raised and a qualified comrade at work, we can increase the number of workers as success and increased membership will justify. This worker is to teach our discoveries to the people by public lectures and the distribution of our literature and receive members into the church as missionaries and evangelists do for the idolatrous churches. Perhaps we could get the services of a suitable worker for $1,000 a year and a percentage of the membership fee. Let us try that. I shall subscribe $100 on the amount. That is one tenth of it. The balance of you should easily make up by pledges the other $900. You surely will not want me to do all the work and paying too. Our discoveries will perish if you do, because their propagation is too much for any one person to undertake. Our entire race are idolaters and will remain so until taught our discoveries. But the discoveries will be lost again if they are not taught by our society. No other people know them. By the evidence given in this TRUTH ABOUT GOD you will learn that Freethinkers do not know them. The fate of these great modern discoveries is entirely in your hands. It is up to you to save them from perishing. They can be saved only by propagation by you. Will you let them be lost for want of a few hundred dollars? Truth, like error, should have financial backers. Will you back these? When we get 1,000 members and are formally organized the work can then be directed by a National Board of Propaganda. That will be more satisfactory. But until then we should push the work right along as best we can. I shall now call for financial backers of the grand truths you and I have discovered and divide them into five classes according to the amount of financial backing they will give. Those giving $10 will be class 1; $25, class 2; $50, class 3; $75, class 4; $100, class 5. There ought to be at least twenty of our comrades in each of these five classes of financial backers the first year. I shall be one of them in the fifth class. If we can get efficient field workers for $1,000 a year we can get as many as we can raise salaries for. Our field workers would be subject to recall and their salaries stopped if they were unable to make satisfactory results in increase of membership. Until the society is formally organized I shall supervise the field workers myself, receive your donations and pay them, receive their reports and publish them for you to examine. This is the right way to get our discoveries taught to the people and to increase our membership faster. I hope all of you will be financial backers of the grand discoveries you have made and try to get in the highest class you possibly can. Please fill out the accompanying pledge and return it to me that I may be able to employ a field worker as soon as possible:

If you do not wish to use the blank just write on a separate sheet the amount you will contribute on or before January 1, 1908, and sign your name and address. It will do as well. I will put you in the proper class. These classes will be permanent and when the amount is paid I shall send you a nice little class certificate. You can climb to higher classes from year to year by contributing the proper additional amount to the next class. I hope you adult comrades will get into these classes and prove your desire for the preservation of the truths you have discovered by being their Financial Backers. W. H. KERR.

OUR CRITIC.

(Continued from July Number.)

In their ignorance they believed it to be the kindest act of humanity to kill a man to prevent him from leading his family and others to hell. They believed that any amount of torture inflicted on a man here that would save him from hell hereafter would be a blessing to him and an act of the best humanitarianism. In many of their tortures, burnings and massacres, they were doubtless actuated by purely humanitarian motives, though organized under the name "Church." Then, again, he evidently holds the church people today responsible, and even guilty and punishable, for the crimes of the church hundreds of years ago. Is not that unjust? What had they to do with them? Were not his ancestors and those of all people outside of church societies today just as guilty as those of church members? If any blame attaches to church members for the deeds of their ancestors, does not the blame equally attach to non-members? I think he will reject the theological theory and teaching that we should be sent to hell and punished for Adam's disobedience, even were the fable true. He would reject the principle as idiotic, unreasonable and unjust. Why, then, does he use that rejected theory as a basis for abuse of church members? Many church members regret, repudiate and condemn the fanatical excesses of our common ancestors. The humane activities of many idolaters have now taken up quite a different line of work from that of our ancestors. Instead of torturing heretics and burning scientists to save their souls from hell, as they then supposed, they now build and maintain hospitals, asylums, orphanages, etc. This shows the gradual change in the meaning of words and in the activities they represent. Societies gradually change to conform to advancing knowledge and changed environments. The Church of Humanity, then, represents the natural evolution of the "church" through learning the final truth about God and death. If we who have discovered those truths do our full duty in teaching them other church societies will accept them in time. But he says: "'Church' signifies gods, ghosts, devils, angels, spirits, brimstone, holy water, etc., etc., *ad nauseam*." Well suppose it does; is it not because it teaches error concerning those things that he really objects to it? It is the reason I object to it. Then suppose the "church" taught the people the truth about them and rescued them from idolatry, instead of making idolaters of them through its false teaching, would he object to it then? I would not if that teaching was done in the proper way. It is what I want done. As it is impossible for existing societies to teach the truth about them, why not form a new society of those people who know what the truth is to do it? Who should care what name the society takes to organize under so it delivers the goods? It is much easier and cheaper to criticize the way others do things than to do them a better way. If Messrs. Peterson, Lenau, Davis, Jamieson and other caustic critics of the Church of Humanity will show us by actual demonstration that they can rescue and preserve people from idolatry by a different plan under some other name much faster and easier than ours the Church of Humanity will give its full consent and congratulations and would likely unite with them in a body. Until they give us such objective proof their criticisms fall flat and my comrades should pay no more attention to them than they do to that of idolaters. People who "fight" a society on account of its name regardless of what it does and teaches are very shallow reasoners indeed. People who "fight" us simply because we are attempting to organize must be regarded as our enemies who do not wish us to save our posterity from idolatry, since organization is the only possible way of doing it. People who "fight" us because they have not learned the discoveries we have should have no influence with my comrades to swerve them from the path of duty.

NOTICE!

The series of letters to my mother, who will be 77 years old if she lives to the 20th of September, will run perhaps more than a year. They will be very interesting, as they will cover a wide range of evidence along several lines of proof of our discoveries, giving sound reason and good logic in such plain language as to be easily understood. They will be designed as model letters from members of our church to their Christian parents or other relatives and friends. I advise all my comrades to order a monthly bundle of the papers at once to get the full series. You can mail them to your relatives and friends. Two copies will go in an ordinary letter without additional postage, and nine copies can be mailed in a bundle for 1 cent postage.

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W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kansas: Please place me in Class ..... of the Financial Backers for the employment of qualified comrades to do field work by teaching the discoveries made by the Church of Humanity in public lectures, and to receive into said church the people who can learn them and apply for membership. I promise you the sum of $..... to be paid you on or before January 1, 1908, for the above purpose.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

A Proclamation.

Releasing all people from their vows to any God, Jesus Christ, Holy Mary or dead Saints.

By virtue of my discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life, I hereby proclaim all vows made to any God, Jesus Christ, Holy Mary, dead saints or other idols null and void, and release all people who have made such vows from all obligations to fulfill them. I personally stand responsible for the repudiation of all such vows to the extent of taking upon myself, after I am dead, all supposed evil consequences that are due all people after they are dead on account of repudiating said vows.

W. H. KERR,
Great Bend, Kan.
Temporary Organizer of the Church of Humanity and editor of its organ, The Truth About God.

The necessity for this proclamation and its promulgation is suggested by an article in *The National Rip-Saw* for September.

The editor, in commenting on a bill in the British House of Commons to appoint a commission to inquire into the matter of inspection of monastic and conventional institutions, says, among other interesting things:

"I long to see the time that America will assert herself as France has done and as England has begun to do, and give Roman Catholicism, as well as the other church institutions, to understand that their high walls, their barred windows and cloistered doors are cancerous growths upon the body-politic of any enlightened nation, and at divers times each year let the inmates of each of these institutions be given to understand that they are responsible to no one but God, and that all vows sealed by pretended vice-gerents of Jesus Christ or their agents are cunningly arranged to 'befuddle' the mind of easily-duped men and women, and that they are *free* to leave these institutions, and that the strong arm of civilization will protect them from the tyrants of these church institutions if they undertake to molest them. . . . Oh! for the time when American manhood will stretch itself up to the limit of its American freedom and declare to the children of this land that monasteries, convents, high walls, barred windows and cloistered doors are only the remaining relics of the dark ages, when priests ruled with a rod of iron. . . . 'The world do move,' and the time is not far in the distance when America will be compelled to force *Rome* to permit *Light* to sift through the barred doors of their institutions."

All of which demonstrates the necessity for some one to project a ray of light on the God-idea into the editorial sanctum of the *Rip-Saw*. He is as ignorant of the great modern discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity as any child in a convent or he would include God as one of the relics of the dark ages and not confirm the superstition of imprisoned idolaters by having the proposed commission tell them they were "responsible to God." He should know it is a feeling of that very responsibility to God through their recorded vows that chain them more securely to those monasteries and convents than "high walls, barred windows and cloistered doors." Those devices are designed as much to keep undesired people out as to keep idolaters in. The inmates are chained by their vows that can hold them fast, though a commission threw wide open the doors. They could be driven out only by force, but no physical force can break their chains to a mythical God, and they would still remain slaves to man-made Gods through their vows.

The proposed commission suggested by the *Rip-Saw* should first make it a point to break the force of those vows and then the imprisoned idolaters would feel free to leave such institutions. The only way to do that effectually is to make known to them the modern scientific discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity and the evidences that prove them true. The above proclamation and my offer in their behalf should be made known to them and fully explained so they could understand it.

I suggest that the editor of the *Rip-Saw* try to learn the modern discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life, and if he succeeds in doing so, then unite with the Church of Humanity and help it to teach them to all people outside of those institutions he wants investigated. Then they will be put out of business as prison pens for idolaters in the course of time for want of willing victims. As a starter I suggest he publish my above proclamation and offer. I request that all publications I exchange with will do the same.

CLERGYMEN HEADING OUR WAY.

Our great discoveries are in the special domain of theology. Hence the clergy of every denomination should be deeply interested in them and try to learn them. A few have subscribed for our church paper for that purpose. The following letter from one explains itself and illustrates what good a wide distribution of our church paper may do.

"Dear Sir: The writer, an emancipated clergyman of the 'Old School,' happened to find a copy of your monthly, THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. Naturally I am interested in your views and 'church,' and if you will have the kindness to furnish me with the proof that you possess and explain your method of investigation so that I may convince myself, I shall be much obliged. You will find me open to conviction and ready to accept the truth from whatever source it may come. When I am fully convinced I shall be glad to advocate your cause. My education is such that I can readily grasp the facts that you may present and follow you into any line of research that you may select. Awaiting your reply, I am, yours sincerely, P. WELLER,

"Box 147, Rochester, N. Y."

I have forwarded Mr. Weller a lot of back numbers of the church paper and other literature. He manifests the right disposition and I hope he will subscribe for TRUTH ABOUT GOD, and when he is convinced of the truths it teaches he will join the Church of Humanity and go to work teaching its discoveries from the rostrum. When such men get headed our way we want them to keep coming until they arrive at our camp. We do not want them to stop on the way at the Paine station or the Penticost station or the Ingersoll station.

KNOWLEDGE IS NO HANDICAP.

From the tone of some letters I get and from articles in all Freethought publications, I get the impression that many people believe it is a great handicap to their business and chances for success in life if they allow it to be known that they know the truth about God and life. That is a very false idea and no friend of truth should entertain it or promulgate it in any way. It is taught by evangelists to scare people into silence who know the truth about those subjects, and, strange to say, is having its effect to a great extent. But the strangest part is that people who are the victims of the false scare become its greatest promulgators instead of discouraging such a theory. If any of my comrades are helping to promulgate this false idea I request them to cease it, as it is doing much damage to the cause of truth about God and life and is in itself very erroneous. Some Freethought publications are inculcating this pernicious teaching by refusing to give the full address of their contributors. Thus teaching them to be afraid and ashamed of their own knowledge and opinions expressed publicly. No one should write anything for publication he is afraid or ashamed to put his full address to. I do not want publications coming to my house filled with the writings of such people. Learn the truth about God and life and teach it in such an honorable way that you will not be afraid or ashamed of it yourself. People are not afraid or ashamed to let it be known that they know the truth about the earth, sun, moon and stars, and are not afraid of being ostracized or boycotted on account of that knowledge. There is no sense in being afraid or ashamed of knowing the truth about God and life, or fearing ostracism and boycotting on that account. A large majority of idolaters have much more sense in this respect than they are given credit for in Freethought publications. I can testify to this from personal knowledge and experience. No one is doing more, and intends doing more, than myself to teach those discoveries about God and life that will overthrow the foundations of all religions and idolatries, yet the idolaters do not ostracise or boycott or injure myself or family in any way. They pay me as much for my farm products as they do for that of their fellow idolaters. They charge me no more than they do idolaters for goods purchased. My credit is just as good where I am known as that of idolaters, according to my financial ability. A man's credit is based on the value of his property and prompt payments and not on his knowledge or ignorance of the truth about God and life. I have a standing invitation from all the clergy I know to attend their church services, which I occasionally do in town, and am always given a hearty welcome. I believe I have no truer friends than the preachers who know and understand me. No one, so far as I know, refuses to associate with members of my family or to give them employment on account of them being members of the Church of Humanity. At this writing, August 15, my two daughters, who are stenographers, are employed by the two largest firms in this city. From my personal observations I am inclined to believe that the mistreatment by Christians complained of is due to other causes than simply a knowledge of the truth about God and life, and I think those causes are to be found generally in those who complain of unjust treatment. I request all my comrades to insist on their full address being given by all editors publishing any of their writings. We must not write anything we are afraid or ashamed to subscribe to, and we must not discredit our teaching by the appearance of repudiating it by withholding our full address.

"I hope and firmly believe that my child will be returned to me. For the prayers of the thousands of good people in this country, going up for the restoration of little Horace, cannot go unanswered.—H. N. Marvin, Dover, Del." Result—When the child was found he was dead. Conclusion—Prayers to a fabulous being cannot be heard or answered.

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DON'T DO IT, COMRADES!

In commenting on my teaching that idolaters should not be abused for their ignorance concerning God and life, Comrade Heald says in July *Higher Science*:

"The thing to do is to show what does move matter and thus give proof that God is not needed to operate the universe, and at the same time the churches and people who believe in them deserve all the contempt, ridicule and abuse that can be heaped upon them, until they would be ashamed to appear in the daytime in a humanized community."

This theory of abuse by Comrade Heald is all wrong and should not be put in practice for several reasons:

First—Because our dearest relatives, friends and neighbors are idolaters and we must not abuse them ourselves, much less hire anyone to do it.

Second—Because no self-respecting people would accept such people for their teachers, but would be repelled in disgust. They would instantly recognize the fact, as we do when it is tried on us, that contempt, ridicule and abuse is no evidence at all of the truth of a teaching, and that it is not the business of a teacher to employ such methods.

Third—"The procession of planets" can be taught only as a theory until time gives astronomical data to prove it true or false. But in case it is proven true and is in time accepted and taught in all schools it will not have the least effect in checking idolatry, as Comrade Heald thinks it would. Idolaters would simply open their schools and colleges with prayer and Bible reading and then proceed to teach the Procession of Planets, as they now do the Copernican system of astronomy and the modern discovery of evolution, both of which flatly disprove every material teaching of the Bible. Why! Don't you know that physical geography has taught the people the direct causes of rain and how it is produced by natural forces independent of a God? But in case of a severe drouth they still pray to a myth for rain as though they had never learned the true causes of it. The fact is that no amount of teaching in scientific knowledge can check idolatry except the direct teaching of the discoveries that all Gods are fabulous beings and conscious life ends forever at death. Until the people are taught these discoveries they will go on learning all other discoveries and practicing idolatry at the same old stand in the same old way.

What is needed now is teachers who will teach these two discoveries in a quiet, dignified way, perfectly free from abuse of idolaters and their idols, and unite the people as fast as they can learn them in the Church of Humanity, where they can aid in the support of the teachers.

NEWS ITEMS AND COMMENTS.

"St. Louis, April 4.—At the annual meeting of the Lucas Avenue Presbyterian church, reports showed that during the year contributions to the funds of the church were over $100,000." Comrades, money is the motor that runs all churches. Let us put a stronger motor into the Church of Humanity.

"Mrs. Russell Sage has added $100,000 to her gift of one-fourth million dollars for the building of a home for the International Y. M. C. A. committee." Rich people donate to active societies embracing large numbers so their praises will be sung far and wide. The Church of Humanity should take the cue from this trait in human nature and work hard to increase its membership to large numbers where it will attract the gifts of those rich people who want their praises sung by a big crowd. See?

"During the volcanic activity of Mt. Etna last May the frightened people living in its vicinity flocked to the churches to pray for the intercession and protection of the Virgin and their patron saints." When people are taught the discoveries that Gods are myths and death the end of life they will act more wisely. The Church of Humanity is the only society that knows those truths, and their teaching depends on it entirely. My comrades should recognize the great responsibility that rests on them and act accordingly.

Advices from Italy say there seems to be an anti-clerical wave sweeping the Italian peninsula. What is needed most in all such cases, but never done, is to follow that wave up with a stronger one labeled "Anti-idolatry Wave." An anti-clerical wave does no permanent good where the people are left as full of idolatry and superstition as before. All Freethought publications are devoting most of their energies to working up the anti-clerical wave, when they should be devoting them to the anti-idolatry wave.

"William Pore, a retired steel manufacturer of Pittsburg, Pa., has given $25,000 to the Carthage college, of Carthage, Ill. The money is part of a fund of $200,000 the college is obliged to raise before Andrew Carnegie will erect the science hall." Another reminder that the Church of Humanity will get the "dough" when it gets the numbers large enough to attract it. Let us all work for the increased membership. The money to build and maintain our educational institutions will be forthcoming when our numbers are large enough to attract it.

"Twenty idols directly from the Congo district of Africa, where only a few months ago they were worshiped by savages, are part of a collection of curiosities that has just been presented to the American Museum of Natural History in New York by three trustees of the institution." When all Christians learn the discoveries made by the Church of Humanity there will be a lot more idols to be placed along with those from Africa in that museum to be preserved as a reminder of the idolatry of the present trustees of that museum. Such are the curious pranks "Father Time" and advancing wisdom play with the idols of men.

"Allentown, Pa., June 20.—At the commencement exercises of Muhlenberg college today, President Haas announced a donation of $40,000 from ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren, of Brooklyn, a trustee, the income to be applied to educating young men for the Lutheran ministry, preference being given to those living within 100 miles of New York City." What is needed now is some one to donate $40,000 to the Church of Humanity, to be used in teaching young men its discoveries and training them for the position of field instructors to go in advance of those ministers and teach the people the truth about God and life. Who will make the donation?

At Mongaup Valley, near White Lake, N. Y., there is a water famine, owing to a protracted drought. Ignorant, superstitious idolaters who believe there is such a thing as a real live God are circulating a petition calling upon the local priest to offer up mass for rain. When the people learn the modern discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity that no God really exists and that life ceases at death they will know better than to do such a thing as to pray, or ask anyone else to, for rain or anything else.

The lesson in this copy proves positively that if those people were actually dying for want of water there is no God to help them in the least. It shows that many people die praying for the aid of a God. No God exists is the reason none comes to their aid. Those who know the truth about God will cease praying forever. To pray to God is sure evidence one has not learned the truth about Him. My comrades should aid in pushing our educational work to the uttermost of their ability. They see here how ignorant, superstitious and idolatrous the people all are for lack of the wisdom they possess.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 3.

Dear Comrades: I have mailed each of you, where the address is known, a printed copy of my mailing list of church members. There are 163 given. The addresses of the wives and children who are members are not given where the husband and father is a member. A few have no settled homes and when they change their address some have neglected to inform me. Therefore, I do not know positively that every address is correct.

I wish each member to subscribe for and read our church paper to keep in touch with the work even if unable to aid any. So please be sure to always give me your address promptly if you make a change. Where two or more members live in the same city or county I wish you to become acquainted with each other and consult together regarding the best methods of carrying on our propaganda to the best advantage. That is the reason I mailed you the list. I wish I had a list of a few thousand members to mail you. The larger the list the more there would be in each city and county for you to get acquainted with and consult with. Then when you were numerous enough you could organize a local society of your own. Then you would have use for a field worker and organizer. One such worker ought to be able to get more members for the society in a month than we can through the paper in a year. Members for any society are always obtained by field workers and organizers for them. We should raise the salary for at least one such worker and put him to work. The task of making known our discoveries devolves upon us entirely, and we must not be derelict in our duty. Please fill out the following blank with a promise of as large a donation for a field worker as you can give. I also wish to ask you to please try to raise the circulation of our church organ to 10,000 copies monthly. It is 3,000 now. You can do it easily by taking a bundle monthly for distribution. They are only 25 cents per 100 to you in bundles. You should aid in this way to let the people know of your wonderful discovery about God and life. The lessons I am giving should be put into the hands of many thousands of people. You are the only ones to do it. Will you help to distribute them? Let your answer be an order for a large monthly bundle. Do not be discouraged because you do not see results in membership at once. It takes a long time for seeds of truth to germinate and bear fruit.

W. H. Kerr.

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LETTER OF EVIDENCE TO A CHRISTIAN MOTHER.

NO. 2.

Daily Objective Proof That No God Exists.

DEAR MOTHER: All we know of nature must be learned direct from nature in the first place by some people who closely observe the phenomena it presents and accurately record the result of their observations, investigations and experience. That preliminary work must be done before the truths of nature can be put into books. It often happens, though, that pioneer investigators arrive at wrong conclusions through inability and a too superficial investigation. Those erroneous conclusions, when taught and placed in books as truths, lead others astray who depend on them for true knowledge. The only way to detect errors in such conclusions is to have deeper and more thorough investigators compare them with the original source—nature. That is the true measure by which all studies in nature should be tested from time to time in order to eliminate the errors. The right of this testing process is inalienable in each generation. If previous conclusions are found to be out of line with nature then they must be abandoned and new ones formed that are in line and harmony with it. Then they become scientific truths. Most of your reasons for believing in the existence of a God are based on erroneous conclusions of very superficial observers of nature. Your attention has often been called to the balmy days, pleasant summers, beautiful flowers, budding trees, waving grass, singing birds, golden grain and many other agreeable things and conditions and you have been told by the teachers of idolatry that a God produces all those things for the special benefit of man. Not knowing any better, and there being no one to disprove it, you, of course, like all our race, accept it as true, and praise and worship that reputed benefactor, as directed to do by the mistaken teachers. It is now discovered by more accurate observers that those things that please man are not produced by any God and are therefore no proof at all of the existence of such a being. On the contrary, it is observed that the things that injure and destroy man are not checked or controlled in the least by a God, which is positive proof that no such being exists.

It would be impossible for an intelligent being to use infinite power to produce the infinite variety and abundance of things that help and please man because it loves him, and at the same time produce the equal amount of things and conditions that injures and destroys him. That is a contradiction in nature that disproves the theory that it is manipulated by an intelligence that knows of our existence. Mere conscious life is the dearest possession of man. If it can be proven that there is no God caring for that, then it is self-evident there is none caring for anything else relating to him. In the face of inevitable destruction, when all human power is impotent to save, the idolaters turn to God for help with all their power of entreaty and persuasion. The fact that He is not available for duty then proves conclusively that He was not around ready for business at any other time of man's existence, his superstitious belief to the contrary notwithstanding. The greatest crisis in life is when that life is being extinguished. The fact that no unseen being comes to its aid then is proof positive that no unseen being ever came to it or knew anything about it at any other time of its existence. I want that fact impressed deeply on your consciousness and memory, for it is right there where I made the discovery that all gods are fabulous beings and where I find the firm basis for my teaching it to others. To impress it firmly on your mind that there is no unseen intelligent being caring for any members of our race I submit the following cases of life extinguishment as proof of it:

People killed by explosions that God would have prevented had He been a real being instead of a myth.

"Charleston, W. Va., May 2.—Eleven miners killed and missing as a result of an explosion in the Whipple mine.

"O'Fallon, Mo., April 27.—Three men killed by the blowing up of a locomotive.

"New Castle, Pa., April 8.—Three lives lost by a powder explosion.

"Scranton, Pa., June 10.—Seven men killed by two explosions in the Johnson Mine No. 1, at Prezburg.

"London, May 6.—Eighteen workmen reported killed in an explosion at the Moltien gold mines, in Transvaal.

"Johannesburg, Transvaal, March 31.—Fifty-four people killed by the explosion of two cases of dynamite at the Dreifontein mine.

"Canton, China, May 3.—More than 100 people were killed as the result of a gunpowder explosion."

People killed by train wrecks that God could easily have saved had He been a real instead of a fabulous being.

"Detroit, Mich, July 20.—Fifty excursionists dead and dying as a result of a head-on collision between a passenger and a freight train near Salem.

"Wheeling, W. Va., May 7.—Four persons killed in a wreck of the New York and Chicago express at Roseby's Rock.

"Charleston, Ill., Aug. 30.—Fifteen persons killed by a head-on collision between a motor car and a traction car.

"San Francisco, May 13.—Thirty-two killed on the wrecked Shriners' train at Honda."

Lives Extinguished by Tornado, Typhoon, Cyclone and Cloudburst that God would easily have saved had He been a real being instead of a man-made creation of fiction, like Santa Claus.

"Louisville, Ky., June 8.—Twenty-one people killed by cloudburst that wiped out the village of Gradyville.

"Valparaiso, June 20.—Five people killed by a tornado from the Andes.

"Oklahoma City, Okla., April 29.—Seven persons killed by a cloudburst at Capital Hill.

"Victoria, B. C., May 29.—Two hundred and seventy persons killed by a typhoon in the Carolina islands as reported by cable from Sidney, Australia.

"Fort Worth, Tex., April 28.—Eleven lives lost in a tornado at Valley View and Hemming.

"St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 7.—Twenty people reported dead as a result of a tornado which swept the southeastern part of the state and a part of Iowa and Wisconsin adjoining.

"Bombay, India, June 7.—Thousands of people have been killed by a cyclone and tidal wave at Kirrachee, a city of 120,000 inhabitants, situated on the Arabian sea.

"Mexico City, May 3.—It is believed that more than 100 people lost their lives by a destructive hurricane which swept the gulf coast of the state of Campeche."

Destruction of Life by Famine and Plague which could have been easily averted by a real God, but which a myth God is as powerless to relieve as is Santa Claus.

"Shanghai, China, March 23.—Reports from the famine districts say the horror is indescribable. Hundreds are dying every day. In some localities parents are selling their children for small sums with which to purchase food, and in other places corpses are exhumed for cannibalism. The famine is unprecedented and millions are starving to death. The plague in India is equally as destructive of life. Returns of deaths from the plague-stricken districts show the appalling total of 1,060,667 for the six months ending June 30."

Deaths by Fire that would have been prevented had there been an intelligent being in the universe who knows and cares for man:

"Cleveland, Okla., April 4.—Two boys burned to death in a fire in a barn.

"Saugus, Mass., April 6.—Two men burned to death in a fire that destroyed the H. B. Newhall tide mill.

"New York, April 23.—Four men burned to death in a fire on the East side.

"San Francisco, April 4.—Fifteen laborers lost their lives in a fire that destroyed a lodging-house.

"Suisun, Cal., July 10.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Campbell lost their lives by the burning of their home.

"Boston, Mass., May 25.—Three men perish in a fire along the East Boston water front.

"San Jose, Cal., May 25.—Fifteen men perish in a fire in the Union lodging house.

"Mexico City, May 12.—Ninety miners perished in a fire in the Tenares Copper mine at Velardena, State of Durango.

"Victoria, B. C., June 27.—Mail advices from Hongkong report 500 Chinese burned to death in a theatre."

Other Life-extinguishing Disasters that would not have happened had there been a real live God in existence instead of the fabulous Gods worshiped by idolaters:

"Rio Janeiro, April 29.—It is reported here that the British steamer, Brownhill, is destroyed by fire and entire crew lost.

"Victoria, B. C., June 4.—News is received of an earthquake at Hsing-Kiang, in which 4,000 persons are crushed to death.

"Buenos Ayres, May 8.—The French steamer, Poitou, has been wrecked off the coast of Uruguay and 100 passengers and members of the crew are said to have perished.

"Victoria, B. C.—News is received that over 100 Chinese were drowned by the breaking of a bridge over Soo Chow creek.

"Quebec, Aug. 29.—Eighty-four workmen killed by the falling of a part of the new bridge being constructed over the St. Lawrence channel.

"San Francisco, Cal. — The steamer Columbia sank in seven minutes after a collision with the San Pedro off the California coast, drowning 98 of the passengers, who were mostly women and children. As the boat took its last plunge, those on the vessel followed the example of an old man with white beard and knelt on the deck in prayer. About twenty-five died in this manner."

These are only samples of the daily life-destroying catastrophies that prove beyond a doubt that no member of our race is known or cared for in the least particular by unseen beings supposed to exist in space around us. I cannot give the sad details of these calamities in this small lesson. If you read the daily papers you will see them. In many cases the victims died praying, as in the last account. What possible good could that do when no God exists to hear them? Their prayers might as well have been addressed to Santa Claus. People of all religions and of all sects and of none were represented by those who perished. Did any of the idolaters have the least advantage over those who were not worshipers of any idol? What advantage, then, is it to be an idolater and refuse to learn the truth about God? This one lesson alone would overthrow all religions in the world were its disproof of them thoroughly taught to the people. It is so important to impress this lesson deeply upon your consciousness that I shall continue it in the next issue, where I shall explain it more fully. So please keep this lesson to read again with the next. Your loving Son,

THE TRUE REASONS FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

One of the most potent influences to chain and hold people in idolatry is the false teaching and belief that there is a God who rewards people financially for their support and practice of idolatry. This fact has often come under my observation, but I shall mention only one case as a sample. A few weeks ago I attended the business men's Bible class. Of course I could take no part in the exercises, though cordially invited to do so. But during the discussion of the lesson the subject of donating to churches came up. Various amounts and percentages of one's income were suggested as a basis. Finally one member said that one should always give according to the necessity and his ability, since the Lord would always manage to make it back to him many fold and he would be the gainer thereby. He said he had proof of that fact from personal experience and related the following circumstance to prove it: Several years ago, when the church was being built, a solicitor for funds called on him for a donation of ten dollars. Not being a member of the church then he hesitated to give. The solicitor assured him the Lord would bless him by a return of it many fold in some way. With that understanding he gave it. A few weeks afterwards he bought two lots and resold them at an advance of $100 in a short time. He then remembered, he said, the promise and recognized God's hand in the deal which he had not thought of when he gave the ten dollars.

Such unsound reasoning and erroneous conclusions bind millions, as they have that man, to the support and practice of the idolatry of a non-existing God through a belief in it being a money-making investment. No God ever wanted a house built in which He was to be worshiped, because no real God exists. No God ever swindled a man out of $100 of the value of his property in order to get ten per cent of it from the beneficiary, because no real God exists.

The explanation of successful business generally with those who aid liberally and actively in church-building is that they apply the same energy and enterprising ambition to their other business affairs which is essential to success. I guarantee that if my comrades will donate freely of their wealth and time to aid in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity and then apply that same kind of energy, push and enthusiasm to their other business they will be as successful financially and otherwise as are idolaters who contribute money and time to the promulgation of their idolatry. Thus you will see it is not the aid of a non-existing God that gives success to idolaters, but their own industry, economy, enterprise, push and stick-to-itiveness. That is the secret of success, which is often attributed to the aid of a God.

My own success in a small way thoroughly disproves the theory that there is a God aiding people financially or otherwise in proportion to the aid they give in promoting idolatry. For a number of years I contemplated devoting my time and money to the propagation of my discoveries that God is a fabulous being and death the end of life when I got financially able to do so. Certainly no one will accuse a God of aiding me to gain that financial means. I will, therefore, be excusable for relating a few of my little successes to disprove a false theory of idolaters and not to make an idle boast. I bought about 180 acres in Southern Texas, in what is known locally as the winter garden spot of the United States, for about $2,900. In less than two years it advanced in value to nearly three times that amount without a dollar expense to me and is still advancing rapidly. A few years ago I bought 960 acres in Gray county, Kansas, for $4,800. In less than six months after the most of the investment was made, and in less than two years from the first, I sold it for $10,500, making a cash gain of $5,700, besides some crop on part of it more than paid for the improvements I put on. About seventeen years ago I added 560 acres to my farm in this county at an average price of $9 per acre. It is now worth $40 per acre and still advancing. It brings me an income from rents of 25 to 50 per cent yearly on the original investment. This is enough to prove positively that a man who works to build up the Church of Humanity and contributes for the teaching of its discoveries can be as successful in business as the average idolater who believes he must worship a creation of fiction to insure financial success.

Having discovered there is no real God, I know that none aided me in my little successes, and that no thanks are due to any such fabulous beings. I do know, however, that the best wife and children in the world, to me at least, aided me beyond computation, and to whom these successes are due, and to whom millions of thanks are also due. Many thanks are also due to Christian neighbors, friends and relatives who contributed in many ways to my success.

We should all learn to recognize our real helpers and to give them the thanks instead of giving the credit and thanks to imaginary beings. The real parties can appreciate it if given while living, but the fabulous Gods cannot. It may be claimed by some readers that these profits were made by speculation and not by the aid of others. But I remind them that it required many years of hard labor of myself and family on the farm to accumulate the money with which I speculated. Good crops rewarded our labor as often as they did that of our superstitious neighbors who believe there is a God who makes their crops grow, and who receive their idolatrous thanks and praises, if it is proper to speak of myths receiving anything. I have always intended to use my property for the best interests of my family. The promulgation of the discoveries I made regarding God and life I believe to be to their best interests. Therefore, I expect to leave the bulk of it to the Church of Humanity to be used in the propaganda work, provided that church is organized and incorporated and has hired agents actively engaged in the work. I want my comrades to all do the same thing with the surplus property they wish invested for the benefit of their families.

NEW RECRUITS.

The following comrades united with the Church of Humanity since last report:

206. A. Walukas, 26 W. Pratt street, Baltimore, Md., 38, laborer, Lithuanian, Roman Catholic.

207. Joseph J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo., 37, farmer, American, English and German, Catholic.

208. Karl Witkowski, 65, Kenmore avenue, Newark, N. J., 48, artist, Pole, Polish, German and English.

209. J. W. Carpenter, Whitman, Neb., 57, ranchman, American, Baptist.

210. Ben Hudson, R. 3, El Reno, Okla., 65, farmer, American, Baptist.

211. Frank H. Lovering, Newlon, Mont., 61, farmer, American, Methodist.

On behalf of the church I welcome these new comrades to membership. Our society can grow only by the addition of new members. There are two main reasons why all who know the modern discoveries that God is a fabulous being and that life is ended forever at death should join the Church of Humanity.

First—Because it is the only plan whereby people can announce to the world in permanent records that they have learned those great discoveries and receive a certificate of graduation in that knowledge.

Second—Because the only way those great new-found truths can be taught to others is by a union in one special society of those who know them. That is the only way to popularize them, to allay the fears of idolaters and get them to accept these truths. Hence it is not only a pleasant duty on the part of myself and comrades to invite all such people to unite with us, but all such people should regard it as an opportunity of great value to them and one that should be accepted with gladness as soon as they hear of it. We have a standing invitation to all people to unite with us in this society as soon as they know the discoveries it teaches to be true. If you want anybody to know these truths it is your best plan to unite with us and help us to employ teachers to make them known to all as fast as possible. The membership of idolatrous churches are kept up by their hired agents meeting the on-coming generations and inducing them to unite with those churches. To win the victory for truth we must unite to enable us to put hired agents in the field to meet those same generations and induce them to unite with the Church of Humanity. Come on, brave boys and girls, let us unite, hire our agents and get them to work! The generations are all being won to the aid and support of idolatry and forever will be until our agents meet them and turn them our way.

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Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Its Greatest Enemy and His Disposal.

By its continued misrepresentation and abuse *The Examiner* has forfeited the good will of the Church of Humanity and is not entitled to the patronage of its members. I suggest that my comrades who have subscribed for it return it marked "refused," with any back dues to date. We are under no obligations to receive a visitor into our homes to abuse us and we need not receive his publication to do the same thing. *The Examiner* for September and October came with over three of its eight pages devoted to such misrepresentation and vilification of myself and comrades as to justify the elimination of its editor, Mr. Peterson, from further consideration by us. Comrade William R. Adams, of Hooker, Okla., was fully justified in his refusal to subscribe for it. In a letter to me he says in part:

"Several weeks ago I sent for a sample copy of *The Examiner*, of Paris, Texas., with the intention of subscribing for that paper if I liked it. In due time I received the sample and the first thing my eyes fell on was an editorial of abuse of the TRUTH ABOUT GOD and its editor. As I am a member of the Church of Humanity I think it is needless for me to tell you I did not subscribe for *The Examiner*. I very promptly decided that I could get along without a mud-slinging liberal paper."

That was the proper thing to do in its case.

When I read the last consignment of misrepresentation and abuse I fully understood the nature of the man and promptly sent a request to discontinue the exchange with our church paper. I would close my remarks here owing to his age and infirmities, and to my own disposition to dismiss promptly those who seek only strife and contention, but duty to my comrades and the cause we represent indicates that I should point out some of the apparently intentional misrepresentations on which he based much of his ridicule and abuse and on which we are justified in turning him down. He represents me as saying and teaching "that it was the myth God which committed these horrors." Those who read our church paper know I teach no such stuff. He either does not read it or is not able to understand it. I discovered that God is a creation of fiction, and, of course, know that such creations can do nothing, and I do not accuse them of doing anything.

Again: "It is the mistaken belief and teaching regarding (the word) God back of the name (church) that is responsible." The words in parentheses are his, which change my meaning. I do not quibble over the derivation and etymology of the word "God," and do not teach that it is the mistaken belief and teaching regarding it that is responsible for anything. I teach that it is the mistaken teaching and belief that the supposed thing to which the name "God," and its many synonyms, are given is a real being that is responsible for all crimes, excesses and follies committed by, and in the name of, all religions. Of course, Mr. Peterson has not the mental power to distinguish any difference here, but I hope the readers now all have since he is eliminated.

A parallel case would be children quarreling and fighting over the powers and attributes of Santa Claus, and what he wanted and did not want them to do, none knowing or caring anything about the derivation and etymology of the name. When they all learn the truth about him—that he is a myth—they stop their disputations and quarrels as to his powers and abilities.

Again: "Kerr says: 'I know the name "church" is innocent and I know the name "God" is guilty.'" I never said any such thing. Mr. Peterson has not the manhood to correct any of his errors and it is useless to ask him to do so. He has such a consuming hatred for organized society, especially one with the name "church" attached, that when he can find nothing to criticize he manufactures something. He creates a fictitious Kerr, as God, Satan and Santa Claus are created, by attributing sayings and teachings to him; representing him as having ridiculous dialogues with a priest and a Methodist parson and then holds him up to scorn, contempt and ridicule for being as he created him, and then represents that Kerr as being me. I recognize very little teaching of his fictitious Kerr as being similar to mine. But that fictitious Kerr is not to be blamed for his ignorance and stupidity any more than God is for the wicked nature his creators give him. All the nonsense and idiocy attributed to that fictitious Kerr can be found only in the mind of his creator—the editor of *The Examiner*. Since we have learned how fictitious characters are made we know where to look for the source of all the idiocy and wickedness they have assigned to them.

He builds up a fictitious member of the Church of Humanity in the same way, then holds up all my comrades to ridicule as being like his fictitious member. By this unmanly method he has earned the utter contempt of all my comrades, and they are fully justified in eliminating him from further consideration, as Comrade Adams did.

Of his fictitious Kerr he says: "In one breath he brags to beat the band about the good all his opponents are doing him and his church by their 'abuse,' and in the next he yells 'Calf rope! Take him off!'" and then ridicules that Kerr for his inconsistency. As I never made such "brags" nor gave such "yells" the criticism does not apply to me. He can find nothing ridiculous enough in my writings to suit his vindictive desire for criticism and so must manufacture the stuff for criticism himself. The nature of the man is revealed in his advice to me. He says: "However, she (Mrs. Eddy) had, so far as we know, a big advantage over Kerr as to virtue. She had *none at all*, according to her latest biographers. * * * If he is real good, he will never succeed with his hoodoo. * * * The best thing that Kerr can do now is to get himself on record as a bad man from Bitter Creek." Think of such sentiment—that a person with no character has a big advantage over those who have! Would you, comrades, want such a person to be your representative, and the teacher of your children? He evidently would. He ridicules our discovered truths because he has not made them himself and does not believe we have, or that anyone else has. He is simply fighting organized society while retaining its fundamental superstitions as firmly as idolaters.

Read this, which he gives as a "literal fact": "The literal fact is, we were immortals together in the spirit world for more than forty millions of years before we made up our mind to take to incarnation on the earth plane." He tells about riding cherubims that were fifteen feet high and had six wings and says of their swiftness: "Why, we would start to the planet Mars, pass a flash of lightning, arrive at Mars, have a seance with the spirits and meet the same flash not a million of miles distant from the point where we overhauled it going." How is that for "literal facts" from the pen of our critic? Can the writer of such stuff be competent to criticise me and my comrades? I guess not.

Until recently he kept this quotation standing at the head of the first page: "This paper is the official organ of the Prophet Hosea, whom God inspired to record: 'The prophet is a fool; the spiritual man is mad.'" IX:7. I think he had better keep it there, since the assertion seems to fit.

"Edited by Persius" is the editorial signature to *The Examiner*. Why don't he sign his right name? Has he good reasons to be ashamed to own his writings? I should think he has, judging from his unjustified abuse of my comrades. We should promptly turn down all writings whose author is ashamed of them and we should take it for granted he is ashamed when his name is omitted.

"We thus ring the changes again against a guilty church," says our caustic critic. Well, the Church of Humanity is guilty of having made the great modern discoveries in theology that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of life. It is guilty of being the first society to know and teach those truths. It is guilty of wanting the people taught them to rescue and preserve them from idolatry. It is guilty of devoting money and time to that laudable effort. All of which guilt brings down on our devoted comrades the wrath and venom of Mr. Peterson, who has a good store of it on hand used in "fighting the church for fifty years." He can distinguish no difference between the teaching of the Church of Humanity and any other church, and will proceed to dump all the dirt he has been dumping on other churches in that time on us. He calls that a "war of words between orthodox Freethought and the Kansas heretic." So it is not the churches after all that were the heretic hunters and persecutors. It was "orthodox Freethought." Guess our ideas on the subject will have to be revised. Of all the idolatrous churches each of my comrades are surrounded by, their combined abuse of our church has not equaled the abuse of this representative of "orthodox Freethought" in one issue of *The Examiner*. Is not that a surprising revelation? Who would have thought our bitterest enemy and our most active society-destroyer would not be found in the churches whose superstition we seek to overthrow by the teaching of newly discovered truths, but in the ranks of "orthodox Freethought."

Well, we know now what we are "up against"! If we can save our posterity from idolatry by giving it the proper teaching regarding God and life we must do so in spite of the bitter, vindictive and continuous opposition of "orthodox Freethought," instead of receiving aid and encouragement from it, as we had hoped for.

What in the world is "Persius" kicking about? He has not a penny invested in our church, is not a member of it—couldn't be if he wanted to. We don't want such members or their money; have no use for them under any name. What business is it of his what name my comrades unite under, or what they pay, or what it is for? Since when has he been a self-appointed guardian of myself and comrades? Must we ask this self-appointed representative of "orthodox Freethought" what society we may unite with; how much we shall pay, what it is to be for, what we shall teach and how? My comrades are competent to attend to their own business without the aid of "Persius." If he has any business I advise him to attend to it and leave that of the Church of Humanity to its members. I shall now dismiss him from all further consideration. He will doubtless continue his

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We do not want any of the other churches overthrown. We only want them to teach the truth about God and life as it is discovered to be. But they can't do that until they are taught it by the Church of Humanity. Hence the mission of this church is to teach the other churches the real truth about their own subjects. They should not object seriously to that proposition. They will all be gainers by knowing it.

Other churches are having revivals. Let us have one. The way to do it is as follows: Let all subscribers who are not members of our church unite with it at once. Let all the old members send in promises of aid to hire orators for field work. And all parties send a dollar each for a monthly bundle of one hundred copies of TRUTH ABOUT GOD for four months. Let us all get busy together and we will have the biggest revival of all.

NOTICE—I will teach any number of students free of charge in the truth about God and life who wish to prepare to do field work for the Church of Humanity. If there are any who wish to avail themselves of this offer I ask them to write me about it at once. Young men should be preparing for this service. I confidently believe my comrades will promise a few thousand dollars for the salaries of competent field workers for their cause.

The probabilities are that not an editor of a Freethought publication can, or will, aid us in doing the only thing possible to save our children from idolatry, viz.: establishing a permanent organization, with branch societies everywhere, to teach them the truth about God and life. Their ways appear remarkably strange to me, since they abuse our children shamefully for believing in and supporting the idolatries and superstitions of other churches, especially when they grow up, and then not only refuse to aid us but actually fight us bitterly when we try to make an organized effort to save our children from those objectionable actions.

WANTED—I want competent authors to prepare suitable text books on God and life for the special trade of the Church of Humanity. No Deists, Spiritualists, Agnostics or anyone else who believes in the possible existence of a God or of continuous life need apply. I have a number of fine books on these subjects, but they were soiled in the making for our use by being tainted with the errors of such people. I have just read a splendid work by Mr. S. W. Davis, entitled "A Future Life?" which I had hoped to be able to adopt as a text book to refute the evidences of a future life, but he spoiled it for that purpose by tincturing it with his Agnosticism. Authors should no longer try to ride two horses at once by producing a "straddle" book to catch the trade of two or more factions.

EXTRACTS FROM COMRADES' LETTERS.

E. W. Wylie, Read Island, B. C.: —"Inclosed please find one dollar for membership in your organization. I am an American by birth, but am living in Canada now. Hoping you will succeed in this undertaking, I am your Brother in the Church of Humanity."

T F. High, Boise, Idaho:—"Please find inclosed money order for $1 for membership in the Church of Humanity. There is no God except in the imagination of the people. Some people can imagine any old thing. I believe in looking for tangible evidence, and try to be governed by it."

J. R. Miller, Carl Junction, Mo. —"Dear Comrade: Herewith I send pledge of a little help annually for ten years as follows: To the national instructor, $5; to maintain the preparatory college, $5. I hope we will get a good lecturer that will bring the people out of religious darkness into the light of truth.

Mrs. M. A. Lee, Blue Earth, Minn.:—"I hereby send you 50 cents to apply on my subscription to the TRUTH ABOUT GOD. I would like a small bundle of the little eye-opener, once in a while, to give to people. I thank you very much for the list of names you sent me. May you live long enough to have your heart's desire gratified, as concerning the Church of Humanity."

J. P. Hansen, Fairfield, Wash.:—"Enclosed please find $2—membership fee to the Church of Humanity for Frank Forsland and myself. Below are the names of a few who, I think, might become members if you send them sample copies of your paper. Hoping that you may succeed in getting 10,000 members for the Church of Humanity inside of five years and that it may soon be able to lift the poor, ignorant human race out of its superstitious rut, I remain your for Humanity."

J. C. Cramer, Bucyrus, O.:—"You may put me down for $10 per year for field workers' salaries. Perhaps I may see my way clear to give more, but I do not like to pledge more than I am sure I can afford, as I have no income but my wages and have my aged parents to provide for. I have tried for fifteen years to do all I can to overthrow superstition. It is a sad fact that we do not support our cause like the superstitious Christian does his. You have undertaken a job that is no easy one, for 99 out of every 100 who are educated out of Christianity drop into the indifferent class and are just as useless to us as they were before. Any time the $10 is wanted drop me a card and I will forward by return mail."

John P. Williams, Dallas, Ga.:—"W. H. Kerr, Dear Brother: I wish we had you down here in our county. We need just such men as you, who are not afraid to tell the truth about God. I belonged to the Methodist church when I was a young man for twenty years. I tried as hard to believe the Bible as any man ever did. But when I found I was deceived I then commenced to tell the truth about God. I have bought nearly fifty of Ingersoll's books and let them out among my friends. So you see I have been doing some work for our noble cause. I will send you some money this fall if I live to make anything. Send me any of your work you can and I will send it out when I read it. I am doing some good, I think, for our church. I am sixty years old, but hope to live to do more than ever."

H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa:—"Put me down for $10, payable on demand, for teachers of the truth about God. I have several friends that I think I can get to go with us, and will do all I can to swell our number to the 1,000 mark. I look forward with pride to the calling of the greatest convention ever known in this country. Now I believe I can get five in all, and I believe every member could do as much. Now, see how easy we could get our 1,000 members if each man would do his part. Let us try it and try now. We declare there is no God, and we have a right to so declare. I think it cowardly for us to say we don't know whether there is a God or not. Let us quit lying about God and let us stand up like men for facts. Our good old Freethought guard was all right, but we want to advance."

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dirt-slinging from his fullness of it, but it will not be read by me. I suggest that my comrades do what they can to protect our society from it by refusing to read it or to subscribe for *The Examiner*. I do not object to decent, gentlemanly criticism, for correction or information. I can have the patience of Job and the meakness of Moses in replying. But when a man of his very objectionable disposition and methods pours forth the vials of his wrath and bitterness unprovoked on my devoted comrades he is liable to be sat down on hard and then dismissed. He will call this action "gag-law," "bigotry" and "intolerance," but he can't browbeat and intimidate us by such methods into admitting such a man or his writings into our homes. Life is too dear to be embittered by contact with such people. The grand work before us is too important to be neglected by wasting time and space on such as he. The world is plenty large enough to accommodate the Church of Humanity and "Persius" without there being a collision between them. He need not "butt in" to our affairs, and we need have nothing to do with him. He can find plenty of churches to "fight" the balance of his days without molesting ours. None of the others pay any attention to him. Perhaps he attacked ours only to get noticed, but we will follow the plan of the others in the future regarding him.

We do hope none of the editors of the other Freethought publications are "orthodox." We certainly have had enough of "orthodox Freethought." There is every indication that the balance of them are intelligent enough to comprehend us and our movement. I have seen no objectionable criticisms in any of them for a long time. Of course, we would all be profoundly grateful to them if they would give us aid and encouragement in our efforts to organize to enable us to give posterity the only teaching regarding God and life that can save it from idolatry. We have children, so have they. These children are entitled to a true knowledge of God and life. It can't be given them without the services of specially prepared teachers in a regularly organized society for that special purpose. We must be willing to unite in order to have that society, and to put up our money in order to have teachers for them. We pay teachers for teaching them all other knowledge. Why not have teachers and pay them for teaching the truth about God and life, which is the most important of all knowledge? Without that knowledge they will be worshipers of a dead Jew, a myth named God and will believe in the superstition of continuous conscious life. That will leave them supporters of the Dowies and Eddies and all other religious freaks of the future. Do you want them to be left to believe in and support the delusions of such people? Why not use your power, money and influence now in providing them a society able to teach them the truth? That is our object and aim. Why not help us, all you Freethought editors who are not "orthodox"? To aid us is to aid yourselves in providing efficient, necessary educational facilities for your children in the very important knowledge of God and life. It cannot be given them through publications or books without the aid of personal teachers, as all other knowledge is given them. Help us, then, to unite to enable us to organize so we can produce the teachers and maintain them, and establish society-schools for all our children where they can be properly taught the truth about God and life. Won't you help? If you will not help us we do hope you will not become "orthodox" and jump on us rough-shod, as "Persius" did.

The reading season is on again. Subscribe for THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD, or renew if your time has expired.

Letter of Evidence to a Christian Mother.

True Reason Applied and Great Discoveries Made. No. 3.

DEAR MOTHER: By the application of true reasoning to the calamities recorded in my last letter we discovered some profound truths. The greatest one is that there are no unseen intelligent beings in space, as we were taught existed, and to which such names as God, Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost, Devil and Spirit, and their various synonyms, are given, but that all such beings are purely creations of fiction.

The secondary discovered truths are the non-existence of heaven and hell and other places and things that are dependent for their existence on the reality of those beings. Since they do not exist nothing can exist that depends on them for existence. Hence all that really exists is either eternal, such as space, time and matter, or transient, such as the many forms of matter and the various powers and attributes which are inherent in matter and manifested under similar elemental combinations and environments.

In these letters I shall use the name "God" to designate the imaginary being worshiped under all names, such as Supreme Being, Lord, Creator, Ruler of the Universe, Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, etc. Children, and adults, too, if there be such, who never heard anything about God can know nothing about him until taught. But the discovery of his non-existence must of necessity have been made by those who know the character given him by his creators. He is created as a "straw man" is by having attributes, acts, desires and commands assigned him as all fabulous characters are made. You know what they are and it is not necessary for me to do more than mention a few so you will fully understand my meaning. To him has been assigned infinite power, wisdom and expansion, and man's passions, such as hate, jealousy, revenge, love, pity and sympathy. Now, of necessity, such a being, would have to be present at each and every life-extinguishing place mentioned. Was such a being there? Let us apply pure reason to the case. A searching analysis of each incident fails to show the slightest evidence that any of them were caused by hatred, jealousy or revenge of a God. Among the victims are the so-called heathen of India and China, believers in each of the great religions, members of all Christian sects, male and female, young and old, good and bad, innocent and guilty, the greatest worshipers of God and his greatest enemies, yet no one was killed by the will or act of a God through hatred.

You were taught that God hates the wicked, the worshipers of idols and those who do not worship him and his son Jesus and who disbelieve in their existence, and that he will cut them off as cumberers of the ground and utterly destroy them with his fierce wrath. Of the perished thousands here recorded hundreds of them were such people. They died with the good and the innocent and the worshipers of God and suffered no more than they. But God did not cause their death. Other causes are given. He could not have caused the causes for that purpose. There was no design in them to kill or hurt anbody. The good and innocent suffered equally with the wicked and unbelievers in his existence. All that proves beyond doubt that God has not the wicked passions of man that are assigned him. Regardless of what man does or believes or teaches God will not punish him, because he has not the passions of hate and revenge. Of all the thousands of bad people, and idolaters and criminals who die every day, not one is killed by the power or will or aid of a God. All stories told or written that God ever did or will punish or harm man for any cause whatever are simply untrue and are only a part of a made-up straw God to frighten people with. Man is perfectly free, so far as any God cares, to learn all the truths of Nature he can and to teach them. He is also free, so far as any God cares, to commit any and all crimes he wants to. He will never be molested or punished in any way for doing so by a God. Man is also free, and ever must be, from punishment by his fellow beings, to discover and teach the truths of Nature, else progress and civilization would cease and our race retrograde again. But man is not free and never should be from restraint and punishment by his fellow beings if he willingly harms others. Having now seen that God did not cause those calamities to punish the wicked, because he has not man's passions of hate and revenge assigned him, we will now go back and show that he is also devoid of man's passions of love, pity and sympathy. Owing to your good nature you will not be sorry to learn that God has not the bad passions of men, but you will be sorry he has not the good ones. But remember, we are not looking for only things that please us, we are looking for truths. Of course, we should be pleased to find the truths of Nature whatever they be. If we are not there is something wrong with that part of our education. When we come to search these disasters for evidence of love, pity and sympathy of God for our perished fellow beings we get no better results than when we searched for evidence of hatred. There lies the drowned, the starved, the charred, the torn and mangled babes, and good citizens, and Christians of all sects, many of whom died begging and pleading to God for aid and pity. Was any extended from a God? Evidence shows there was none. Facts declare there was none. Reason, based on these, affirms that God has no love, pity or sympathy for man. Thus reason, based on positive evidence, reveals the truth that Gods do not have the good passions of love, pity and sympathy assigned them. Had there been a real God with those good attributes he would have exercised them in behalf of our perished loved ones. To have them and not be able to use them would be as worthless as not to have them. You dare not say none of these people were worthy of pity. You and I would have suffered the same fate had we been in their places. A God who had no love or pity for them can have none for you or me. Your intense love and regular worship of God and my knowledge and teaching of his fabulous nature would not make the slightest difference in our fate were we caught in a disaster. You would be as liable to receive the greater injury as myself, and we would both be as liable to meet a horrible death as the greatest criminal that lives were he caught in the disaster. Thus you see no God knows anything about our existence, our belief, teaching and acts. At none of these disasters can the slightest evidence be found of the manifestation of wisdom and power of a God or that a God was present. It would be utterly impossible for such a being with the powers and passions assigned him to be present at all these recorded disasters and not give evidence of it in some way. Thus pure reason, based on this positive objective evidence and proof, shows us that God has none of the passions of man assigned him, nor the three great attributes of omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience that form the base of all Gods. Shorn of all powers by the force of reason applied to evidence, all Gods stand before us revealed in their true nature—pure creations of fiction, like Santa Claus.

Thus we learn the truths of the unknown through the application of true reason to the known. Then that unknown is added to the known and the horizon of knowledge becomes wider step by step as the ages roll by. When the people are taught this great discovery the overthrow of ignorance about Gods will be complete and man will stand forth as the "supreme being" on this planet. His last crowning achievement in his conquest of the earth is the overthrow of the Gods and Devils of his own creation. This same evidence that proves God to be a fabulous being proves also that Satan, Holy Ghost, Jesus Christ and spirits of dead people do not exist in reality, but are also myths—creations of fiction. True reason applied to the causes of all these disasters show they were not caused by such beings, and that no such beings aided in the rescue of the victims. As they did not exist in the localities of these recorded disasters they could not exist elsewhere. Hence they are all myths and the belief in them being real beings is only a superstition caused by the teaching of ancient errors.

When we parted at the recent family reunion you said you would pray for me. I ask you to please omit praying for me, and shall give my reasons for the request:

There are no unseen beings in existence to pray to. The evidence here given proves it. Fabulous beings, like Santa Claus, cannot hear you. You are told by the teachers of idolatry that if God does not answer your prayer it is because you are wicked and sinful and unworthy. That is an insult to your children, who know better. You should consider it such to yourself. The true reason for it is found in the other direction. It is because there is no real God to hear prayers. That is the reason the prayers of those dying people were not heard and answered. That is the reason your prayers for the recovery of my sister and father were not answered. How could your prayers in my behalf be heard and granted when they were not in theirs? You should learn the true cause of prayers not being granted as I did and then cease offering them as I did long ago. To pray to God is no evidence of good citizenship, as the worst citizens pray also. But it is evidence of being ignorant of God's true nature, as is now discovered and taught by the Church of Humanity. Your own experience in praying for a God to prevent your loved ones from dying and this additional evidence of the failure of dying people to save themselves from death by praying to a God for aid should convince you fully that your prayers could not have the least effect in saving me from harm through the aid of a God, and you should cease the practice. It would be useless to pray to a God to forgive me for making and teaching the discovery that there is no real God, for had there been one I could not have made the discovery. No amount of praying could dispossess me of the knowledge I have learned. You should not want me to pretend I do not know what I do, and teach what I know to be untrue. That would make me a hypocrite, a liar, a deceiver and a teacher of error. I would be no credit to you then. You can believe and teach the errors about God and life and be perfectly honest in it because you have not learned the truth about them. The failure or refusal to learn the truth about those vital subjects is no credit to you or anyone else. You pray for me because you love me and wish to do something of value for me. But you are mistaken in believing your prayers are of value to me or anyone else. You can know that from your past experience and that of others. The entire praying force of the world could not induce a God to save the lives of two praying presidents from the effects of the assassin's bullet. That was because there is no real God to hear prayers. Those who prayed never knew the true reason why their prayers were not granted. But my discovery that Gods are fabulous beings gives a true and satisfactory answer. Instead of praying for me I ask you to try to learn the discoveries I have made and am teaching, and if you succeed in doing so then cease praying and unite with the Church of Humanity. I shall accept that for as much evidence of your love for me as I do your praying for me.

Your loving Son, ————.

NEW RECRUITS.

The following comrades united with the Church of Humanity since last report:

212. E. W. Wylie, Read Island, B. C., Canada, 59, hotel keeper, American, none.

213. Theodore Loutesco, 92-94 2d avenue, New York, 32, printer, Romanian.

214. Carl J. E. Lindgren, Malcolm, Minn., 30, carpenter and contractor, Swede, Lutheran.

215. Jacob Bernhard, 7934 St. Lawrence street, Swissvale Station, Pittsburg, Pa., 47, machinist, Swiss.

I bid our new comrades a hearty welcome to our society and wish there were more like them. I hope they will try to get their relatives and friends to join with them in this great undertaking to overthrow idolatry and superstition by teaching the newly discovered truths about God and life. The time has surely come when we should make an organized effort to free the world from superstition and idolatry.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 4.

DEAR COMRADES: The revival season of other churches is at hand. Special pleaders are hired to present the claims of superstition and idolatry to the people from the rostrum. The members fix up their churches attractively, advertise weeks ahead, provide good vocal and instrumental music, arrange for union services with all evangelical churches, hold preparatory services, make arrangements for special services for the school children right after school, arrange for excursion rates from near-by towns and get enthusiasm worked up to a high pitch for effective work when the evangelist comes. All that takes work, money, harmony and great executive ability. The hope and faith and interest of the old members are revived and quickened. Children, seeing all this activity and no objections to the teaching, must of necessity believe it. They unite with the churches by scores at a time, as directed to do by parents and pastors and the evangelist. Thus the superstitions and idolatries of the people are perpetuated from generation to generation through the centuries. After making the discoveries you have do you want YOUR children to be numbered with the idolaters? Do you want them to worship the Gods you discovered to be myths? Do you want them to believe in immortality that you discovered is but a superstition? I hope and believe you do not. You wish them to learn the truths you discovered that they may be saved from idolatry. A wish without the will to act for its realization is worthless and can accomplish nothing. It takes action to realize a wish of that kind. That includes work and pay. Are you willing to give that to gain your wish? If not, your discovery has been in vain. Your wish can never be realized. It, too, is in vain. There is a way, and only one, to gain your wish. Shall I tell you what it is? It is this—All the people of earth must be taught your discoveries in order to save your own posterity from idolatry. If you do take the time and trouble to teach your children your discoveries they will in time be scattered; surrounded by idolaters; married to idolaters; associated in every way with idolaters and their teaching. Your grand-children would be taught idolatry, would believe it and practice it. Thus the grandest discoveries ever made would be lost again forever, or, at least, for ages. It has taken you many years of study, experience, observation and investigation to make those grand discoveries. After all they have cost you are you willing for them to meet with such an ignominious fate? Forbid it, comrades! Forbit it! Take the necessary steps right now to perpetuate them forever, and to make them known to all the world. What are those necessary steps? I will tell you. They must be exactly what idolaters take to teach and perpetuate their idolatry and superstition. These discoveries can only be promulgated in the same general manner the errors about God and life are. The necessary steps for us to take are: 1. A union of all who have made the discoveries in a special society for their teaching and nothing else. 2. Organization and incorporation of those people into a society with a constitution, by-laws, elected officers, etc. 3. A system of collecting and disbursing funds for field workers who are especially qualified and adapted for the work of teaching our discoveries and organizing the people into societies who learn them. 4. The founding and maintaining preparatory colleges for teachers. 5. Each local society to own its church building and maintain its own instructor. These are the primary steps taken by most of the successful churches, and which we, too, must take to be successful. They require continual work and paying. Comrades, are you willing to take these steps? Are you willing to do the necessary work and paying? A few must prepare to do the teaching. The balance of us must prepare to do the paying for it. We have already demonstrated that we will unite by actually doing so. Let us now demonstrate our willingness to pay for the teaching of our discoveries by actually promising to do so. When we get the required number, 1,000, we must demonstrate our willingness and ability to organize by actually doing so. Nothing but action counts for anything. Our grand discoveries are worthless to our posterity and the world if we have not the necessary ability to establish an organization able to teach them. We have all been "stuffed" by the Freethought press with the false, though flattering idea, that we have more brains and sense than the idolaters have. The idolaters demonstrate every day that they have more sense than we have. That is an unwelcome truth, but when we realize that it is a fact it will be the making of us and our church. So long as the idolaters have the brain-power to unite, organize, provide literature, teachers, buildings and societies and schools to teach their idolatries and superstitions, and to then take our children and grand-children from under our very nose and make them worshipers of their idols, the boasting of our superior intelligence becomes painfully ludicrous. It will be soon enough for editors of Freethought publications to boast of their superior mentality to that of the Christians when their children are no longer found worshiping Christian idols. Let us all cease bragging about our superior wisdom and go to work doing something so sensible that the Christians will do the bragging on us. We have now, all told, 215 enrolled members. That is probably about all we can find through the press who know the discoveries we do. We can either call the organization convention now with that small number or raise the salary of a field worker to present our discoveries to the people from the rostrum and solicit members for the society. The society should really be organized before we send out representatives. I would like very much to have the 1,000 members first, if possible. But can they be found? Have any of you relatives or friends who know these discoveries and will unite with us? We, too, should have a great revival to wake us up and get us in action. Is there an orator in our church who could fill the place of an evangelist in doing field work for our church? Let him speak up if there is. We want his services. Comrades, we will back him with our number, but that will not pay his expenses. We must also be his financial backers. Let us start the movement by seeing how much we can get promised on the salary of one good competent field worker for 1908, if one can be found.

The following comrades have pledged amounts for church work as follows:

For a competent orator to do field work for the Church of Humanity during 1908:

W. H. Kerr and family	$500.00
H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa	10.00
J. C. Cramer, Bucyrus, Ohio, yearly	10.00
*William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla., yearly	10.00
*J. R. Miller, Carl Junction, Mo., yearly	5.00
Total	$535.00

*Part was for maintaining the college, but it can be used on salary of a field worker until the preparatory college is established.

Now, comrades, please fall in line and demonstrate the fact that you are willing to pay to have your grand discoveries in theology perpetuated and made known by a promise of financial aid to a competent teacher of them during 1908. I shall accept your promise as being equal to your bond. If no such orator can be secured your money will not be called for. I request each of you to please report at once the amount you will give so I can know what you will do. Then if the salary is large enough to tempt a good orator and organizer to work for our church I shall advertise for one, if none can be had from our present membership. Please act at once, right now, today. Don't wait until you see if the *rest* will do anything. *You* are the *rest*. *Your* discoveries are at stake. *Your* children will be idolaters for want of a knowledge of them. It is *your* cause individually. *You* must act to save it. Send in a promise of not less than $10, nor more than $500. I don't want one of you to do more than myself. But you should each try to do as much as you can. You have as much at stake as I have if you have children you care to save from idolatry. Remember, we are all *free thinkers*, but that this is not a *Freethought* paper, nor is our society a Freethought church. We have specialized our work and confine it to the teaching of our discoveries and the organization into one society of all who can learn them and as fast as it can be taught them. Branch societies will be established everywhere as fast as our field worker can get members enough at a place to do so. Our field workers will be required to come up to the moral standard of our public school teachers. Their entire time will be required in the service of our church—that means in your service for this specific work. No other work or teaching will be allowed. The teaching of socialism, capitalism, anarchy, freeloveism and all other isms will be strictly prohibited in our hired teachers and authorized representatives. They must teach what we hire them to teach and nothing more. We are all perfectly free to work for any cause we want to, but we must do it through the proper channels and societies. Our church is a society for a special work. Its hired hands must devote their time and energies to duties we pay them for. You are all entitled to know what the rules will be, because none of you will pay a man for doing what you want him to do if you know he will also do what you do not want him to do. Regardless of your political affiliations or what isms you believe in, you want your children taught your discovered truths about God and life. That is what we are united for and what we want to pay hired teachers for. That is the only basis we can organize on and stick together on. It is clear-cut and to the point.

Now that you know the way is clear and satisfactory, let us all "get busy." If your discoveries are to survive there must be "something doing" on your part. Don't you see I am trying to do my part? I can't do yours, too. You must do it. Were I an orator I would undertake field work myself. But as I am not I am willing to chip in liberally to the funds to hire them. Will you be as liberal? Come, wake up! Show your hand! Don't be a fossil any longer. Join the ranks of the *Financial Backers* of your discoveries and make glad the countenance of all your comrades, including that of your humble servant.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Propagate Truth by Organizing, Teaching, Paying, as Idolaters Propagate Superstition.

Galesburg, Ill., Nov 5.—More than 2,300 conversions are reported as the fruits of the five weeks' revival held here by Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday, and which has just closed. Among the converts are many of the best-known people in the county. A free will offering of $5,600 was given the revivalist.

Here is success! What are the keys to it? Organization, work, pay! What works the keys? Intelligence, life, energy, enthusiasm, harmony and good sense. That they are teaching untruths and making superstitious idolaters of the people must be left out of consideration. Were their teaching true it would be the right way to teach it. To judge of their intelligence correctly we must judge them by results in getting people to believe their teaching aside from the question as to the truth or error of that teaching. Perhaps other thousands of people were made to believe the superstition taught by Mr. Sunday who did not unite with any church or make any public confession. These people are all made idolaters and supporters of it for life, though many of them may never do personal work in the church. Their money will pay others to do it. They will defend religion in the schools, advocate laws favorable to religion, teach it to their children and send them to Sunday school and other church societies for young people. They will buy religious books, tracts and leaflets and subscribe for religious papers. In all cities, towns and neighborhoods of all countries the evangelists are getting in their work with more or less success.

And so the creation of Gods and the teaching of people to worship them goes on apace perpetually all over the world.

Is there no remedy for this vice of idolatry? Must our race forever worship fabulous beings of its own creation? Can it never cease the creation of Gods nor cease their worship? Must the God-creators and teachers of the superstition of continuous conscious life rule the world forever? Must the vice of idolatry and superstition be the controlling passions of our race perpetually? Are they the only passions that can arouse people to action of brain and muscle and cause them to do things? Does the knowledge of the truth about God and life paralyze the brain and muscle of the few who know it? Must those few, for want of a little practical sense and judgment, continue to turn their children over to the evangelists to be made worshipers of their idols and supporters of their superstition? Is there no remedy for this terrible state of affairs?

Where, O! where is the Moses able to extricate our race from this dreadful idolatry and superstition? One can not do it. It will take hundreds and thousands to do it. Infidelity, Atheism, Agnosticism, Liberalism, Rationalism, Freethoughtism, Materialism nor any other ism so far tried can do it, nor all of them combined. None of them have the right keys that can unlock success to us. They are all impotent to save us and give us relief from perpetual idolatry and superstition. None of the sciences, nor all of them combined, can do it. God-creating and God-worshiping and the teaching of the superstition of continuous life flourish in all colleges and universities teaching all branches of science. Not a voice is raised against it in any of them. The declaration of Agnostics that they do not know if there be a God and a future life or not frees no one from idolatry, not even themselves. They are simply waiting to be made active idolaters by the pleading of some evangelist with more ability than any they have encountered. Children, at first, are Agnostics, and no evangelist with any sense will waste any time on an old one when he can teach the young ones by the thousands his idolatry with less effort than he could one old one. He knows time will do what he cannot. It will bring old age and with it softening of the brain and the fatal illness. Then the old Agnostic will send for a Billy Sunday to come and take him in his arms to Jesus, and turn over his property to him for doing so. Then all the Billy Sundays have a capital story to unload on their congregations for all time on the inconsistency of Agnosticism. This is doubtless the ignominious wind-up of many of the adherents of all the isms above enumerated. The Freethought press says these are the best citizens, and most accounts of results of revivals say "some of the best citizens are among the converted."

The "nine demands of Liberalism" constitute the basis of all opposition to idolatry and superstition offered by the adherents of the above isms. They are as follows:

Nine Demands of Liberalism.

1. We demand that churches and other ecclesiastical property shall be no longer exempt from taxation.

2. We demand that the employment of chaplains in Congress, in the legislatures, in the navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all other institutions supported by the public money, shall be discontinued.

3. We demand that all public appropriations for educational and charitable institutions of a sectarian character shall cease.

4. We demand that all religious services now sustained by the govment shall be abolished; and especially that the use of the Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly as a textbook or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited.

5. We demand that the appointment, by the president of the United States or by the governors of the various states, of all the religious festivals and fasts shall wholly cease.

6. We demand that the judicial oath in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be abolished, and that simple affirmation under the pains and penalties of perjury shall be established in its stead.

7. We demand that all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath shall be repealed.

8. We demand that all laws looking to the enforcement of "Christian" morality shall be abrogated and that all laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality, equal rights and impartial liberty.

9. We demand that not only in the Constitution of the United States and of the several states, but also in the practical administration of the same, no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to Christianity or any other special religion; that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis; and whatever changes shall prove necessary to this end shall be consistently, unflinchingly and promptly made.

Not one of these demands leads to success in freeing our children from idolatry and superstition or to making them immune to it. Not one of them contains a key to unlock success to us. Not a demand that the truth about God and life shall be taught, which is the only possible thing that can make people immune to idolatry. They evidently did not know it. Not a demand that those who know the truth about God and life organize and employ competent teachers to teach it to the people. They did not know it and could not give us the keys to success. Were every one of these demands granted it would free no one from idolatry of myth-Gods or the superstition of continuous life, or make one child immune from the errors of evangelists. Idolatry would flourish just the same. No wonder people could not organize and work on such a basis. Not a vital demand in it that justifies people giving the services of their lives and property to secure.

I am not condemning the makers of this platform, or those who tried to organize on it. They did the best they could, and the best they knew. No one can teach or advocate a truth he does not know. A child falls many times before it learns to walk. Let us try, try again, and benefit by past failures. Let us not fail again. Let us get on a right basis with a right object in view worthy of the devotion of our lives and property to accomplish. Let us remember that demands can accomplish nothing. It takes action to accomplish things.

Suppose Billy Sunday had continued playing ball and sent a demand to the people of Galesburg, Ill., to go to church and worship God and send him a draft for $5,600. He would have been voted a fool unanimously. Each one would have said he could go to church and worship God if he wished to without paying Mr. Sunday a penny. But he was not so foolish as that. He encouraged those people to do their duty as idolaters should. He renewed the hope and faith of the old, and taught the young to believe in the existence of Gods and how to worship them. He taught them to believe in the superstition of continuous life. Then they paid him the money gladly.

Educational action is the key to success in his case. It will be in our case. People can be freed from idolatry and superstition only by teaching them the truth about God and life. That teaching must be done in the same general way the errors are taught. That truth has been discovered by the Church of Humanity. It is that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the permanent cessation of conscious life. The keys to the success of this church are the same as those of all others—organizing, teaching, paying. Let us all get busy in unison and apply the keys that will unlock success to us. The keys are too heavy to be handled by one or even a few of us. It will take all who want success to work in unison and harmony in handling the keys. That will require on our part as much practical good sense and executive ability and willingness to act and pay for what we want as the idolaters have. Have we got all that? So far we have demonstrated we have not. But can't we improve with past failures and the example of idolaters before us to learn from? We ought to know now that to make "demands" and to fight organized society and abuse those who are ignorant of the truth about God and life are not the right keys to success and those plans should be abandoned. They were wrong foundations. The Church of Humanity has the right one now active with the right object to accomplish progress in view. We can now build as man also. cieties instead of tearing them down gives with none to take their places. We as can now teach people the truth instead of abusing them for not knowing it when they never had an opportunity to learn it. It will cost us as much to teach them the truth about God and life as it costs idolaters to teach the people errors. Those 2,300 converts cost over $2.43 each to teach them superstition, and doubtless many times that amount had been expended on them since their childhood to make idolaters of them. To make children immune from idolatry and superstition they must be taught the truth about God and life. That will cost as much per head as to teach them the errors. But it is the best investment we can make if it cost ten times as much. That teaching will have to be established everywhere and kept up continually to keep our own posterity immune from idolatry. That is the key to success. Let us all stop criticising the clergy and the idolaters for doing things and let us do things ourselves.

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In union there is strength. Let us unite.

Our fine college building is idle. There is plenty of room in it for a publishing plant. Mrs. Bliven suggests one for the Materialist association. Why not unite in a body with the Church of Humanity and all hands help to establish one?

Our proposed preparatory college is not for the general education of children, as Mrs. Bliven seems to think it is, but for the preparation of special teachers for our church. We have no prepared teachers, but be should have.

If you know the truths that Gods are myths and life ceases at death you are still entitled to recognition and all the benefits of organized society and the Church of Humanity will welcome you to membership. Send in your application.

Correcting Grammars.

I am no grammarian nor do I make any pretense of teaching grammar. But grammars are subject to change from time to time to include new rules in certain departments made necessary by change of usage. The discovery that God is a fabulous being necessitates new rules in capitalizing the plural and pronouns of the name to make it harmonize with like cases. Hence the plural "Gods" should be capitalized and the pronouns he, him, his should not be. The names of myths are capitalized, both singular and plural, thus, "Santa Claus," and "Santa Clauses." tr The pronouns he, him and his are disco ot. I have instructed my printer tered; follow these rules. Any criticisms ried to ido nstruc are to be charged way w ices who will say we may have in this, as it is not authorized by grammars and dictionaries. But the fact that we do it is proof that we can, and the critics who cannot be weaned from old usages can be waived aside.

NEW RECRUITS.

M. Siemes, Warrington, Fla.:—Dear Sir: Enclosed please find application for membership in the Church of Humanity, of which I shall be proud to call myself a member, and which I think is the only means of elevating this world up to a higher civilization where Justice and Humanity shall reign supreme. It is my sincere belief that as long as superstition rules our country we cannot lay claim to the acme of civilization, and it is the height of my ambition to help to release this world forever from this fabulous and incredible belief in inspired theology. In this, my dear sir, you have my sincere co-operation and best wishes.

Joel M. Berry, National Military Home, O.:—I am just in receipt of your letter and papers. I can and will distribute the papers among my comrades here. I read your little book, "The Most Marvelous Discovery of the Age," and must honestly say it teaches what I discovered years ago. I enclose my application for membership, and am willing to work in any capacity I can for the betterment of mankind.

J. P. Hansen, Fairfield, Wash.:—I will pay $10 towards expenses of a teacher to enlighten people on the God question. It is of the greatest importance that all should be set right on that question that they may realize that we have but one life to live, that we may get the most out of it. If we are to do anything for the betterment of the human race we must do so while we live. Life is short at best.

EXTRACTS FROM COMRADES' LETTERS

The following comrades united with the Church of Humanity since last report:

216. William Gerchow, Armada, Mich., 64, shoemaker, German.

217. M. Siemes, Warrington, Fla., 30, mariner, American.

218. Joel M. Berry, National Military Home, O., 76, American, ex-Baptist preacher.

219. Alexander Friedolin, Afognak, Alaska, 46, mining, Russian, none.

On behalf of the society I bid these widely scattered comrades a hearty welcome to membership, fellowship and friendship in the Church of Humanity. May they live long and happy and prosperous upon our common planet, Earth, as it is the only possible conscious existence they can ever know. This conscious life itself should be a constant joy, and, owing to its short duration in an eternity of time, should itself inspire the grandest and most sublime happiness possible to man. The sunny south of Florida, the ever changing seasons of Ohio and Michigan, the snow clad mountains of Alaska should all be continual sources of profound happiness to our comrades owing to the short time in which to behold them. Throughout immeasurable time, until a few years ago, they could not see the grandeur of nature, and in a few short years the will never see it for eternity. How happy and joyous we should all be to have conscious life to enable us to behold the wonders of a universe for even so short a time. The only eclipse that mars this beautiful view and contemplation to our race is its superstition about the existence of a mythical life that blinds it to the glories of this. The mission of the Church of Humanity is to overthrow that superstition by teaching the people the truths of nature, and its influence must eventually be extended to all our race. We extend an invitation to the people of all nations who are immune to the false teaching of idolaters to join with our comrades in this society. They can not unite with any idolatrous society to help maintain and spread its superstition, but they are entitled to, and should have, the prestige organized society gives. Hence the Church of Humanity is for the special benefit of all those people. To have that society they must unite. That is the only way.

EVIDENCE OF NO GOD.

The following newspaper clipping was sent me on a postal card and will doubtless be accepted by idolaters as evidence of the existence of a God, as it is intended, but which proves his non-existence when rightly considered:

"Ada, O., Sept. 23.—Amos Clark, 40, atheist, defied the Lord yesterday to strike him dead. He fell lifeless a minute later."

This may be, and probably is, an untrue story to frighten idolaters into a fear of learning the truth about God. But were it true it proves that there is no such a being as a God by applying the following reasons to the case:

1. People fall dead suddenly while engaged in all occupations and professions, not excepting praying and preaching. An old neighbor of mine fell dead while scooping wheat a few days ago. No one thinks of accusing a God of "dropping" them from hatred of their acts. Apoplexy and heart-failure are the causes generally assigned for sudden deaths. No one ceases praying and preaching and scooping wheat because some people suddenly fall lifeless while thus engaged. Did a God exist he would make himself and his wishes known to all individually by such unmistakable methods as would not admit of other explanations, and which would not defeat itself by killing the people taught.

2. Some Deists know that prayers and supplications cannot induce a God to act in any manner whatever. If a defy can induce action in this case it could in other cases and people would soon "catch on" and "get wise" and work their myth to a finish by that process. Instead of asking God in prayer for favors when they know he never acts when asked that way they would simply defy him to do things and, presto, they are done. They would defy God to save their crops from hail, drought, frost, bugs and weeds. They would defy him to make it rain; to make it stop raining; to make people well; to prevent train wrecks, mine explosions, ship disasters, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, tornadoes, blizzards, and, in short, the universe and everybody's business would be run by a God through defying him to do it instead of asking him in prayer, which wise people know is not effective. Were there an unseen power that kills people who defy it to do so it would do anything else it was defied to do, and all people would have to do to get things done would be to defy that power to do it. All Japan and Russia need do to have each other annihilated is to simply defy God to do it and both nations would be exterminated were there a God who strikes people dead because he was defied to do so.

A simple way to prove that Mr. Clark was not killed by a God because of a defy to do so is to defy God to do the next thing you want him to do instead of asking him in prayer to do it. I guarantee your defying God to do things will be no more effective than your prayers in getting them done, because I discovered no such a being exists. Mr. Clark is here called an Atheist, but if he really defied God to do anything he evidently believed in the existence of such a being else he would not have done such a foolish thing. People do not defy Santa Claus or any other thing they know to be a myth to do things. To thus defy God proves one to be a Deist, and not eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity. One reason I object to the title "Atheist" being applied to members of our church is because it is applied to such Deists as Mr. Clark, who believe in the existence of a God, but who believe he has not the power or will to act. If the story is true he might have hastened apoplexy or heart failure by excessive fear of God on account of his defying him, which proved his firm belief in the existence of such a being. People who know from evidence learned that no God exists could have no fear of him to cause bad results. This sudden death after defying God to kill him may be the result of a firm belief in his existence and not, as idolaters would have us believe, the result of non-belief in the existence of a God. Thus all evidence idolaters use to support their false teaching can be turned to disprove it when considered in its true bearing. That is why the Church of Humanity needs trained teachers in the field continually to win the people from idolatry by overthrowing their false evidence by true reasoning and logic. My comrades should see the necessity for field workers and donate freely for their services.

The freedom to teach the truth about God and life is of no real value to us unless we do it, or employ others to do it.

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No. 4.

Proof That the "Soul" is a Myth.

DEAR MOTHER: The two primary mistakes of our race on which all religions and idolatries are based and maintained are the beliefs in the existence of Gods and undying souls in people. These two mistakes are so intimately connected and inter-dependent that they must both be corrected to free people from idolatry. When all other Gods are proved to be myths and discarded some people will worship the supposed soul of some dead person and make a God of it as in the case of Jesus. It is of no importance whether the Bible Jesus was a real man or only a fictitious one. When the people learn that they have no such a thing as a soul that survives death with consciousness they will cease the worship of the dead, and that will apply to both real and fictitious people. In my previous letters I demonstrated to you that no such thing as a spirit existed. In this letter I shall explain to you how I discovered that the soul is a myth by another process which you may understand better. In this process, as in the other, I go direct to nature to learn its truths and not to old books written by mistaken people, as the teachers of idolatry and superstition do, for, as stated before, there is where all the truths of nature are found in the first place and with which all supposed truths placed in books must harmonize or be discarded as errrors. For our purpose we will apply true reasoning to three dead objects—an oak tree, a cow and a Chinese woman. The cause of their death is immaterial this time. We will consider the oak first. In considering its nature you are as able as I am to be guided by true reasoning, since you have no hope of reward or fear of punishment to influence your conclusions. Is that oak's life in existence now? Has it gone to an oak heaven or hell? Has it "crossed over" to a spiritual oak-forest? Is there a "great judgment day" for that tree wherein it will be resurrected and reunited with its life and then live forever? To all these questions your reason answers the same as mine—No. Is the life of the oak dead forever? Did its life die within it? Is that what constituted its death? Is the tree dead because its life died? Would the tree be living now had its life not died? To these questions your answer is the same as mine—Yes. Was its life a spirit—a soul—an independent, self-existing thing that simply used the tree for its development to abandon it at will and re-enter some other object or remain disembodied as it preferred? You answer with me—No. But I am aware that some befogged thinkers answer this question in the affirmative. You can recognize their mistake and reject their conclusion as I do. You know as well as I do that this oak was not of a dual nature, composed of body and life, in which the life can dissolve partnership and continue an independent existence at will. You know that the oak's life is not a separate thing inhabiting it temporarily, but that it is a condition of the tree, as death is when it dies. We do not speak of this as being the "remains" of the oak, indicating that part of it had left or was taken away to some other world. When father told us boys to cut down certain dead trees for rails and fuel he did not tell us to cut down their "remains." I think you will fully agree with me that the life of this oak began at the germination of the acorn that produced it and ceased forever at its death. It in turn produced acorns, some of which are growing into other trees. But their lives are not the life of the parent tree. They constitute a succession, and not a continuation, of life by which the oak forest is renewed and perpetuated.

This process of reasoning applies to all vegetation. I believe you agree with me that life is only a condition of vegetation and death means a permanent change in that condition extinguishing life forever. You are not sorry this is true or that you know it or that I know it and teach it. What benefit would it be to you, or to vegetation, to believe the errors of people who would claim the life of all vegetation is its soul and that it departs at death to inhabit some other world? Would such an assertion make it true? Would it be right to force you to pretend to believe it by persecution and prosecution?

There is no danger of that since a very large majority of our race know the truth about vegetable life ceasing as you and I do. Now we are agreed on the permanent cessation of the life of this oak, are we not?

Now let us apply the same plan of reasoning to the dead cow that we did to the oak. It surely led us to right conclusions in that case and it should in this. In this case you are also free from fear of punishment and hope of reward to influence your judgment, and you should be as able to reason correctly as anybody and arrive at right conclusions. The same line of questions can be asked about the life of this cow and the same answers will be given by both of us. Her individual life began at birth and ended at death. There is no heaven or hell or spirit land for cattle. There will be no resurrection of this cow on a great judgment day. She will remain dead forever. Life was only a condition of the body and not a separate thing to go out at death and remain conscious. The dying of the body was the dying of the life, and when completed the condition was death. Let us see if Webster's International Dictionary agrees with this knowledge of life in animals and vegetables. If it does it is right. If it does not it is wrong. "Life, 1. The state of being which begins with generation, birth or germination, and ends with death; also, the time during which this state continues; that state of an animal or plant in which all or any of its organs are capable of performing all or any of their functions—used of all animal and vegetable organisms." Why, of course! Life begins with birth "and ends with death." Why should we not all know that and teach it? What harm is there in knowing that simple truth and in making it known to others? Are you not happy and content in this knowledge? What good would it do to not be? Could you change it by believing and desiring it to be otherwise? Would it be sensible or desirable to support a society to teach that this cow's life was a separate thing and is now in cow-heaven or hell or purgatory or spirit land? Would it change the facts? Would it make it true? Would it help the cow? Would it make the people more intelligent and civilized to teach them such lies until they believed them? Is not the plain truths of nature the best for us to learn and teach? Should not all children born to our race be taught these simple truths of nature? Am I not doing right by teaching these facts? You know this teaching is true. Your experience and observation and investigation teach you that it is. Your best judgment and reasoning ability based on these proclaim them self-evident truths on which you can not be mistaken or deceived. You are in perfect accord and harmony with me in the knowledge and teaching of the truth that all animal and vegetable life ceases forever at death, so is practically our entire race. We are now two-thirds through with our investigation into the meaning, nature, beginning and end of individual life. You, and practically our entire race, are in perfect accord and harmony so far with my teaching, and believe it sound, logical, practical and true, and accept it. Now let us see how well we can keep together in the last third of our investigation. I shall follow strictly the same line of evidence and reasoning on the nature and limitations of the life this dead Chinese woman had that led us direct to the truth about what became of the lives of the oak and the cow. That method has led us so far correctly and I have full confidence that it will continue to do so. I shall stick to the evidence nature gives and accept the truth it leads to. I hope you will stay with me as you have done so far. I hope your Bible and the dictionary and all our race will stay with me as they have done. If you and they do not, I cannot desert the truths of nature to follow you and them, since it will be evident you and they are the ones who are mistaken by having failed to read nature correctly.

Now let us reason together about this dead woman. We will not say her "remains," because we did not use that word when studying the dead cow and oak. Is death the condition or state she is in now? Previous to this was she in a live state since her birth? Is "life" only the name of a condition, and not an object? Was life the same condition or state to this woman it was to the cow and the oak? Was that life limited to the time between birth and death? Is it now terminated, extinct, non-existing? To all these questions there can be but one truthful answer—Yes. Was the condition that constituted the life of this woman different from that which constituted the life of the cow and the oak? Was her life a self-existing entity to which the name "soul" is given? Did it desert her to live a separate conscious existence? The only truthful answer to these questions is—No. Is this the real woman or was it her life? This is the real woman. The material part of the woman, of the cow and of the oak are the real objects. Their lives were only conditions or states of these objects. Can this woman ever be restored to life again? No. Like the cow and the oak she will remain dead forever. All three will be decomposed into the primary elements of which they are composed and unite again in the great store house of nature to form food and drink for animal and plant life. How many agree with my plain reading of nature? Do you, mother? Remember there is no God to come to the rescue of this woman from the natural process of nature that treats people, cattle and trees impartially. In previous letters I proved the non-existence of a God. So, now, in all our studies of nature, he must be strictly eliminated and every question settled on its own merits to arrive at its truth. You have no more personal interest in this Chinese woman than you have in the cow and the oak. You should be able to see that she is in the impartial power of nature as firmly as they are, that she is equally subject to its universal processes, that no belief or prayers or hopes on her part or that of others can save her from it. You would certainly acknowledge that I am right in regard to the fate of this Chinese woman were it not for the reflection that such would also be your fate and that of your loved ones. Well, such is the case, dear mother! Our fate is the same as that of the cattle and the trees. There is no more use in us fighting against it than they. The processes of nature to which we are all subject alike know no trees or cattle or people and no distinction between them.

Let us see if Mr. Webster is still with us. Yes, he is to some extent, and to that extent he is right. Read again his definition given above of life. That applies to people also if he recognizes them as animals. He does. "Animal. 1. An organized being endowed with sensation and the power of voluntary motion, and also characterized by taking its food into an internal cavity or stomach for digestion; by giving carbonic acid to the air and taking oxygen in the process of respiration; and by increasing in motive power or active aggressive force with the progress of maturity." That means man also. So far he is right. But he also gives the mistaken definition of life as applied to man under the second definition, thus: "2. Of human beings: The union of the soul and body; also, the duration of their union; sometimes the deathless quality or existence of the soul, as, man is a creature having immortal life." All of which is not true, since the life of people is not a union of "soul and body" any more than that of cattle and trees are. The soul is a pure creation of fiction, like God and Santa Claus, and hence can do no uniting with anything. But remember it is not the duty of a lexicographer to say if a theory or belief be true or not. His duty is to define what people mean by words regardless of their truth or error. Mr. Webster doubtless believed this error himself. It is nothing but a superstition handed down to us by our ancestors, who were ignorant of the true nature of their own lives. Advancing wisdom precedes diction-

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 5.

Thanksgiving.

DEAR COMRADES: Nov. 28 is our national thanksgiving day this year, and has been so ordered by our president and the governors of the several states. We have many times more to be thankful for than any other class of citizens and we should duly appreciate it and be thankful accordingly to the parties to whom thanks are due. We owe, of course, no thanks for fabulous Gods and Christs or for our ignorant ancestors who fastened idolatry and superstition upon their posterity. But all our thanks are due, first to idolaters for allowing us to peacefully teach the newly discovered truths regarding Gods and life; and, secondly, to our noble comrades who have contributed time and money to spread the knowledge of those discoveries. All honor and praise to them.

May Christians continue that noble toleration, and may our comrades continue their good work with renewed zeal, hope and enthusiasm. The thanks of idolaters will take the material form of large donations to the support of the teachers of idolatry and superstition. Let yours take the material form of large donations in material aid to the upbuilding of our common society, that it may be made more efficient thereby in the promulgation of its grand truths. There are many ways in which your thanks can be reflected in material form. I want all of you to aid in some way. If I can't think of a way suitable for you I want you to think of a way for yourself in which you can aid in the work. We must each one do something, and here are some of the ways to help:

1. Donate to the propaganda fund.
2. Buy TRUTH ABOUT GOD at wholesale rates for free distribution.
3. Ask those eligible to membership to join the Church of Humanity.
4. Send me the address of all people you know who would probably unite with our church.
5. Write short articles urging union and organization of our forces for TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

Help in the work any way you can without waiting to be urged to do so. If you can't help in ways I suggest, just think of ways yourself to help. I can do absolutely nothing without your aid. Remember that. Don't you want the people freed from idolatry and superstition? They can't be without learning the discoveries you have made. They can't learn them without teachers. You must provide the teachers if it is ever done. Let your first thanksgiving be a good-sized pledge to the *Propaganda Fund* for the services of a competent orator and organizer for the Church of Humanity during 1908 to guarantee his salary and expenses:

W. H. Kerr and family	$500.00
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Total to date	$545.00

Comrades: Though we are scattered all over the United States, we must consider ourselves a society as though we all lived in one small town, and we should all contribute to a fund to employ a teacher to represent us, teach our knowledge to others, build up our society with new members and organize us into local societies where possible. Hence we should all jump in at once and give a pledge for $10 or over to employ that teacher, if one can be found competent. Please send in your pledges at once and raise the amount to $2,000, if possible, so I can employ one of our comrades as soon as we get one able to fill the bill. I have pledged one-fourth of it myself and the rest of you should make up the balance in a month. Please act at once. A competent orator and organizer should be able to establish a branch church in each of the large cities within the year and make us strong enough to formally organize and incorporate our society. It is impossible to reach the people properly through our publication, and consequently the work goes on too slowly. We will all die of old age before we get this work fairly started if you don't act. Idolaters everywhere are acting and thereby building societies on errors. Let us all act as they do and build societies on truths. We can't win any other way. Come on, comrades, with your pledges. If each of you will do your duty the next thanksgiving day will find us ready to call the organization convention with 1,000 members represented. Then you will have much more to be thankful for than you have now, and those of you who aid will receive your due share accordingly. I hope to have a long list of pledges to record next month. Idolaters are not afraid or ashamed to contribute publicly for the cause of untruth. Let us not be for the cause of truth. Your comrade,

W. H. KERR.

LETTER OF EVIDENCE TO A CHRISTIAN MOTHER.

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aries, and they are revised from time to time to incorporate that additional knowledge. Hence I am not disturbed by the failure of Mr. Webster or any other legicographer to agree with me. The future writers of dictionaries will do it when the people are taught how to read nature correctly. In our unbiased study of the nature of our subjects we found their lives to be only a condition that began at birth or germination and ceased at death. In no case was life "a union of soul and body." In no case was death the result of a departing live soul to live elsewhere. The principle that constituted the life of each subject was the same and had the same limitations.

Does your Bible agree with my nature-reading? You believe everything it says. Let us see. Why, yes! It does stumble onto the truth in places! Just read this: "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath: so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast: * * * All go unto one place, all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them are forgotten, * * * for there is no work, nor devices, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goeth."—(Eccl. 3:19-20; 9:5-10.)

Why, mother dear! That is just what I have been teaching, and in as plain language! I believe that! A Christian once accused me of not believing the truths of the Bible. He was badly mistaken. I do believe its truths. It is the errors and mistakes and untruths in it that I disbelieve. Would you have me deny the grand truths of nature in the Bible and believe its untruths? I fear you have overlooked these truths or failed to recognize them and have given your support to the untruths. The promises of the untruths may please you better. But what possible good can that do you when you know the promises can never be realized and that you will from necessity have to submit to the true process of nature? Your Bible says plainly that we shall die like other animals and shall not know any thing or have a reward. These truths from your own Bible should dispel your fear of punishment and hope of reward and leave you as free as I am to learn and accept the truths of nature, whatever they be. In these Bible statements are jewels of truth. They are true to nature, being in perfect accord and harmony with it. Why have they been overlooked for ages and only the untruths of the Bible taught? They tell clearly and definitely what will become of us. No Gods, Devils, souls, heaven or hell are mentioned. There are no such things in nature. Let us all cease teaching that there is and teach only the truths as the Church of Humanity is doing and in which I invite you to take a life membership as soon as you learn them.

Each individual is only vitally interested in his own fate at and after death, especially when he thinks he is about to die. We need no longer have any doubts about it. The fate of all members of our race is precisely the same, like that of cattle and trees. In the fate of this Chinese woman we can each see our own as clearly as we can see our reflection in the best mirror. Our state as a living, conscious individual organism is definitely and positively limited by nature to the time between birth and death. The oak, the cow and the woman reproduced their specie and thus contributed to the continuation of their race that may endure for many thousands of years. But, like a long chain composed of short links, our race, regardless of its present age or how long it may endure, is made up of short generations that reproduce their specie and pass away forever. The beginning and ultimate end of our race are other questions in which we are not interested except through curiosity and a desire for knowledge. Barring unforeseen accidents and cataclysms to our planet, Earth, that would destroy all life, our race will probably exist for many millions of years to come. It can outlive all other species of animals, since they can only exist through its tolerance in the distant future. The nature of the beginning of our race, and of all life on this planet, though extending back millions of years, will undoubtedly be learned, if indeed it is not already known, through the researches in biology and kindred departments of science. The link that our generation forms in the chain of the human race, though likely millions of years from its beginning, is, in my opinion, much nearer the beginning than the final end of it. Hence it is well worth our while to do all we can to promote true wisdom, peace and happiness, that our race may be blessed more abundantly with them in the future than it has been in the past. The Church of Humanity is being organized to enable its members to do more efficient work in these directions and it invites all to unite with it who believe its teaching true and wish to aid in its promulgation.

Your loving son, ...

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Fear of forfeiting legal rights by joining the Church of Humanity seems to prevent some from doing so, as the following card indicates.

"Send me five or six copies and I will try to get a few subscribers. We have a few graduates, but they seem to think they would not be allowed to testify in court. What do you suggest about that, supposing that they are outspoken?—R. A. Hardy, Lampasas, Texas."

The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibits congress from abridging the legal rights of any who may learn and teach the truth about God and life as the Church of Humanity is doing. It says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." I think no state could pass a law contrary to this. I believe most, if not all, state constitutions contain a similar prohibition. The Constitution of Kansas provides "that absolute freedom in religion shall always be enjoyed, and no property qualification or religious test shall interfere with civil rights;" and also, "that the liberty of the press and speech shall be inviolate; all persons being responsible for the abuse of such right." I think all state constitutions have similar provisions. If they have not the United States Constitution would protect us in all legal rights others have. I have been a witness here since engaging in this teaching publicly and no one dared question my rights in court on that account. This settles the question definitely and no one in the United States should hesitate a moment to join the Church of Humanity and assist in teaching its truths through fear of legal disabilities. It would be terrible to live in a country where we would be compelled by law to worship idols and knowingly teach our children lies for truths. We should all appreciate our liberty to learn the truth about God and life and to teach it. A large part of our race relinquished that liberty once and it cost centuries of slaughter and indescribable tortures and suffering to regain it. That lesson should do for all time to teach our race to surrender it no more forever.

Let us devote our energies to building societies on truth instead of criticising those who are building on errors.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Limitation of Membership a Necessity.

All successful society builders know that membership in any society must be limited to those who believe its fundamental teaching and desire the object it seeks to accomplish. A failure of this important recognition and limitation has wrecked all attempts at organizing Freethought societies so far, and will continue to do so in the future until these principles are recognized and adopted. This explains why I limit membership in the Church of Humanity to those who have learned the discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life forever, and who wish those discoveries taught to the people that they may be rescued and preserved from idolatry thereby. No one ignorant of these discoveries should wish to be a member of this church, and no one should be accepted unless I have good evidence he knows our teaching to be true. This course seems narrow to some who can't understand its necessity. Mr. J. T. Loper, of Hood River, Ore., says, among other things, in a letter to me:

"The rationalists should have an organization of millions, and very likely would if some one went about it right. I think there is something too narrow or limited when you cannot let me of the Paine or Ingersoll type into your church. Nearly all unbelievers are much like them."

That is to say that the unbelievers are not unbelievers at all. No people of the "Paine and Ingersoll type" would desire to unite with the Church of Humanity if invited to do so, because they do not believe its teaching true. Paine was a firm believer in the existence of a God and a continuation of conscious life. Ingersoll did not know whether or not there is a God and a continuation of life. Hence neither one would have joined the Church of Humanity. Neither one was ever eligible to membership in it, and no one who is advanced no farther than they in the knowledge of God and life is eligible to membership. I would not accept the applications for membership of such people knowingly if offered. They would have no business in this society. How could they profess a knowledge they do not have while believing the opposite? Would they not be wilful liars? They would be as much out of place as I would be as a member of some Christian church. They could no more be allowed to promulgate their errors in this church than I would the truths I know in a Christian church. I have sense enough to not attempt teaching truth in a society devoted to teaching errors. Deists and Agnostics like Paine and Ingersoll should have sense enough to not desire membership in the Church of Humanity for the purpose of teaching their errors. If they should attempt it they would have to be promptly expelled. Any other course would bring internal strife, contention, inharmony and, finally, disorruption and disorganization of the society. All such people must be kept out of the society for its own preservation until they learn the truths it teaches. To suppose they can be taken into the society and then taught its truths is a fatal mistake. They must learn them while on the outside of the society and then unite with it to enable them to aid in their promulgation and the rescue of others from idolatry and superstition. That is the first principle to learn in society-building. People in a society can compromise on details and non-essentials, but not on fundamentals. We must recognize clearly questions of detail and dissociate non-essential from the essential and fundamental questions. Mr. Loper is so confused that he mistakes the vital questions for the non-essential ones wherein people can compromise and work in harmony in the same society. He fails to recognize that people have a conscience that prevents them from aiding in teaching what they believe to be wrong.

How much does Mr. Loper think I would give to a Deist to teach the existence of a God? How much does he think a Deist would give me to teach the truths I am doing? How can he imagine a Deist and I could work harmoniously in the same society where my task is to prove the non-existence of a God and his to prove the existence of one? What kind of a society would it be where diametrically opposing views are taught? No society could possibly exist under such circumstances. It appears strange to me that people are so foolish as to believe it could. All Freethought societies have been attempted on the theory that people divided on fundamentals could unite in harmony in one society. The vital questions were forced into the background and ignored for the sake of harmony. That left them without any vitality and they died at a very tender age. They are now uniting in separate groups according to their belief in the fundamental questions. That is the proper way to do. The Spiritualists have their own press, literature, societies, teachers and authors. The Deists have gone into the idolatrous churches, died or moved away. The Agnostics are as ignorant as ever, with no prospect of learning anything. Having nothing to teach they need no society. The few who struck the lead that led them to the discovery of the truth about God and life are uniting in the Church of Humanity to enable them to propagate those great truths. Each society must be based on a vital issue with the object of teaching it. Its membership must be limited to those who believe its teaching true, else they would not aid the society in its work. That should be clear to all. No one will aid a cause he does not believe in. To illustrate the awkward position a society is in with teachers with adverse views on fundamentals. I call attention to the Materialist Association. Mrs. E. M. Bliven, of Brooklyn, Conn., is its promoter and she claims to believe and teach the same truths the Church of Humanity teaches. Mr. S. W. Davis, editor of *The Humanitarian Review*, Los Angeles, Cal., is one of its members. In a book entitled "A Future Life?" he affirms his agnosticism and flatly contradicts the teaching of the founder of his society by declaring she does not know that her teaching is true. He does not use her name, but he says no one can know that there is no God and no future life. To use his own words, after defining his meaning of agnosticism, he says:

"Hence the agnostic rejects the dogma that a man can, does, or ever did, obtain any knowledge by inspiration, intuition or supernatural revelation; and, accordingly, he confesses that he does not, and denies that anybody else does, know that there exist or do not exist invisible beings ("gods") superior to man, and confesses that he does not, and denies that anybody else does, know that men do or do not continue to live after bodily death as invisible, intangible conscious persons."

Here we have the spectacle of contradictory teaching on fundamentals by members of the same society. How can such a society hope to live and prosper with this internal contradiction of teachers? How could anyone know who to believe? Mr. Davis is not eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity and I am not eligible to membership in a society where agnostics are eligible. If Mr. Davis was the best friend I had in the world it would not make the slightest difference as to both being eligible to the same society based on these questions. Suppose Mrs. Bliven had just gotten through teaching a class of children that all Gods are myths and death the end of life and Mr. Davis would then take the class and explain to them that Mrs. B. did not know what she was talking about; that no one really knew anything about it; that there may be lots of Gods, and that possibly people continued conscious life after death. I imagine the next lesson for the children would be a hair-pulling bout between their teachers. This illustrates the futility of trying to unite people of opposing views into the same society. It demonstrates the necessity of strictly limiting the membership of a society to those who believe its teaching. The reason the Church of Humanity grows so slowly is because only a few dozen people in the United States know that the teaching of the idolatrous churches is not true, notwithstanding the huge bluff put up by Freethought publications to the effect that practically none believe it. Those very editors do not themselves know that the fundamental teaching of idolatrous churches is untrue. That is the reason they are unable to aid me in any way or to prepare their subscribers for membership in this society. Being agnostics they take the position of Mr. Davis. His position is, when reduced to a plain statement, that since no God or spirit has communicated with man he can not know there is no God and no future life, as such knowledge cannot come within the field of our experience and observation without such communication. Such a position is preposterous in the extreme. It assumes that not one of our race, if it should exist for a billion years more, could learn the truth about God and life if Gods and spirits do not reveal themselves to man. Since Gods and spirits are creations of fiction and cannot reveal themselves we must be doomed to perpetual ignorance concerning them, according to the agnostic reasoning.

The fact is that knowledge of Gods and death does come within our experience and observation and we can know the truth about them. The creation of Gods is going on perpetually all around us and we of the Church of Humanity know just how they are made. We know that death is as universal as life. We know how individual life begins as the fruit of parents. The cessation of individual life is as well known to us as that it begins. Hence our society must be limited to those who know the discoveries it is based on. We are glad to welcome everybody to membership after they have learned the truths we know. When they do that they are no longer agnostics on those subjects. Any other course would be suicidal for the society.

Ways in Which Comrades Can Aid.

Comrades.

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The great loss of life caused by recent mine explosions should convince all who read of them that God and Jesus Christ are creations of fiction.

Comrades, I do all I can to encourage you and I want you to do all you can to encourage me. I certainly need your aid and encouragement as much as you do mine.

Cheer up, comrades. Begin the new year with new hopes and ambitions. Make a resolution that you will do more during 1908 for the cause of truth than you have in all your previous life.

NOTICE—Subscribers who are in arrears on subscription to TRUTH ABOUT GOD will get a subscription blank folded in their copy of this issue. I request all such to please forward 25 cents to me by return mail.

The *Searchlight* of Waco, Texas, has been turned on again. May it be constantly played on God and life with such brightness as to reveal to an idolatrous and superstitious world the truth that God is a fabulous being and life extinguished forever at death.

Mrs. Bliven wants to break up the Church of Humanity in the interest of the Materialist Association. Our comrades should not aid her in that undertaking. Do all your work and give all your aid for the cause in the name of the society of which you are founders and charter members.

The new limit of 250 members before calling the delegate convention for formal organization and incorporation of the Church of Humanity should be filled out within a month. We have 220 enrolled members now. There must be at least 100 subscribers who should desire to be numbered among its founders and charter members. These should apply at once for membership.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.
Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
To-Morrow Magazine, Chicago, Ill.
The People's Press, Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE—The new limit I have set for charter members to be received in is 250. All subscribers to TRUTH ABOUT GOD who wish to be numbered among the founders and charter members of the Church of Humanity should send in their applications for membership at once to be certain of getting in as such.

A Mistaken Brother.

Comrade F. H. Heald, editor of *Higher Science*, Los Angeles, Cal., writes regarding the name of our society:

"Bro. Kerr: Yours at hand. Yes, I could help to get members, but really I dislike the name, and you must remember that 'church' is very distasteful to many people. If it could be called the School of Humanity or anything else but 'church' I would like to help. I think all the Freethought papers would help if the name were different. * * * Would you be willing to call for the opinion of each member on the subject of a name?"

I wrote Comrade Heald explaining that our society, like all others, consisted of its members, and as a matter of fact they are to have full control of it even to its name when the organizing convention is held. It will not be possible for all the members to attend that convention and so it will have to be a delegate convention of the society. As in all societies each member cannot expect to have his ideas of all nonessential details adopted. We will place the interests of our church in the hands of our chosen delegates and let them settle the details of the work of the society by such majorities as they deem advisable and we will all accept the result of their deliberations. We will use the present name until the society in delegate convention adopts it or some other one. That ought to be satisfactory to all. The name is one of the non-essentials. Only the base and object of the society are essential. My explanation satisfied him and he writes in reply:

"Bro. Kerr: Yours at hand. Glad you are willing to leave the name to a vote. If they have the privilege of voting on a name they will be satisfied even if they call it the same as now. Count me in for all I can do to help it. As soon as I get more room will help more."

Our only hope to set any power in motion able to ever free our race from the idolatry of creations of fiction and the superstition of continuous life must be placed in society building founded on the truth about those subjects with the direct object of giving the people such information as will free them and keep them immune to the false teaching. I hope Comrade Heald will devote all his energies to the upbuilding of our society. He is mistaken in believing any of the Freethought publications would aid us under any other name. Their editors are Agnostics and of course do not believe our teaching true. Our teaching and object would be the same under any other name. Hence it is clear none of them could aid us. We must give up the idea that they know the truths we do. When it comes to a showdown they will all be found with the idolatrous churches lined up against us and perhaps in the van guard of the fight against the truths we teach.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 6.

DEAR COMRADES: We are not winning numbers as fast as we should be doing considering the strength of our church now. Whose fault is it? If it is mine I want to know it and know what I can do to remedy it at once. If it is yours you should try to find out a way to do better. There is only one primary reason for uniting in a society and that is to enable us to win people from idolatry by teaching them the truth about God and life. Our uniting in an educational society is to enable us to work in concert and harmony in a systematic way. It is to give all of us an opportunity to help in the propaganda work either by doing personal work or by paying others to do it. But if we will do nothing then our uniting is useless and our society will be a failure. Do you want it to be a failure? It can't be anything else unless you are willing to do something or pay something for the propaganda work. I believe there are not 1,000 people in the United States that know that God is a myth and death the end of life. I believe we will have to cut our limit down to 250 members, instead of 1,000, to organize with. Let us all try to get new members to make our force 250 strong and then organize and incorporate. Then you can elect the editor for our church paper and there may be a comrade who can do this work much more satisfactory than I can. If so I will be anxious for him to do it. If not I would rather be elected to do my part in the work. It might be I could aid in some other capacity to better advantage than in this. At any rate I believe our officers and teachers should be elected to their duties by the members of the society. Then you would have more confidence in them and would aid them more willingly in performing their duties. At the convention your delegates can select any name they wish for the society if they dislike the present one. I do not care if it is named the "Rescue Army" or any other appropriate name. The object is to get the people who know the truth about God and life into a society and get them to helping in the propaganda work. I see you dislike to do personal work in helping to make our discoveries known to others. That makes it necessary to hire special teachers to do the teaching you want done. Perhaps you would all prefer to hire the teaching done than to do it. Then you should all contribute to the Propaganda Fund at once so I can secure the services of a field worker as soon as possible. Pledges for this fund previously acknowledge are $545. Comrade J. W. Gilbert, of Friend, Neb., sends a pledge of $10 for the fund. As soon as field workers get well started in their work they would doubtless be self-sustaining, as the evangelists are, by collections from people in cities where they work. Our fund is for a bonus to induce some one to begin the field work. We must all learn to pay for the teaching we want done, as the Christians do. Three churches in this town employed the services of two evangelists with their wives and three professional singers and musicians for three weeks last month. As a result they claim, I believe, an increase of 150 in membership. They raised $1,000 for the evangelists, singers and incidental expenses. There were two contributions of $25 each and most of the others at $5 and $10 each. Besides much personal work was done by the local preachers and some of the members. That is the way Christians everywhere are working and paying to have their idolatry and superstition taught their children and others. There can be no possible start made to correct their false teaching until you, who know the truth, conclude to work as hard and pay as much for its teaching as idolaters do for the teaching of errors. They think their teaching is true and will never know any better until you put out and maintain competent field workers to make the truth known to them. They can't be reached nor convinced through books and publications. They must actually see and hear representatives of an organized society proclaim our discoveries and be taught them orally from a public rostrum. They must see people join the society and be urged and persuaded to do so, as the evangelists do in getting church members. The books and papers can only be supplementary aids in holding the members gained. Christians have in their homes Bibles and many religious books and publications, but these do not make church members. It takes the system of oral teaching they maintain to do that. We must follow their

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Having learned that all Gods are fabulous beings and death the end of conscious life I enclose one dollar for a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity, making me one of its founders and charter members.

Name..... Age.....
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Sex..... Occupation.....
Nationality..... Language.....
Previous Church.....

Letter of Evidence to a Christian Mother.

No. 5.

Overthrowing the Bible as a Fetich.

DEAR MOTHER: The Bible is a great stumbling block in your pathway to truth owing to the false teaching you have had regarding it. You regard it with superstitious awe, devotion and admiration as being a veritable message from a God to the people. I have proven in previous letters by evidence direct from nature and events that no God and no soul exists in reality. But you have the Bible, which you believe to be a message from a God, and consequently direct proof of the existence of one. This erroneous belief of yours must be dispelled before you can discard the Bible as a God-written book. A wider range of knowledge on your part concerning other Bibles, the history of your own and a knowledge of its mistakes will dispel your delusion that it is a God-book. That knowledge will prove to you that every word and thought in the Bible are only those of men. This letter will be devoted to giving you an idea of the knowledge you should have regarding the Bible to overthrow your mistaken opinion of it. You should desire all the knowledge concerning the Bible you can get, so that you cannot be imposed on by ignorant or dishonest people regarding it. You should be anxious to know the real truth about it, since you have nothing to gain by being deluded or deceived by mistaken teachers. In all cases of this nature you should value truth above error and seek diligently to find it. In this short letter I can only give you pointers for your investigation, with a few brief samples of what you will find by extended study in the various directions indicated. I wish you to know of the many sacred books of the world regarded by people as God-given, the history of the many translations and revisions of your own Bible, its incredibility and immoralities.

MANY OTHER BIBLES.

When you learn that there are a great many other Bibles in the world—each contradicting all the others—some believed by their devotees to be the very words, commands and requirements of a God, you will know they are all, including your own, the work of mistaken men. Here is a partial list of the different Bibles and sacred books of the world, many of them believed by their devotees to be messages from a God, as you do of your Bible. You can understand that they are mistaken in their belief regarding the origin of their sacred books and thus comprehend how easily you have been deceived regarding the origin of your own Bible.

BIBLES IN INDIA.

The oldest Bibles in the world are the Vedas of India. There are four complete books named the Rigveda, the Yajurveda, the Samaveda and the Atharvaveda. They have 190,000,000 believers. The Puranas is another set of eighteen sacred books that teach the religion of the Hindoos. The Tripitaka is the Buddhist Bible and was compiled three hundred years before the Christian era. It has 147,900,000 believers. The Upanishads are sacred books teaching the idolatry of the God Bramah. The Tantras teaches the idolatry of the God Sivah. The Ramayana is a poem giving the history of Rama, one of the incarnations of the God Vishnu.

BIBLES OF CHINA.

The sacred books called the Five Kings teach the religion of Confucianism believed in by the educated classes of China. One of the books contains documents over 4,000 years old. One book was written 1,143 B. C. They were mostly compiled 500 B. C. There are 256,000,000 Confucians.

BIBLES OF PERSIA.

The Zend Avesta contains twenty-one books, was compiled by Zoroaster and his disciples 3,000 years ago and is one of the most important Bibles of the world. It is very large, covering 12,000 parchments, it is said. Much of your Bible was borrowed from this one. The Sadder is the Bible of the Parsees.

BIBLES OF ISLAM.

The Koran and the Sunna are the sacred books of the Mohammedans. Their believers number 176,834,000. Where the followers of this religion and those of Christianity come in contact, as in Armenia, there is a chronic state of the most cruel warfare between them. That condition can never be remedied except by teaching both parties the truth that there is no God back of their religions and Bibles.

BIBLES OF THE JEWS.

The Pentateuch, Nebum, Hagiographa and the Talmud constitute the sacred writings, laws, history and mythology of the Jews. They number 7,186,000. The Old Testament is mostly borrowed from these Jewish mythologies and histories and you worship their primary idol and believe it to be the father of your Jesus. You believe a Jewish maiden was his mother. With all the obligations the Christians are under to the Jews for their Bible and idols they treat them most shamefully in most Christian countries. It seems to me those Jews who taught their idolatries to the Gentiles made a fatal mistake.

The seven great religions of the world, Braminism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Mohammedanism, Judaism and Christianity, all originated in Asia. The Bibles used to propagate these religions were nearly all written by Asiatic priests and prophets. The number of followers of these religions, excepting Christianity, is nearly 1,000,000,000. Christianity claims half as many adherents. You are a great believer in numbers being evidence of right. You think I am mistaken because so few have learned what I have. But you see here that numbers are against Christianity two to one. You think a large majority of the Christians are mistaken and are doomed to hell as certainly as the worshipers of other Gods. You disbelieve the teachings of the Holy Rollers, High Flyers, Dowieites, Eddyites, Universalists, Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics and in short, the whole outfit except the little sect of Methodists you are a member of, and doubtless you think some of them will have tight squeezing to get in to your imaginary heaven. You ought to be able to see by this array of Bibles and Gods and religions that a very large majority of our race have been fooled by Bible writers and God-makers and that you have been fooled by the same methods. Had you been born and reared by parents in any country where any of the other religions predominate you would have been as blind a follower of any other religion as you are now of Christianity. So, after all, your religion was not determined by its truthfulness but by the geographical location of your parents. The country one is born in determines his religion and the God he is to worship. You should know by this fact that there is no real God or he would make himself universally known and not leave the people to worship and fight over different idols supposed to be real Gods by their respective worshipers.

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE.

If you knew the history of the Bible you would know no God had anything to do with its composition and compilation. I can not here give you much of an idea of its history. It represents to some extent the growth or evolution of the religious ideas of a part of our race extending back through three or four thousand years. It has had a very checkered career. Many books have been added to it and many taken from it from time to time by ecclesistical councils. It has been translated several times, revised many times and its form of composition changed. All this has caused many changes in its wording and meaning. The Jews, Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics, Protestants and some nations have each different versions and compilations of the Bible, no two being alike. Translators and revisors have often changed its wording in places to suit their own ideas. To a great extent it is a symposium of the religious ideas of the writers mixed with some history and many traditional fables. You remember your Bible was revised by twenty-seven English scholars and that their work was reviewed by an American committee between 1870 and 1882. No God was a member of either committee. More than 100,000 alterations in the Bible were made. Many changes were made in the "Lord's Prayer." In six copies of the same English version of the Bible were found 2,400 variations in their contents. The Pope is thinking of appointing a commission to revise the Catholic Bible. No God will be a member of that commission. You should understand from this knowledge of how Bibles are made and changed that no God ever had anything to do with Bible-making.

INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF NO GOD.

When you examine the text of the Bible in the light of modern criticism you will find still greater evidence that no God had anything to do with its production.

A critical examination will reveal to you hundreds of interpolations, forgeries, contraditions, errors, misstatements, conflictions with known facts in nature, absurdities, fables, lies, obscenities and the sanction and teaching of crimes and vices. All of which should convince you that it is the exclusive production of man, and a very poor production at that compared with most of his other literary products. You are doubtless surprised to hear that your Bible contains such things, and you may not believe it does. I can only take space here to refer you to sample Bible quotations of the many that could be given to prove each of the foregoing charges.

Interpolations—"There are thousands of interpolations in the Bible. A considerable portion of the words printed in Italics in our version are acknowledged interpolations."

Forgeries—"The last twelve verses of Mark, the first eleven verses of John 8 and in 1 John 5:8 three important passages, are all admitted to be forgeries."—Remsburg.

Contradictions—In two chapters (Ez. 2) and (Nep. 7) there are twenty-four contraditions in numbers purporting to be identical records. In the Jewish Kings thirty contraditions are noted. In the four Gospels twenty contraditions of vital interest to Christianity, mostly relating to Jesus, are noted. Sixteen different dates are given to Jehoshaphat's death as related to the death of Ahaziah's. The Truth-Seeker company publishes a pamphlet giving 144 self-contradictions of the Bible. Mr. Remsburg says: "The briefest expose of all the errors of the Bible would require a larger volume than the Bible itself."

THE BIBLE PROVED TO BE FALSE BY TEN SCIENCES.

"In the Bible a thousand scientific errors may be found."—(Remsburg). Its teachings are proved untrue by ten of the principal sciences—Astronomy, Geology, Geography, Botany, Zoology, Ethnology, Physiology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

Astronomy proves the Bible stories of creation, of the sun and moon standing still, of the shadow on a sun-dial turning backward ten degrees, and some other Bible yarns, to be only fables.

Geology proves the creation story false.

Geography proves the story of the Devil tempting Jesus, of the Garden of Eden, of the flood, of the earth being flat and stationary and many others to be only fables.

Botany proves the creation story, the God-cursing story, the flood story, the Jesus-cursing story, the plagues of Egypt story and many others to be only fables.

ZOOLOGY proves the creation story, the Garden of Eden story, the flood story, the Holy Ghost story, the Jonah story, the Balaam story and many others to be only fables.

Ethnology proves the creation story, the story of giants, the stories of longevity of the ancients, the story of the origin of languages and many others to be false.

Physiology proves the creation story, the Garden of Eden story, the flood story, the Holy Ghost story, the casting out of Devils stories, the coming to life stories, the going to heaven and hell stories, the Mrs. Lott story, the faith-cure stories, the witch stories and many others just plain lies.

Chemistry proves the magician stories, the turning water to wine story, the turning of Mrs. Lott to salt story and many others to be just common lies.

Physics proves the creation story,

the Garden of Eden story, the flood story, the rainbow story, the water-walking story, the storm-obeying story, the Red Sea story, the tower of Babel story and many others to be only ordinary lies of the ancients.

Mathematics—I have in this letter pointed out many contradictions in recording numbers. Mr. Remsburg says there are three hundred mathematical errors to be found in the Bible. I did not take the trouble to hunt them all up. If there is one error of any kind in the Bible or one statement that is disproved by modern investigations into the truths of nature called sciences that is enough to prove that no God had anything to do with the production of the Bible. If you knew the truths of nature taught by the ten leading sciences I have mentioned you would know they prove the Bible untrue in thousands of its statements, and you would never again believe it possible for a God to have had anything to do with its production in any way.

Immoralities of the Bible—You may claim that the mission of the Bible is not to teach the sciences but to teach good morals. If you knew the facts about its immoral teachings you would know it as much out of line with good moral ethics as it is with the truths of modern sciences. Critics have noted many Bible quotations that teach, santions or upholds the following twenty wrongs, crimes and vices: (1) Lying and deception, (2) cheating, (3) theft and robbery, (4) murder, (5) wars of conquest, (6) human sacrifice, (7) cannibalism, (8) witchcraft, (9) slavery (10) polygamy, (11) adultery and prostitution, (12) obscenity, (13) intemperance, (14) vagrancy, (15) ignorance, (16) injustice to women, (17) unkindness to children, (18) cruelty to animals, (19) tyranny, (20) intolerance and persecution.

Mr. Wakeman says the word "moral" does not occur in the Bible, nor even the idea. Mr. Remsburg says he refuses to accept the Bible as a moral guide because it sanctions nearly every vice and crime.

I shall only take space here to point out where you will find a few Bible statements teaching and practicing each of the crimes and vices and immoralities numerated above:

Lying and Deception—1 Kings 22: 20-23; Ezek. 14:9; Jer. 20:7, 15:18, 38:24-27; 2 Thess. 2:11; Gen. 2:17, 12:13-19, 20:2, 18:13-15, 26:7, 27:6-17, 18-24, 29:25, 31: 34-35, 37, 42:7; Num. 14:30-34; Ex. 3:18, 1:15-20; 1 Sam. 26:2, 27:8-11; 2 Kings 8:7-15; Mark 4: 11-12; 2 Cor. 12:16; 1 Cor. 9:20; Rom. 3:7.

Cheating—Gen. 25:29-34, 30:41-43, 31:8-9; Ex. 3:21-22, 11:1-2, 12: 35-36; Deut. 14:21.

Stealing—Num. 31; Josh. 6:19-24, 8:27; 1 Sam. 27:8-12; Deut. 23:24-25; Prov. 6:30; Luke 6:30.

Murder—Ex. 32:27, 2:12; Num. 25:6-13; 1 Sam. 15:32-33; 2 Kings 9:23-24 27-35, 10:1, 7, 11, 30, Jud. 3:15-23, 5:24-28.

War—Ps. 144:1; Num. 33:52-53, 31:7-10; Deut. 20:16-17, 7:16, 2: 24-25, 34, 3:3-6; Josh. 6:2-21, 8: 18, 25, 28, 10:31-32, 34-35.

Human Sacrifices—Lev. 27:28-29; Gen. 22:2; Jud. 11:26-40.

Cannibalism—Ezek. 5:10; Lev. 26:29; Jer. 19:9; Deut. 28:53-57; Lam. 4:10; 2 Kings 6:28-29; John 6:53.

Witchcraft—2 Chron. 33:6; Isa. 8:19; 1 Sam. 15:23; Micah. 5:12; Nahum 3:4; Gal. 5:20; Ex. 22:18; Lev. 20:27.

Slavery—Lev. 25:44-46; Ex. 21: 2-6, 20, 21; Gen. 9:25-27; 1 Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:9; Eph. 6:5; 1 Pet. 2: 18.

Polygamy—Deut. 21:15-17, 25:5; Gen. 26:5, 35:11; Jud. 6:12; 2 Sam. 12:7-8.

Adultery—Read the misconduct of those who are represented as the special pets of your imaginary God—Abraham, Lott, Jacob, Judah, Sampson, David and other Bible saints; Gen. 19; Jud. 19; Hosea 1: 2-3, 3:1-2, and the disposition of maidens captured in war.

Obscenity—Isaiah 36:12, 3:17; Ezek. 4:12-15; Gen. 19:30-36, 30: 1-16, 38; 2 Kings 18:27; Lev. 15: 16-33; Job 40:16-17; 1 Kings 14: 10.

Intemperance—Deut. 14:26, 7: 13; Prov. 31:6-7, 3:9-10; 1 Tim. 5:23; Eccles. 9:7; Zech. 9:17; Amos 9:14; Jud. 9:13; Num. 28:7, 6:20; Joel 1:5, 9, 13; Jer. 35:2; Luke 7: 33-34.

Vagrancy—Luke 6:20, 24; Matt. 19:23, 6:19, 25-34; Mark 10:25.

Ignorance—Gen. 2:17, 3:6, 7, 23; Mark 16:16; Col. 2:8; 1 Cor. 2:8; 8:1, 14:38, 3:19, 4:10; Eccles. 1: 17-18; Isa. 47:10.

Injustice to Women—Gen. 3:16; Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:24; 1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Pet. 3:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:11-14; Ex. 21:7; Jud. 21:20-23; Lev. 12; Deut. 24:1, 21:10-14; 2 Sam. 12: 11; Isa. 13:16; Zech. 14:2; Jer. 18:21.

Unkindness to Children—Prov. 23:14, 22:15, 29:15; Deut. 21:18-19, 21; Isa. 13:16; Hosea 13:16; Ex. 20:5; Isa. 13:17-18; Lev. 26: 22; 2 Sam. 12:15-18.

Cruelty to Animals—Read of the slaughter of animals and fowls for sacrifices the God-makers said God required as an offering for the sins of the people. The flood story and the plagues of Egypt stories and many others represent the destruction of animals on account of the sins of the people.

Tyranny—1 Pet. 2:13; Rom. 13: 1-2.

Intolerance—Deut. 13:6-9; Ps. 109:8-12; Mark 16:16, 9:45; Matt. 25:41-46; 2 John 1:10; Gal. 1:9, 5: 12.

When you read all the Bible quotations I have called your attention to you will have some idea of the horribly wicked nature of the book and its principal characters, including the character it calls God. The Bible itself is positive proof that the God it creates is a myth, and that no real God exists or he would not allow such a caricature to be palmed off on the people as being himself. Did any real God exist he would be so ashamed of the man-made gods that he would make himself known. When you know the real nature of the Bible you will not hug it to your bosom as a precious God-given document, containing nothing but truth and good teaching that all children should be made to read and study. You will then know it is only an uncertain record of the immoralities, wickedness, wars, superstitions, idolatry and traditional fables of ancient, ignorant Arabs. To believe their fables true and to worship their idols puts the people of our time on the very low intellectual level with them and is humilating in the extreme to those who know the facts. The few who do know them should give the services of their time and property to make them known to all since the responsibility for the continuation of the idolatry and superstition of the ancient Arabs falls on those alone who know the truth about the matter.

I shall have the publishers mail you a copy of Remsburg's Bible, so you can study more fully the true nature of your Bible as it is revealed by a competent modern critic.

Your loving son.

(Much of the contents of this letter is from Remsburg Bible.)

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity

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example in that method of teaching to win success. Seeing they pay so much for the teaching they believe true, why can't you pay as much for the teaching you know to be true? The ignorance, idolatry and superstition of the people can't be changed to a knowledge of the truth by any other method. Only those who know the truth can have it taught. As you are the only ones who know it, its teaching must depend on you alone. Then, for pity's sake, don't be "dead in the shell" when you see a world of idolaters to be rescued from ignorance and superstition and so few to begin the task. Get busy like the idolaters are and put up your money to pay some one to begin the work. When $1,000 is pledged I will advertise for some one able to teach your discoveries to the people from the rostrum. The evangelists who were here got paid at the rate of about $2,500 a year. You should desire to pay teachers of your discoveries at least as much as the teachers of untruths get. You should be ashamed to ask or expect them to teach for less. I hope you will all see your duty as clearly as I see mine and work and pay accordingly. We must work and pay in concert for the object we desire to accomplish or we can do nothing at all. Each one should pledge some financial aid for a public teacher of your discoveries so our society can be increased in numbers faster. I ask all my comrades, who have not done so, to please send in their pledges of aid by return mail. Your comrade,

W. H. Kerr.

A Request to the President, Senators and Representatives in Congress

I have forwarded a request to the president, the two Kansas senators and the representative of my congressional district, that they use their influence to have the motto, "in God we trust" omitted from all coins in the future. I suggest that all my comrades make a similar request of the president and their respective congressmen. It may be the first knowledge any of them will have that they have constituents who have learned that God is a myth and who place no more trust in him than they do in Jove or Jupiter or any other ancient idol.

My request to the president is as follows:

"President Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.:

"Sir: On behalf of the Church of Humanity, numbering 220 enrolled members, scattered through thirty-seven states, I congratulate you on your recent order to omit the inscription, 'in God we trust,' from the new $10 gold coins. We hope your order will stand and be applied to all coins minted hereafter. Our reasons are quite different from yours. We have discovered that God is a fabulous being and think no more of trusting him for favors than we do other myths. We are supposed to hold the sentiments expressed on coins and are therefore compelled to hand out a deliberate falsehood with each coin containing the objectionable inscription. We are in the minority now, but we deny the right of the majority to compel us to be liars. The omission of the inscription in no sense proclaims the disbelief of Christians in the existence of a God and no injustice is done them thereby. Hence it is quite clear that the only way to avoid doing injustice to any of the people is to have the inscription omitted from all coins in the future.

"W. H. Kerr,

"Temporary International Organizer of The Church of Humanity."

To the congressmen I sent the following request:

"To the Representative of Kansas in Congress, Hon. — — ———, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir: On behalf of The Church of Humanity, numbering 220 enrolled members in thirty-seven states, I respectfully request that you support the president in his stand to omit in the future from all coins, the inscription, 'in God we trust.'

"Twenty-eight of our church members are citizens of Kansas. The members of this church have discovered that God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus and therefore, think no more of trusting him for favors than any other myth. When we hand a man a coin we are supposed to hold the sentiments expressed thereon. We are thus compelled to hand out a deliberate falsehood with each coin containing the objectionable inscription. We are in the minority now, but we deny the right of the majority to compel us to be liars. The omission of the inscription in no sense indicates the unbelief of Christians in the existence of a God and no injustice is done them thereby. It is quite clear that the only way to avoid doing injustice to any of the people is to omit the inscription in the future from all coins."

One of the senators sent me the following answer:

"Yours of the 5th instant is received. Please accept thanks for the information. Your letter will have consideration."

Christians will pour in petitions to influence the president and congress to retain the inscription. If we do not let our wishes be known they will not know that there is any objection to it. Very often congress is influenced by a very small minority where it is shown an injustice is done them by legislation. Hence the necessity of leting our representatives know that the retention of the inscription is an injustice to us. Each member of The Church of Humanity should at once mail a protest against it to the president and congressmen from his respective state.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

Twelve Fatal Fallacies of Freethinkers.

Having been a member of a national Freethought society for years, and a reader of the leading Freethought books and publications for a quarter of a century, I believe I am as competent to know and understand the errors of Freethinkers as I am those of Christians. To point out these errors may cause some of those hardest hit to call me a traitor to their cause. Most people prefer to have the errors of the other fellow pointed out. But people, and societies generally, improve in wisdom and good qualities more by finding out and correcting their own mistakes before trying to correct those of others. On account of Freethinkers holding and propagating these false ideas I withdrew from the A. S. U. & F. F. and reject all names and titles of people holding them.

Here are twelve of their most prominent fallacies, which equal twelve of the most absurd teachings of Christians, not excluding the fables of creation, Noah's ark, the fall and redemption of man and a future life:

1. That people should do their own thinking and not hire others to do it for them.

2. That it is a shortage of brains that causes people to believe the errors of the Christian religion.

3. That natural evolution will of itself teach our race the true knowledge of God and life.

4. That questions about Gods, Devils, heaven, hell and continuous life belong to another world and should be ignored here, as nothing definite can be known about them until after we die.

5. That the people are not yet prepared to accept the truth about God and life.

6. That church members are not free to think and act, but are abject slaves of the clergy.

7. That all existing idolatrous societies must be destroyed before any society teaching truth can be started.

8. That to teach there is no God and no future life is too radical for the people. They must be taught it by easy stages.

9. That Christians know their religion is untrue, but are all liars and hypocrites regarding it.

10. That the power of idolaters to force their religion on others and to prevent the truth being taught is gone forever.

11. That nobody goes to church and Sunday school, or believes the fables taught there, but silly women and children and weak-minded men.

12. That scientists know the truth about God and life and are free from idolatry and superstition, and that all people will be when they learn the teaching of modern scientists.

Under the title "Freethinkers" I include Agnostics, Infidels, Atheists, Rationalists and those of any other title who are "fighting" the churches and the clergy. I do not claim that all such people believe all the above monstrous absurdities, but I do believe that they all believe one or more of them to be true. Freethought does not mean any particular belief or knowledge. Freethinkers are as widely apart in their beliefs and conclusions regarding God and life as Christians are. But in their common fight against Christians the editors of, and contributors to, Freethought publications generally use some or all of the above errors. The opposition to idolatrous churches is now divided into two distinct classes fundamentally different—those who are fighting them from personal hatred and motives and those who, having learned the truth about God and life wish it taught to all people, that progress and civilization may be promoted. The latter class are uniting in the Church of Humanity to enable them to have their discoveries taught. To be successful in this society building and teaching it is absolutely necessary for those who believe any of the above twelve errors to learn that not one of them is true. I shall aid you in this by evidence disproving each assertion under numbers corresponding to them.

Read each fallacy, then its disproof:

1. This fatal error is a common one of Freethinkers. To be consistent they must refuse to teach, join a society, or in any way aid others to teach, any truth they may have discovered regardless of its importance. They must refuse to subscribe for and pay for Freethought papers and books. This error is responsible to a great extent for the non-payment of subscriptions to Freethought publications and the support of their societies. It closes the pocket-book and should close the mouth and stay the pen of those who believe it. It makes dead-beats and fossils, who are of no more good to society or the world than if they were dead. If one has discovered the most important truth in nature or made the greatest invention of the century he must not make it known to others, as it would be contrary to his Freethought belief that people should do their own thinking. To be strictly consistent he should not teach this preposterous error. He should leave people to do their own thinking or hire it done, as they please. To advise them what to do is doing their thinking for them and that is a violation of this theory. No wonder Freethought is dead. It committed suicide with its own false philosophies. People would know precious little were it not for the services of hired thinkers in all branches of knowledge. Every hired teacher is a hired thinker. A part of the price of most books goes to the author as pay for his thought. The largest part of the bills for professional services is pay for thinking for us—for knowing how. A part of the price we pay for all patented articles goes to the inventor for thinking them out for us. What could the mass of the people know about any of the sciences if each one knew nothing but what he discovered himself? How many of the modern conveniences could they have if they had none but what each one invented for himself? It is perfectly right and proper to pay for the knowledge others have. The truth about God and life is of vital interest to all. It is right for people to desire that knowledge. It is as right and sensible for them to hire those who claim to know to give them that knowledge and teach it to their children as it is to hire teachers of any other branch of knowledge. When it is discovered that any teachers are mistaken it is then proper to hire others to teach who do know the truth about the subject. A few have discovered the real truth about God and life and it is quite different from that taught by any teachers so far. I now want these few to organize into a society to employ one or more of their number to begin teaching these new found truths in place of the false teachers. But those who know the discovery will not aid me so long as they believe these false theories of Freethinkers. Hence the necessity of proving them false and discarding them.

2. This mistake will prevent any active effort to free people from idolatry by those who believe it true. They cannot give people more brains. This error is easily disproved, though. What people believe regarding God and life is determined neither by quantity nor quality of brains, but by what is taught them. The members of one Christian sect have no more brain per capita than those of any other sect. The followers of one of the great religions have no more brain per capita than those of any other religion. The followers of any religion have as much brain per capita as my comrades, who have learned the truth about God and life. Then, again, people with large brains and those with small brains are found in the same sect and religion and in the Church of Humanity. This proves that the size of the head and brain has no more to do with what people believe and know than the size of their bodies have. Half of my comrades were once members of some Christian sect and practiced their idolatry and believed their superstition. Their brains neither increased nor decreased by learning the truths they now know. Some adults learn new facts every day, and some study to fill the various professions, but it does not increase the size of the brain. A person with a small head and brain can learn a trade or a profession as quickly as one with a large head and brain. Of a given number of people selected at random each one may excel all the others in some special line of study. That test would not depend on the size of the brain or prove that the others could not learn the other studies if given more time and better teachers. Millions of people who are now worshiping idols could be taught the discoveries that Gods are fabulous beings and life ends at death if they had competent teachers. The theory of Freethinkers that they have not brains enough to learn them is preposterous in the extreme. Let us employ a competent teacher for them, if one can be found, and give the matter a practical test.

3. No one will aid a cause if he thinks Nature will do it for him. But it will not in this case. Nature teaches nothing. It is not an intelligent thing. Hence it cannot care if our race exists or not, or if it knows anything or not, or how much it is mistaken about things. Nature cannot make its truths known to man. He has to seek them out, and when found proclaim them and teach them to all if the world is to know them.

4. The Freethinker here assumes the superstition of continuous life to be true or else the other equally absurd theory that a dead man can know that he is dead and will remain so. They use the slogan, "One world at a time," and declare all questions concerning another world should be left to be settled when we get there. These questions concern us vitally here and now. They belong to this world and must be settled here. When a question is raised in this world its solution belongs to this world if it is ever to be solved. It is the only world we will ever live in and all things we wish done must be done here if done at all. Every child born to our race is entitled to an answer to these questions and will have it. If we who know the true answer will not give it to them those who believe the false answer will. Then we can have only ourselves to blame for the result.

5. People can only be prepared to accept the truth about God and life by competent teachers giving them the necessary proof to convince them. They are as ready in this country to listen to that proof as they ever can be in advance. But so far there has been no competent teachers provided for them. The theory that the masses can prepare themselves to accept these truths by learning the evidence of them without the services of teachers is erroneous. But no one holding this false theory will aid in providing the teachers.

6. This false idea is held by all Freethinkers. People who are members of any church in this country

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We are nearing the goal of organization. It can be reached this summer.

Only 26 members more will put us to the 250 mark. Who wants them?

If your state is not represented in the membership of our society see that it is by taking a number yourself, if you know there is no God and no future life for the dead.

I would like to be able to announce the promised attendance at the convention of two hundred comrades in next issue. Make it a great time, comrades, that will create a world-wide interest.

We need thousands of trained defenders of the truth about God and life to go forth to meet the thousands of trained defenders of the errors about those subjects. We can't get them without organizing.

Join the Church of Humanity, attend its organizing convention, take part in its councils, help to make its organic laws, honor your state by increasing its representation, power and influence in this convention, and your reward will be great.

A comrade writes that a friend of his refuses to unite with our society because it is too much a one-man-power society. If he believes it is, he should help to remedy it by joining it himself and helping to get more members, so we can call the organizing convention sooner and stop the objectionable conditions. My temporary office and duties cease when the convention meets. I will be then only as any other comrade, with nothing to do unless the society puts work on me. The delegates then take charge of everything. They can select whom they please to edit the church paper and fill the offices that they create. I only want to be a paying member. Guess my critic will not object to that.

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 7.

DEAR COMRADES: When and where do you want the convention of your society for formal organization and incorporation? These questions can now be considered and settled. The date should be set at least five or six months ahead so we can advertise it and give all a chance to come in as founders and charter members of this society who know its discovered truths. By that time we will certainly have our number —250—made up. We have 223 enrolled members now. Some vacancies will have to be filled, but I believe we will get enough over the 250 to fill them. Owing to reducing the number to 250 to organize with, instead of 1,000, I shall call as delegates to the convention all the comrades.

I want each member of the church, over twenty-one years of age, to fill out the voting blank attached and send me by return mail.

I suggest that these rules govern us: 1. That women and men have equal rights in the society. 2. That we be governed by a majority of the votes cast.

As for me, I can attend the convention anywhere in the United States and will not vote unless there is a tie vote cast.

But I offer the following suggestions with reasons for them:

1. *Place.* That the convention be held in this town because the geographical center of the United States is in Kansas and Great Bend is near the center of Kansas. The main line of the Santa Fe railroad and a short spur to the main line of the Missouri Pacific railroad give us good access by rail. We have ample hotel facilities and I believe the delegates would be treated right. Our proposed college building would be a fine place for the work of the convention. There is a good assembly room and plenty of suitable committee rooms. These rooms would cost us nothing. Kansas has nearly double the number of members in our society of any other state, but so far there is only one member in this town besides my family. Local comrades could not therefore dominate the convention in any way. The center of our church population seems to be near the eastern boundary of Kansas. Kansas, with the four states adjoining her, and the three states of Texas, Arkansas and Iowa near, has 93 members, while Missouri and all the states adjoining her have 97 members. West of the Mississippi river there are 135 members to 88 east of it. Moving west to Kansas City we seem to pass the center of our population, as there are 96 members west of that line to 127 east of it. If all our comrades east of St. Louis voted to hold the convention there, and all west of Kansas City voted to hold it here or at Kansas City the comrades in the four states of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota, numbering 39, hold the balance of power as between the two places.

To give all members an equal opportunity to be delegates we should hold the convention as near the center of territory or the center of our population as possible. Therefore I suggest that only the three towns of Great Bend, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Louis, Missouri, be voted on. Take your choice of these three places. We have no comrades now in either Kansas City or St. Louis, and the expenses would be greater at either place than here. As an inducement to hold the convention in Kansas I shall ask the Kansas comrades to pay the hotel bill of our comrades from other states while here holding the convention. Kansas has nearly double the membership of any other state and they will want their state to have the honor of the convention. The delegates will pay their own car fare, and the church will pay by donation the other necessary expenses of incorporation. Owing to the low rate of two cents a mile on roads in most states it will be impossible to get special rates to the convention.

2. *Time.* It will be impossible to set a date most convenient to each delegate. But one can be selected that will be most suitable to the majority. Owing to many of the comrades being old people the summer season should be selected so as many of them could attend as possible. The first Sunday in June, July or August would do. I would prefer the first date for the meeting, and then begin the work on the Monday following. Two or three days ought to be enough, but come to stay a week if necessary. Then cast your vote for one of these three dates. If any of the comrades have good reasons for having the convention at any other place or date they can send them in and I will give them due consideration. I urge each comrade to make special effort to attend the convention regardless of cost and time. Remember that you could not possibly use your time and money for a better purpose. The work of the convention will be to formulate and adopt a constitution and by-laws and articles of incorporation for the society. These will be the organic laws by which the society, officers and members are to be governed, and each comrade of age is entitled to a voice and vote in their making. Hence the vital importance of all being present and taking part in making your own laws, rules and regulations. If Kansas is honored with the convention the delegations from other states will be the guests of the Kansas delegation and I hope every comrade in the state will turn out. I especially urge the attendance of all comrades who have had experience in the organization of societies and understand parliamentary rules and the legal requirements of incorporation papers. The bulk of the committee work will necessarily devolve upon such comrades.

Withdrawing. It is extremely important that all comrades attending this convention or remaining as members of the Church of Humanity know the discoveries it is being organized to teach, viz.: That there is no supreme being corresponding to the meaning expressed by the name "God," or any of its synonyms, and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life. I ask all comrades who could not take an oath of affirmation with an approving conscience to a knowledge of these discovered truths to please withdraw from membership. To do so answer the fourth question with "Yes," and return your certificate, if you have it, to me, and your name will be checked off the church Roll Book. In such cases you need not answer any of the other questions in the voting blank. The comrades should make great efforts to have their respective states well represented in this convention, and, if possible, the full membership in each state should turn out as its delegation. In each issue following, until the convention, I shall publish the number of delegates who say they will attend from each state. The states are represented by enrolled membership as follows:

Kansas, 28; New York, 15; Iowa, 14; Texas, 12; Illinois and Ohio, 11 each; Arkansas, 10; Missouri, Oklahoma and California, 9 each; Nebraska and Kentucky, 8 each; Washington, 7; Indiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 6 each; Utah, 5; Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland and Michigan, 3 each; Alaska, North Dakota, Wisconsin and South Carolina, 2 each; Hawaii, British Columbia, Connecticut, Arizona, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Dakota and West Virginia, 1 each.

Our society paper has more subscribers in all these states and in some not yet represented by membership. I urge those who know the truths we are organizing to teach to join the society at once and get a voice and vote in its organization.

New members who fill out the membership application blank can also fill out the voting blank and return both to me at once.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Having learned that all Gods are fabulous beings and death the end of conscious life I enclose one dollar for a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity, making me one of its founders and charter members.

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..... State.....
Sex..... Occupation.....
Nationality..... Language.....
Previous Church.....

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Votes on place, time and attendance of the organizing convention of the *Church of Humanity*:

1. Where held? ..... City ..... State .....
2. When held? ..... Month ..... Day .....
3. Will you be a delegate?.....
4. Do you wish to withdraw from the Church of Humanity?.....

Name .....

City..... St. ..... State .....

The Founding of the Church.

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are just as free to think and act as members of any other society, or those having no society. There is no law to compel them to remain members of any church or society. No law of any kind and no authority can prohibit a person from thinking what he can and wants to. Some members of all churches resign or drop out. They can join another church or none, as they choose. About half of the members of the Church of Humanity were onee members of the various idolatrous churches. They had perfect freedom to learn the truths taught by this church and unite with it. There is no law of church or state to punish them for doing so. Are not all members of idolatrous churches as free as these few are? People stay with the various churches because they believe their teaching true and want it propagated. If a clergyman dies the congregation sends for another. They keep raising the salary offered until it fetches one. If he preaches theories they do not want they "fire" him and try another. Is that the way abject slaves treat their master? The clergy are the hirelings of an idolatrous and superstitious people ignorant of the truth about God and life. I want my comrades to join me in hiring a competent lecturer and organizer to teach the truths we have discovered, and organize branch societies of those who learn them. Would myself and comrades be the mental and physical slaves of this man? Well, I guess not! He would be simply our hired teacher, and if he failed to make good we would promptly dismiss him. That is the same sort of relation a clergyman holds to his congregation. It is not customary for individuals or societies to be abject slaves to their employes. My comrades are all perfectly free to withdraw from membership in the Church of Humanity any time they wish and join any other church, or none, as they choose. Members of other churches have the same freedom. This thoroughly proves the Freethinkers mistaken in the sixth assertion.

7. Those who believe this untruth do not seem to know that the only effective way to overthrow a society teaching errors, or compel it to teach truth, is to build up a rival society of those who know the truth and will teach it. There is room at the top for a church of this kind. Men do not tear down their old house and camp out while they build the new one unless they must have the same building site or need the material in the old one. There is plenty of room for our church edifices without destroying any of the others. There are millions of people who are not members of any church. Let us put out teachers and organizers to win them. All churches are recruited by the ever-growing millions of children. Let us capture a share of these for our society building. We have as much right to them as any other church. Let us put out and maintain recruiting officers to win the children. We can weaken idolatrous churches and compel them to sit up and take notice by turning a large proportion of the children in our direction. The only way they can be destroyed or compelled to learn and teach the truth about God and life is to turn the stream of human beings to a rival church, and the winning of the children will be the most effective way to sap their vitality. Societies are like living organisms. They feed and flourish on the stream of human beings they attract. Shut off that stream and they soon wither and perish. The Japs did not wait until they destroyed the Russian navy to build up one of their own. A Japanese who would have advocated destroying all the battle ships of the world before building some of their own would have been thought foolish, yet the Freethinkers advocate a parallel case regarding societies and think it wise.

8. Freethinkers who make this plea do not themselves know there is no God and no future life else they would not consider such teaching radical. Truth is neither radical nor conservative. There is no such thing as gradation in truth. Every stage between untruth and truth is an untruth. No one can teach an untruth knowingly in order to get people nearer the truth. If he knows the truth and cares to aid in its teaching he will want nothing but the truth taught. Freethinkers would instantly recognize the absurdity of leading the people to truth by easy stages if the plan was suggested for anything else. The rotation of the earth at the equator is over 1,000 miles an hour. Let us suppose that when the rotation of the earth was first discovered and taught that the people could not believe it could move so fast. Then suppose some one suggested that such a speed was too radical for the people and that they be brought up to believe it gradually, by first teaching them the speed was ten miles and hour, and when they all learned that, then teach them it was twenty miles, and so on until they got them up to believe it could rotate at its true velocity. This illustration could be applied to the distance to the sun, moon and stars, and to their size, and many other things that people could not believe when first discovered and proclaimed. But the absurdity of bringing people to believe truths by easy stages as suggested is apparent. This fallacy contemplates at best only the rescue of adult idolaters. It does not contemplate teaching children the truth about God and life in the first place and thereby keeping them free from idolatry and superstition. Any system of education to free the people from idolatry that does not contemplate being extended to the children is fundamentally wrong and will prove a failure.

9. This is a very unjust as well as an untrue assertion of most Freethinkers. No one is so competent to know what one believes as himself. If one wishes others to believe him honest in his profession of belief or knowledge he should give others credit for honesty. It is not possible for Christians to know there is no God and no future life. They have had no opportunity to learn those truths. They have always been taught the errors about those subjects. They are surrounded by teachers of errors and by those who believe them. Their parents believed the errors and taught them to believe them. It is not possible that people would worship a myth or teach their children to do so knowingly. Some Freethinkers who are so sure Christians know they are teaching errors are equally sure I do not know there is no God and no future life. When two parties take opposite sides of a question wherein it is self-evident one of them is right and a third party affirms neither one is right it is self-evident the third party is wrong.

10. Those who believe Christians have not the power to force their idolatry and superstition on one against his wishes in this country are simply living in a "fool's paradise." They not only have the power to do it, but they are doing it all the time and making us pay for it, too. My comrades are forced to support the public schools through taxation. They are then compelled by heavy penalties in some states to send their children to school. Many of the schools are opened daily with Bible reading, prayers and idolatrous hymns. Then all readers from the lowest grade to the highest have lessons teaching the existence of a God. If that is not forcing their idolatry on our children what is it? They have the power to stop us teaching our discoveries about God and life any time they see fit to do so by passing prohibitory laws and then prosecuting us if we violate them. If any provisions in the national or state constitutions are in the way they have the numerical power to change them. This is a Christian country regardless of what any laws or persons may say to the contrary. Where the people of a country are practically all Christians it constitutes a Christian country. But Christians will not be the only people to desire our suppression. We teach the discoveries that will overthrow all idolatries and the superstition of continuous life. Practically all the people believe in the existence of a God and a future life. They would doubtless all join forces to pass a law of suppression. Our only hope to prevent such a calamity is in making our discoveries known to more people.

11. Those who make this false statement often add that they have not been to church for many years. Unless one attends churches of all denominations and their auxiliary societies, and in different localities, and keeps posted in church literature and statistics, he can know but little about them. The criticisms by people who know nothing or very little about church societies are worthless. The indiscriminate abuse of this kind in Freethought publications has merited and received the just contempt of not only Christians, but the better class of Freethinkers, who refuse longer to be identified with a cause and name using such methods. People believing this untrue crticism forget their own relatives are included; that practically all believe in the existence of a God and a future life, including themselves generally; that those two beliefs are the basic fables on which all idolatrous societies are based; that a large majority of children attend the Sunday schools and the various idolatrous societies of young people; that in a few years these children become the legislative, judicial and executive officers of the nation, and that they still believe what they learned in the societies teaching errors. They teach the same errors to their children, provide them with the same kind of societies and teachers, and thus the mistakes will be perpetuated until those who know the truth build up rival societies teaching truth about God and life. In public schools are found only children, a few women and fewer men. Do the children disbelieve and cease practicing all they learn there when they stop going? Are not school houses built, teachers provided, offices filled and children sent to school by the men? Millions of men do not attend school one day in a decade. Is that any evidence they disbelieve what is taught there? Men's relation to churches are almost the same. They learned when young all the clergy could teach them about God and life and they graduated in idolatry and superstition. They still believe it. What is the need of going to church any more? Their duty now is only to provide churches and clergymen for their children and fill the important offices in the societies. That they do, and it is a mistake to think that because men do not attend churches they disbelieve in their teaching.

12. No greater delusion than this is believed, even by Christians. But who or what is a scientist? Webster says he is "one learned in science; a scientific investigator; one devoted to scientific study; a savant." A savant is "a man of learning; one versed in literature or science; a person eminent for acquirements." The definitions of science are too many to give here. One is: "Any branch or department of systematized knowledge considered as a distinct field of investigation or object or study; as, the science of astronomy, of chemistry, or of the mind." "The ancients reckoned seven sciences—grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, music, geometry and astronomy." Another definition is: "Especially, such knowledge when it relates to the physical world and its phenomena, the nature, constitution, and forces of matter, the qualities and functions of living tissues, etc. —called also natural science and physical science." None of these sciences, subjects or studies relate

to the question of the existence of a God and continuous life. These subjects are separate questions from any of the sciences except that of theology. It is not possible for people to know much about a subject by studying one or more unrelated branches of knowledge. By studying arithmetic alone one can learn very little about grammar, geography, physiology or any other branch of knowledge. Those who study one profession alone can know very little about unrelated professions. Those scientists who study one or more branches of knowledge can know nothing about theology, since it is an unrelated branch of knowledge from those they study. Hence it is as absurd to claim or believe a scientist has learned anything more about God and the non-existence of a future life than a farmer, ditch digger or any professional man. The scientist simply accepts the idolatry and superstition taught him as other people do. He practices the same idolatry and believes the same superstition he was taught in childhood, as others do. He is devoting all his time and interests to different subjects. If his discoveries conflict with his superstition he either does not observe it or he is the first to point out how to reconcile the two to the advantage of his superstition. His newly discovered truth is simply God's way of doing things, in his belief, and that settles it. He wants the people to accept his theories or discovered truths and wants them harmonized with, instead of antagonizing, the errors concerning God and life. Neither himself nor any school teaching his discoveries will point out the disproof they give of the popular mythology. Hence the teaching of all the sciences in a school frees no one from idolatry, not even the teachers of them. The discoveries that all Gods are fabulous beings and life ends forever at death have not been learned by the scientists. They can't learn them any easier than other people. A few people, however, have made these discoveries, and it is their duty to unite and hire some some of their number to teach them to all people. There is no way of doing this except through an organized national society first, and then the establishment of branch societies as fast as possible through their hired lecturers and organizers. But these few people will do nothing in this great work if they believe even one of the above twelve errors. I hope they will all discard them and get together in the Church of Humanity to devise ways and means of freeing the people from idolatry and superstition.

NOT SO!

In the *Truth Seeker* of Jan. 4, Mr. Wakeman says: "The only hope of the Republic is in meeting and if possible enlightening these sects and divisions of this traditional delusion before they can unite so as to do it fatal injury. And this must be done by a general, liberal and historical literature, of which the books referred to are samples. There is no other way—for all other means of enlightenment are practically closed."

He overlooked the only practical way of enlightenment, viz.: Organization based on the truth about God and life with the direct object of enlightening the people on these vital subjects and freeing them from idolatry and superstition through the services of hired lecturers and organizers. This method is still open to us, but there is no assurance of it remaining long. Mr. Wakeman should join with my comrades in seizing this opportunity at once before it is everlastingly too late. The people cannot be reached through books alone and their production by the ton will do no good without the machinery of organization to use them. Nothing but the teaching of the discoveries that there are no Gods and no future life by an active organization can increase our numbers. Unless our numbers are increased greatly in a short time the idolaters will prohibit our teaching by law. The federation of idolatrous societies now going on points unerringly in that direction. Read the *Danger Signal.*

DANGER SIGNAL! LOOK OUT!

The security we have in this country from prosecution for teaching the truth about God and life through the division of idolaters into hostile sects is in imminent danger of failing through a reconciliation and union of those sects for concerted action to gain a common advantage in economic and political power. Everywhere and in all activities union, consolidation, federation and cooperation for common purposes, advantages and power are recognized as the sane and sensible thing to do by all who desire to accomplish a common object. This sentiment is affecting all idolatrous societies to a marked degree. Minor differences of detail in teaching are melting away in the interest of a federation of united idolatrous societies. The idolaters everywhere are being educated to this very rapidly through the economic necessity of a union of all churches in a town to enable them to employ a high-priced evangelist, to fight the liquor traffic, to dispense charities and secure desirable city ordinances. This will shortly develop into state and then national and then international federations of all idolatrous societies based on two or three of their common fundamental errors. The "Dark Ages" will once more settle down over the entire world. Our grand discoveries that Gods are fabulous beings and life ends at death will then be outlawed and their teachers fined and imprisoned until they are stamped out. This state of affairs is awaiting us in the near future. As state federations are formed, state laws will be enacted to stamp out these discoveries. Then to facilitate the work a national federation will be accomplished to stamp it out by national laws, for they would then have the power to make such laws as they desire. They are organizing their federations now on a state scale. Listen to this beginning that foretells the result I have here warned you is coming as surely as the gathering clouds portend the coming storm:

THE CURSE OF RELIGION.

That religion is the greatest curse our race ever inflicted on itself is vividly shown by the results of the religion of the people of India.

In *Current Events,* Nov. 22, John Morley, the historian and statesman, is quoted as saying: "This year the plague mortality will be the worst that has ever been known, I think, in India's annals. Pestilence during the last nine months has stalked through the land wasting her cities and villages, slaying its millions, uncontrolled and uncontrollable, so far as we can tell, by human forethought or care."

The article goes on to explain how the plague is spread in two ways that can not be remedied owing to the religion of the people. One way is by rats and other vermin that the people will not kill owing to their religious belief in the transmigration of souls. The other way is through pilgrimages to the "Holy Ganges" to bathe in and drink its germ-laden water. Before the disease develops the pilgrims have returned to their distant homes, thus spreading disease all over the country. The British government is powerless to establish sanitary conditions, as it would necessarily have to do things contrary to the religion of the people, and that would arouse them to a rebellion through religious fanaticism. However, England does not know enough about Gods and life to teach the Hindoos the truth about their religion and thus free them from their ignorance and superstition. The only remedy she knows is to get the Hindoos to accept her heathenish religion in place of Brahmanism. That would be no remedy at all. Christianity has its "Holy Water" shrines, relics, rites and ceremonies that would prove as good pestilent distributers as they now have. Christians have been able to check contagious diseases only in proportion as they have had sense enough to make their religious rites and ceremonies give way to sanitary requirements.

When you read of the Hindoos dying by the tens of thousands from the ravages of the Bubonic Plague or any other contagious disease, charge it to the curse of religion and then join the Church of Humanity and help it to make known to the world its discoveries that all Gods are myths and death the end of life. That will free all people from that great curse.

BLANK PETITION.

A comrade suggested that I publish a blank form of petition for the convenience of our comrades in petitioning their representatives in congress to omit the legend, "in God we trust," from coins. So here is one that will do. Write out three copies of it, fill in the blank spaces properly and mail one to each of the senators from your state and the representative from your congressional district:

A Petition.

(Date) .....1908.

Hon. ....., Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Being one of your constituents, I respectfully request that you use your vote and influence against placing the inscription, "In God we trust," on any coin or government building or property. I am a member of the Church of Humanity and know its teaching is true that God is a myth and life ends at death. Therefore, I do not trust in God any more than I do in Jove or Jupiter or Santa Claus for favors of any kind. I do not wish the government to act as an official liar for me nor do I wish it to compel me to be one whenever I hand out a coin. Yours respectfully,

Name .....

Address .....

RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN IN KANSAS!

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—"Kansas for Christ" is the slogan for the coming religious campaign, which is to be carried on in every county in the Sunflower state simultaneously and which is to last during all of the coming year. Each of fifteen denominations are to contribute two ministers and two laymen for an advisory board which, with Rev. Biederwolf, will direct the meetings. This board has been organized and Edward S. Taylor, of Philadelphia, has been elected secretary. The plan is to have a large number of the country's best evangelists, aided by the local pastors, to carry on the work.

Comrades in all states! What is your answer to this slogan of idolaters, "Kansas for Christ"? It is a challenge of defiance to you. It means that if our discoveries go down in defeat before the federated idolatrous societies in Kansas they will go down in state after state until entirely suppressed in all. I do not anticipate the burning of our Kansas comrades at the stake, but this federation means that laws will be enacted by our legislature prohibiting our teaching. Nothing can save us from it but reinforcements to our numbers by teaching these discoveries to others. We can't do this except through the instrumentality of an organization. Let your answer then to this challenge be a gathering of yourselves in Kansas this summer, two hundred strong, to lay the foundation of a society to provide ways and means of recruiting our numbers as fast as possible. Your state for Christ will be the slogan of idolaters ringing in your ears soon if Kansas has to surrender unconditionally to them. Every reader of this article who does not want such a result in this state, nor in his own, should join the Church of Humanity right now. I would invite the editors of all non-Christian publications to manifest as much good sense as the idolaters are doing, from their viewpoint, and publish this "danger signal" and join with us in building up a defensive society, but I might as well appeal to the "man in the moon." They are so unreasonably dominated by envy and jealousy of each other that they would rather be sent to prison together by idolaters than to voluntarily unite for a common defense, as sensible men would do. The whole outfit of them would rather see all my comrades and their children forced by law to practice idolatry than to aid them the least bit in forming a defensive society. We must recognize the fact now that Freethought and Agnostic editors are totally incompetent to cope with the danger we are in, and we must now unite to save ourselves and children from enforced idolatry or imprisonment.

Two new rules of the postoffice authorities at Washington limit sample copy privileges to one-tenth of paid-up subscriptions and the time second-class postal rates can be allowed publishers to delinquent subscribers. These rules cut down our circulation greatly, as publishers had been allowed to send out sample copies equal to the number of copies paid for, and I generally sent out all the sample copies allowed. On monthly publications second-class postage is not allowed on copies to subscribers whose subscription is not paid up within four months. Subscribers who want this paper continued to them will please pay up promptly if in arrears.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

The Short Cut from Ignorance to Knowledge.

Life is too short and time too valuable to justify people in taking the idolatrous route to a true knowledge of God and life. Not one person in a million, even in this enlightened age, ever gets there by that route. The Church of Humanity is to establish a direct route to that knowledge by which children can be taken to it as soon as they can be taught anything about these subjects. That will give them at the age of five years a knowledge of God and life not known now by people, were they ten thousand years old, who went by the idolatrous route. That route is to be abandoned entirely. Children are to be taught by this church the truth, the first thing they are taught, about God and life. That will give them a true knowledge at an early age not acquired by the oldest scholars and scientists now. By the idolatrous route there are three stages between the total ignorance of a child concerning God and life to a full knowledge of the truth about them. The Church of Humanity abridges the route by the elimination of those three stages, making a short cut to the truth about God and life for all children. All children are born totally ignorant of God and life. Those who live to be a few years old are all taught the superstition that there are such beings as Gods and that conscious life survives death.

Nearly all Christians teach their children that there will be a resurrection of the dead. This is the first stage on the idolatrous route. Nearly all people live and die in the idolatry, superstition and ignorance of this first stage. The next stage is the doubting or skeptical stage. Thousands of people at some time in their lives are doubtful of the existence of a God or a future life or both. That is the true Agnostic stage. They nearly all drop back into the first stage before they die. But a few die in this stage and a few advance to the third stage. That is where they have learned the truth about God or life, but believe in the other superstition. They, too, nearly all drop back into the first stage. A few die in the third stage and a very few have struggled on to the fourth stage, which is a full and complete knowledge that all Gods are creations of fiction and death the end of life.

These few are now uniting in an educational society under the name Church of Humanity. They are building a permanent anchorage here and intend to remain the balance of their days. A few weaklings who were not well fortified against the sophistries of idolaters will desert us to return to the second stage. That will be expected until we get our organization and educational machinery in good working order. Even then we will have desertions to the ranks of idolatry for a long time, owing to the powerful influences ever pulling them back. But new recruits will greatly outnumber desertions by an ever increasing ratio as we get our educational work perfected and extended. We are now numerous enough to hire and maintain teachers from our own ranks. This we must do, and cease going to the three discarded stages on the idolatrous route for them. They are totally incompetent to teach the truths we want taught, as they are ignorant of them. They do more harm than good by helping to win our comrades back to idolatry. Teachers offering us their services must be promptly rejected unless they are members of our society and are competent to teach the truths it is based on. After we are formally organized we must select and employ such teachers from our membership. Their duty will be, among other things, to make our discovered truths known to children and get them into our society direct before they are started on the idolatrous route. There is no more need for them ever becoming idolaters, then Agnostics and Spiritualists, in order to reach us. Not one in a million can reach our knowledge by that route. They must be brought up to our knowledge by the abridged route. It has taken thousands of years to enable a few dozen of our race to discover the truth about God and life. Those few must now make it possible for children at an early age to know these truths. That will require an organized society with a salaried teacher in every neighborhood perpetually. People never can be rescued from idolatry and superstition in any other way. These societies, with their regular teacher, must be established as fast as possible. Some of our number must be employed to do the teaching, and the balance of us must pay them well for that service to justify them in spending years in preparing themselves for teaching and devoting their lives to the work. We must establish a preparatory college for those who wish to be our teachers. We will need a publishing plant where our literature can be produced cheaply for free distribution, and our text books at cost for the use of teachers and students, and free circulating libraries for every local society. Our educational literature and text books must be produced by members of our own class. We must cease going to such authors as Thomas Paine, who never got beyond the first stage on the idolatrous route, for knowledge of God and life. They never had any true knowledge to impart. We can not take sides in a contention between superstitious idolaters. We must also discard such authors as R. G. Ingersoll, who can be classed only in the second stage with a strong leaning to the first one on the idolatrous route. I gladly admit that Mr. Ingersoll occasionally made brilliant charges on superstition and idolatry, and reached the fourth stage, apparently, and defended it with evidence and logic unanswerable. But he often wavered, weakened and fell back in confusion to the second stage. That was doubtless owing to a want of a strong supporting society. There was no society of any kind to sustain him and he was not a society builder. Without a strong organized society to back and support them, teachers can not devote their lives to teaching the truth about God and life. We must not ask or expect them to do it. We must do our part in organizing so we can co-operate harmoniously in sustaining and maintaining competent teachers.

We can not establish the abridged route to a true knowledge of God and life for our children without it. We can not increase our numbers or hold what we have without it. Therefore, organization and the employment of permanent teachers by it is an imperative necessity.

We can not give too much of our time and money to this work. The preservation of our posterity from superstition and idolatry will be ample reward for all we can do and give for the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity. This church is the only society representing the short cut to the truth about God and life. People can only reach it by this route. All who fail to take this route will take the idolatrous route, and that means that they will never reach the goal at all. This shows how extremely important it is for all my comrades to work and pay to their full capacity to get this route opened up and accessible and convenient for all to take.

THE FAMILY GOD FOUNDED?

The *Truth Seeker* says: "Children in a family such as God founded were under the most complete subjection. The father felt no obligation to his daughters except to kill them if they were unchaste. The girls were merchandise to be disposed of as wives, concubines or slaves. Neither son nor daughter was entitled to an education, schools being mentioned nowhere in the Old Testament. If boys grew up shiftless or dissipated the father was instructed by God to kill them. Such was the family God founded." This was copied by *The People's Press* as being good Agnostic and Freethought teaching. No wonder so few people know God is a myth when our most advanced publications are yet in the ranks of the God-makers. Any person who affirms that a God ever did anything, said anything or desired anything is a God-maker. The people never can be freed from idolatry and superstition by such teachers. To affirm that "God founded a family" and that a "father was instructed by God to kill" anybody, helps to confirm idolaters in their belief that there is such a being as a God. Why should the *Truth Seeker* be a God-maker? Is there not enough of them without its aid? Does it not know that God is a myth—a creation of fiction? Does it not know that a myth can't found anything or instruct anybody? By turning God-makers the *Truth Seeker* and *The People's Press* must be classed only in the first stage on the idolatrous route.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

No church ever organized and began teaching errors about God and life under as favorable opportunities as the Church of Humanity has right now to organize and begin teaching the truth about those great questions. Right here at Great Bend it has a magnificent opportunity to locate headquarters for all its educational enterprises in the largest and finest building in the city, which will be donated to it as soon as it is organized and is ready to make use of it. The building is of brick and stone, four stories, including basement, 84 feet 4 inches by 92 feet. A hundred students could be prepared at one time for service as instructors in our church. They could all room, recite, board and have their washing done in this building and then have room left for a fully-equipped publishing plant. It was built for a first-class hotel with all modern conveniences by parties who owned it. It is admirably adapted for a college and publishing house for an educational society such as the Church of Humanity. At its coming congress it should make provisions in its constitution and by-laws for a Supreme Executive Council and then elect three of its ablest members to that council. All three should move to this city to take charge of this property and establish the educational and publishing enterprises of the society.

FREE DIRECTORY.

Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

The Humanitarian Review, Los Angeles, Cal.
The Truth Seeker, 62 Vesey St., New York City.
Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky.
Higher Science, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ingersoll Beacon, Chicago, Ill.
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Organization is the key to success.

Don't miss this opportunity, comrades, to organize.

Consider the time and money spent in your organizing work the best investment of both you ever made.

Think, talk, write and dream about organization until you have the problem solved and accomplished.

Organize a society that will teach your posterity the discoveries you made thousands of years after you are dead.

Let us all work in unison to solve and accomplish one object at a time and we will accomplish things. Organization is the object up for solution and accomplishment now.

Your national convention should be held annually after you are organized. But, then, the delegates will be sent to it by the branch societies chartered by the national you organize now.

No comrade should fail to do his or her duty in the organization work because someone else is unable to do his. That is a good reason why some who can should do more than their share of it.

Fill out your voting blank and rush it in the same day you get this copy, so I can know the place and time you will hold the convention. I wish to announce it in a number of publications as soon as possible.

NO RELIABLE TEACHERS.

The necessity for the Church of Humanity to organize and establish a preparatory college to produce competent teachers for the people on the subjects of God and life is demonstrated by every copy of a Free-thought publication. Those we have accepted as our ablest teachers on those important subjects are found, on close inspection, to have only greatly confused ideas about them. There is no stability, reliability, uniformity or consistency in their teaching. Their ideas on these subjects at different times are as contradictory as the Bible, and that is a very bad case of contradictions. I mean that each one has these confused ideas. The contradictions of the Bible are mostly between different authors. But for each one to furnish such contradictions in his own teaching is enough to cause his rejection as a teacher of anything for anybody. They take every position on the idolatrous route alternately, from that of idolaters to a true knowledge of God and life and then back again. That may be Free-thought, but it is not good thought or true thought or reliable thought. No such thinkers can be accepted as our teachers. There is my good friend Macdonald, editor of *The Truth Seeker*, who teaches at times that there is no God, but who wobbles dreadfully from that position at other times. In an editorial recently he speaks of "the family God founded," and that God instructed fathers to kill their sons. Will he explain how a non-existing being can do those things? My friend Lenau, editor of *The People's Press*, copied it as being true teaching. He is a member of the Materialist Association, which professes to know there is no God. Perhaps he can help Mr. Macdonald to explain how a myth can do things. He, too, is only a God-maker by affirming something done by a God. That constitutes a God-maker.

Dr. J. B. Wilson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is recognized as a great Free-thought propagandist. At times he writes and speaks as though he knew the truth that there is no God and no future life for the dead. But he, too, is very unsteady and unreliable in his teaching. In a poem in *The Blue Grass Blade* of Feb. 9th occur these lines of his:

"Maybe in the life that is next to come
Conditions will be reversed;
The sinful here take the place of the good,
The good the place of the cursed.

"And those who've borne the brunt of the sin
Which Nature here has decreed,
Best deserve a chance in the other life
And of their frailties be freed."

What is this about another life but the rank superstition of idolaters?

And so it is all along the line. They nearly all declare one thing true one day and the opposite true the next, or their contradictions may appear in the same article or speech. We must not have turn-coats for our teachers. We don't want teachers with an acrobatic intellect, able to write a catechism for the Church of Humanity one day and one for the Holy Rollers the next, or lecture for our church on the discoveries that there is no God and no future life and then go across the street and preach for the Salvation Army on "Christ and Him crucified, and the glories of the heavenly kingdom." That may be good Free-thought doctrine, but to my mind it is not what we want at all. I want teachers with the ability to learn the truth about God and life and the honesty to stand by it. I believe my comrades want the same kind. We can't get them until we create the demand for them by offering permanent salaries that will justify them in preparing themselves by years of study in a college for that purpose.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Comrade H. M. Fisk, of Pella, Iowa, writes that he will be a delegate to the organizing convention and says: "I think your plan of making each member a delegate to the convention a good one. Now, I would like to suggest that the members in each state correspond with each other and get as many as they can to pledge themselves to attend the convention, so that we will be sure of at least one delegate from each state. Get as many pledges as we can and still leave a cordial invitation to all members to attend as delegates. Unless this matter is well worked up each one may think there will be plenty there without him, and we may have a very meager attendance. If we can have a rousing, enthusiastic convention it will give a wonderful impetus to our infant society.

"I will take it on myself to write each member in Iowa and report results."

That is a good plan for each comrade to follow. You have the addresses now of all the comrades. Work up this convention attendance among yourselves. Write to each comrade in your state and as many more as you can. Let each one urge all the others to attend and promise to do so himself. I especially urge all the sisters to attend. Women are taking an active part in all society movements. They should do so in this. I have a number of interesting letters from other comrades, but have not room to insert them. But send in your suggestions anyway.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 8.

Dear Comrades: Ten of you have sent in your votes on the place and time of holding your organizing convention. The majority so far favor Great Bend as the place and June 7 as the time. Seven states are represented. Great Bend has 8 votes; Chicago, 1; St. Louis, 1. June 7 has 7 votes, August, 2, and one is left to me to decide. Six say they will attend, three are doubtful and one can not.

These comrades have promised to be delegates from their respective states:

H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa.

William E. Gates, Shirley, Illinois.

P. C. Hansen, Greenleaf, Kansas.

William R. Adams, Hooker, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kerr, Ingalls, Kansas.

This gives four states representation. These comrades have done well by doing their duty promptly. But I feel like scolding the procrastinators. You can't build a society that way, comrades. All of you should have had your votes in by this time —Feb. 17. Then I could have informed you who would attend in this issue. Those who could not attend could then have named proxies. If the same ratio will come as indicated by those heard from so far the success of the convention will be assured. It is now up to you, comrades, to organize and incorporate your society. This is your opportunity to prove your claim that you have as much sense as the Christions, or as you yourselves had when you were idolaters. The relative amount of practical sense between us and idolaters must be judged by our ability and willingness to organize propaganda societies. Ask yourselves continually if you are aiding in organizing your church as much as Christians in theirs. If not, then you do not measure up with their intelligence. People who believe errors and have the ability to organize and maintain societies to teach them to posterity have more sense than those who know the truth but lack sense enough to organize and maintain societies to teach it to posterity. In that case the errors live, because of the good, practical sense their supporters use in their behalf, while the truths die out for want of sense to propagate them by those who know them. It should be plain to all that the world will remain in idolatry and superstition until those who know the truth about Gods and life work as hard and pay as much to make it known as is done for error. We should do much more per capita in working and paying to build up propaganda societies than the idolaters do because of the importance of making our truths known and the few of us to do it. All this should be plain to you and you should all see your duty clearly. It is your society and its success depends entirely on you. I can do nothing more now except urge you to do your duty. No society can be organized and maintained by one man. Each of you must be interested as much as I am in getting your society established and in working harness. The promulgation of the grand truths you have discovered depends entirely on your ability to organize societies to teach them. They will die with you unless you do. You should be ashamed of yourselves all your lives if you must admit that idolaters are more intelligent than you are, as proven by their superior skill in organizing if you fail now when there is not an idolater in your ranks to bother you.

I am not asking you to have any more intelligence than idolaters have. I am only urging you to show as much. Is that an unreasonable duty to ask or expect of you? I want to impress a sense of your duty deeply on your consciousness to get you to act in your own interest. It is now or never. Many of you are old people and this will be your last opportunity to help to get a society established to teach the truths you have learned. Your learning them will have been in vain so far as doing the world any good if you fail to do your duty in this critical stage. If you fail now to organize a propaganda society you will never have the credit or honor of making the discoveries you have. Your comrades who do their duty in this organizing work may cut off all who do not take enough interest in it to vote when it costs only two cents. It does seem that none should share

in the honor of these great discoveries who take no interest in them and do nothing for their preservation in a propaganda society. The comrades who do the work and paying and attend the convention to help in the organization work will have power to inquire what each member has done to aid in founding the society. My books will show every cent each comrade has given, and my letter files will show all his letters to me. If they decide from this showing that some are not entitled to the honor of being founders of this society and discoverers of its truths they can rule them out. Comrades who will not aid the society any have not yet discovered any value in the truths it teaches, hence are not entitled to credit as discoverers of them, as it is a recognition of their value that constituted the discovery. But I sincerely hope all comrades delinquent in their duty will yet jump into the work and do their best to make amends for past neglect. I would grieve to see any ruled out who are honestly trying to be worthy of the credit and honor due the founders of this society in the future. With the goal now so near our grasp it would be a shame and a disgrace, as well as a great misfortune, not to reach it. With one supreme effort by all the comrades in unison now you will win. But with indifference and neglect at this critical time all is lost. Which will it be, comrades, win or lose? You have the determining power to make the answer as you wish it to be. All is won or lost forever on your answer now. The fate of your society is now quivering in the balance. Permanent success or lost opportunity forever now confronts you. Indifference, neglect, stinginess, lazyness, procrastination is your failing. They will be your undoing if you allow yourself to be ruled by them. Why will you allow this great opportunity to be lost through such unworthy excuses on your part? Arouse yourselves to action, life, energy, enthusiasm, hope, duty.

You can only live your life once. An eternity of unconsciousness awaits you at death. In a very few years the transit of life will be completed for us all. Do you want yours to terminate without lending a helping hand to set a force in motion that can free a world from idolatry and superstition? Do you want the fact that you ever lived in this beautiful world to be unknown except by a few dozen neighbors for a week or so after you die and then pass into oblivion forever? Or do you want your name to go ringing down the corridors of time for ages as one of the world's great benefactors? The opportunity is yours to make of it what you desire—total oblivion at death or an immortal name that will grow brighter as the centuries march by and the world learns to recognize your services in its behalf. What is your little property worth to your children compared to what you can do with it for them by investing it all in this great work? They can get more property easily and will not miss yours, but they can't do this work and no one else can do it for them but you. Why not invest it for them in a work that all your posterity and the entire world will draw daily dividends on in civilization to the end of the existence of our race? You should be exceedingly glad of this opportunity to invest your time and property in so great a cause. Never before had people so great a chance as you have now to benefit the entire world. Can you recognize it and grasp it? Those of you who can may reject those who can not as being unworthy comrades to share in the honor due in the future to the original discoverers of the greatest truths in nature and the founding of a society to make them known to the world. Indolent, indifferent, miserly comrades will certainly not be worthy of equal honor with those who invest their lives and property in this work. Your names on the Roll Book will build no society. It requires active work and paying to organize and build up a society. Comrades, one and all, do your duty. Invest your time and property in a cause that will draw dividends in civilization, wisdom, knowledge for the entire world to the end of our race on earth! Awake to a full realization of your opportunities! Grasp the good fortune that is in your reach! Do not let any sordid motive or reasons prevent you. Help with all your time, wealth and ability. Give them all to the service of society-building on a bed-rock foundation of truth to win a world from idolatry and superstition. The object is worthy of all your services in time and money. A world redeemed from ignorance, idolatry and superstition will be ample reward for all services you can possibly give. Organization is the all-important subject before you now. Promise to attend the convention. Prepare in advance to do efficient work in organizing when you meet. This will not be a Freethought convention where Agnostics wrangle and jangle over fundamentals. We have that all settled in advance. No Agnostics or Spiritualists or Deists will be there to raise a disturbance about questions they have not learned the truth about. I would favor the first meeting on Sunday being open to the public and having a few speeches made on our objects and then limiting them to the delegates until their work is done. The convention will be more in the nature of a congress, as we are to enact the laws that are to govern our society. The articles of incorporation and the constitution adopted will be our fundamental laws, on which the by-laws will be based. All our members and officers and teachers will be governed by these. That is the reason all should attend and take part in the work. You will all want these laws, rules and regulations to suit you. If you help to make them you will abide by them willingly. If you do not you may criticise and find fault with them. We will not want any members to do that. Whatever you want to be your organic laws you should make known at the convention personally. If it is impossible to attend it you should name some one who will, in whose judgment you have full confidence, as your proxy. I do not know if the convention will allow a comrade to have more than one vote or not. But he could represent you in that one vote as well as himself. You should all study day and night on the laws you would want your society to have. Those of you who will attend the convention should get and study the laws of other organized societies to guide you in your coming work. Get a copy of the articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws of some educational society and study them. Then write out what you think would be suitable for our society. Study each article and section well. Create such offices as you think the society needs, put such duties on those who fill them as you wish them to perform. Give the members such duties as you wish them to perform in the support of their officers, teachers and societies. These rough drafts in advance will aid you greatly in committee work and will facilitate and expedite business when you meet. The committees can then make up suitable laws by combining the good points in all these individual drafts. In committee of the whole they will again be worked over, section by section, until all delegates are satisfied with them. That is the reason I want all of you to be present and take part in the work. I want you to make the laws and regulations by which the society will be governed. You will also have to provide for repealing and amending and enacting laws from time to time, as necessity requires. An annual congress of delegates from all branch societies should be provided for for that purpose. There are many things you should provide for in your laws. Among them are these: A publishing plant to produce large quantities of your literature—text-books, catechisms, song books and tracts for free distribution; a preparatory college where young people can prepare for the duties of instructors in your society; provisions for national lecturers and organizers; arrangements for chartering branch societies; methods of raising funds for these various enterprises; the employment, examining and commissioning of instructors by a competent commission; a supreme executive board to carry out all the provisions required by your laws, collect and disburse its funds, etc. The members of this supreme executive board should be located in one town, where they could have daily meetings for consultation and action. This board, the publishing plant and the college should all be in one town, if possible, so that quick action could be taken on any subject. The members of this board should be free from all other occupations so they can give their entire time to the service of the society. It should be composed of the three highest officers, including the treasurer, under your laws. It should be the financial agency to receive bequests and donations and administer them for the society. Your church paper should be enlarged and published weekly. I expect to apply to the national society for the first charter for a branch society here as soon as you are organized if we have the required number of members. In anticipation of you holding the convention here, from votes already sent in, I shall try my best to have a little society built up to entertain you when here. The following clippings from *The Daily Item* of this city will show you what I am trying to do in local work. The first was printed February 14th and 15th, and the other on the 17th:

"The Church of Humanity will hold a preliminary meeting in the southeast room of the Morrison house next Sunday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of discussing the subjects of holding regular weekly meetings and establishing a free circulating library of scientific and educational books. All who are interested in the matter are cordially invited to attend.

"W. H. Kerr."

"At the meeting of the Church of Humanity last evening it was decided to hold regular weekly meetings on Sunday evenings. W. H. Kerr was selected as the lecturer for the present. The title of the discourses will be announced in the usual church services on Saturdays. A committee on library was selected. Vocal and instrumental music and other features for entertaining will be added as soon as possible."

As expected, only a few attended the meeting, but a majority of those who did are willing to help to make the meetings a success by attending and doing their part. The title of my first lecture will be "Heaven Proved a Myth by Astronomy," an illustrated lecture showing the movements of the Earth, the Moon and Mercury by the Laing planetarium.

As soon as the national society is chartered and organized we will apply to it for a charter for a local society and for a competent instructor who has lecturing abilities, as I have none. All who wish to take employment as hired instructors for our societies will apply to your national employment agency for a position. After passing the required examination they can be assigned positions with the local societies applying for instructors. The examining board that you will create will be above all commissioned instructors to keep them in the straight path of truth and moral conduct. It will have power to revoke the commission of any instructor on just grounds. The board will itself be under the authority of the laws you enact to govern it. By this method all teachers will work, under the authority of a commission, as qualified instructors, and then societies employing them will be assured of competent teachers.

You should make all these provisions in your laws at the convention. The examining board can arrange a grading method similar to that for grading school teachers and give certificates of competency accordingly. Your preparatory college will be designed to fit students for this examination. But as you comrades are to do this legislative work at your congress I warn you in time to put your study caps on and get to work planning your constitution and by-laws at once, so that you will be able to talk intelligently and push the work right along when you meet. There will be several days of hard work for you then and you should prepare for it as much as possible in advance. Get your work planned out as well as you can before you meet. Then you will compromise on what the majority believe are the best plans suggested. You can decide what majority you wish to govern—a bare majority or two-thirds or three-fourths of the votes cast. All your laws should be made to pass by a unanimous vote if possible. Much depends on having all satisfied. But come prepared to give

way to the wisdom of the majority if you can't convince them your plan is the best. Remember that the laws can be repealed or amended and new ones made if required at your next congress, which should be held next year.

Now, comrades, do the best and hardest thinking you ever did in your lives on these organization problems. It took good sound thinking to learn the discoveries you did, but it will take still more of the same kind to organize a propaganda society to teach them to others. It will take courage and action and money besides. I still have confidence that you are equal to the task. You should invest a dollar in stationery at once and write to each comrade in your state, and as many more as possible, to get acquainted with each other and urge all to attend the convention. Find out who is going and select your proxies if you can't possibly attend. Some time ago I mailed a copy of our membership mailing list to each member. Some have joined since. I will mail a copy to any comrade who asks for one. The following are members not on that list:

A. Walukas, 26 West Pratt street, Baltimore, Md.

J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.

Karl Witkowski, 65 Kenmore avenue, Newark, N. J.

J. W. Carpenter, Whitman, Neb.

Ben Hudson, rural route No. 3, El Reno, Okla.

Frank H. Lovering, Newlon, Mont.

E. H. Wylie, Read Island, B. C., Canada.

Theodore Leontesco, 92-94 Second avenue, New York.

Carl J. E. Lindgren, Malcolm, Minn.

Jacob Bernhard, 7934 St. Lawrence street, Swissville Station, Pittsburg, Pa.

William Gerchow, Armada, Mich.

M. Siemes, United States Navy Yard, Pensacola, Fla.

Joel M. Berry, National Military Home, Ohio.

Alexander Friedolin, Afognak, Alaska.

Charles Strandell, Cazadero, Cal.

Charles M. Burgess, 213 Harrison street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

M. X. Mockus, Box 54, Detroit, Mich.

Frank Hendrickson, Malcolm, Minn.

John M. Case, 154 W. Thirteenth street, New York.

David B. Banks, Stockton, Cal.

Otto Wettstein, La Grange, Ill.

R. Vogel, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Now, comrades, write to each other and get acquainted. Think about plans for organizing, talk about them, write about them. Send in your votes on time and place for the convention. Be sure to attend it. Don't let the thought of lost time or money enter your heads, because they would not be lost. You could not possibly use them to so good a purpose in any other way. A hundred dollars invested in this work now is worth many times a hundred million dollars invested in any other way. A month of your time used in this work is worth more than your whole life used in any other work. You should all be extremely anxious to invest your time and property in this work.

Through this convention you are to give authority for all coming time to the teachers of the great discoveries you have made. No higher authority can be given to the teachers of truth than that from their discoverers. The teachers who go forth to free the world from idolatry and superstition by teaching the discoveries that all Gods are myths and death the end of life are to get that authority from you who made those discoveries. There can be no higher power to give that authority. In your constitution and by-laws, adopted by you at your convention, you will delegate authority to teach your discoveries for all coming time. That authority will be good all over the world to the end of man's existence. It will be good and authoritative a million years after you are dead. But long before that time the society you will organize will have them taught to all mankind. Do not fail to attend the convention and delegate authority to teach these great discoveries from their discoverers. Hire your necessary work done, borrow your car fare, if need be, and attend your convention. Never again can you be collected and enrolled in a society of yourselves preparatory to formal organization. It has taken me five long years of hard work to find so many who know the truth about God and life. You are about all the people in the United States who know it. You are enough to establish a society to teach it. It is your imperative duty to establish it. No people in the world can do it but you. The world will remain in the idolatry of myth Gods and the superstition of continuous life until taught by a society the truths you know. Organize that society now. Provide for sending out teachers of these truths by the authority of those who discovered them. Don't fail to act now at the only time you can. There are no more with your knowledge to be found. You are as strong a company to organize as can ever be enrolled in one book. If you fail now to do your duty all is lost. There is no society or school or teacher in the world teaching the truths you have discovered; none others know them. Your number will grow less year by year until you are all dead. Then these discoveries will be lost again for centuries unless you provide an organization to teach them to others who will take your places. They can not be perpetuated in any other way. Four of our comrades have died that I know of. Maybe death has claimed several others, as I have not heard from them for a long time. Many are quite old people. Owing to the long time necessary to find enough persons with your knowledge to organize some have got discouraged and gave it up in despair. Five have dropped out of the ranks that I know of. Some more may have done so without notifying me. The Church of Humanity is not founded until you organize. It will go to pieces in a short time if you fail to do that. You can save it only by your action at once. Your numbers can only be increased by field lectures and organizers sent out under your organized authority. It should not be a great task for you to organize. You see the Christians are organized everywhere. Just follow their example in that matter. It will be a disgrace to you and discredit your judgment and reasoning ability if you can't organize while all Christians can. I gave up my occupation, where I could have made from five to ten thousand dollars a year, to give my services free to find and enroll you people in a society so you could found an educational organization of yourselves through which you could make your discoveries known to the entire world, in time, and thereby free it from idolatry and superstition. If you do your duty now and organize such a society I will never regret devoting my services to finding you and making it possible for you to do so. Otherwise, I will consider my services in your behalf entirely useless and unappreciated by you. No one else would ever again try to find you to make it possible for you to organize if this attempt is a failure. No one could work harder and with more patience in this cause than I have done. You should all want our race freed from idolatry. You should all want your own posterity freed and kept free from it. That can't be done without competent teachers to teach them perpetually the discoveries you have made. It will require the machinery of an organized educational society for that special purpose. Let us organize, and then put into the treasury of the society all the property we can possibly spare to carry on its propaganda work under the direction of its legal authorities and properly elected and qualified officers. As soon as such organization is completed and can make use of it for the business of the society I shall turn over to the proper officers our fine college building. I also expect to place in its treasury from time to time, as it is needed and can be used to good advantage, a total of $30,000 or $40,000. By all of us pooling our property in this way, as an investment for the good of our children, we can accomplish grand results with it through this educational society that will do them infinitely more good all through life than if invested in any other way. But we must have officers legally constituted by an organization to receive and administer donations and legacies as the donors desire it should be done. You are the only ones who can give that legality and authority through organization and I hope you will not fail to do it.

LATER—Just before sending this to the printer I received votes from these comrades:

C. M. Dyer, Cloverdale, Indiana.

J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.

L. P. Tebbe, Loveland, Colo.

Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Comrade Dyer can not attend, but the other three comrades will be delegates from their respective states. Great Bend gets three more votes and Kansas City one. June 7 gets one vote, August 2, two votes and October, one. This will give three more states—Kentucky, Missouri and Colorado—representation at the convention.

All the comrades are invited as delegates to this organizing convention and first congress of their society. I would like to see the full membership in each state turn out as its delegation. Three cities are being voted on as the place of holding the convention—Great Bend, Kansas City and St. Louis. Three dates are being voted on as the time of holding it—June 7, July 5, and August 2.

I refer you to my last letter for suggestions as to voting. Read them again and then fill out this blank with your votes and return it to me by return mail. Those wishing to join the society can fill out both blanks and return them to me together.

VOTING BLANK.

Votes on place, time and attendance of the organizing convention of the *Church of Humanity*:

1. Where held? ..... City ..... State .....
2. When held? ..... Month ..... Day .....
3. Will you be a delegate? .....
4. Do you wish to withdraw from the Church of Humanity? .....

Name .....

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

A NEW DIVISION OF FREETHINKERS NECESSARY.

Some Deists, Spiritualists and Agnostics call themselves Freethinkers and their papers and books Freethought literature. Those few who have discovered that all Gods are myths and all life ended at death also call themselves Freethinkers. It was thought by some that all who would accept the title of Freethinker could be organized into one society. All attempts to do so proved failures because a fundamental law of society building was violated. That law is that only those who know or believe the same about a subject can unite to propagate it. Hence all Freethinkers can no more be united in one society than can all idolaters of the world be so united. The law of self-preservation applies to societies as forcibly as to individuals. A society rejects and ejects a foreign element that seeks to destroy it by trying to prove its teaching false. Whether that teaching be false or true has no bearing on the case, since the society believes it to be true. The Freethinkers who have learned that all Gods are myths and life ended at death are misrepresented by the meaning given that title by the majority claiming it. It is impossible for these few to win the majority over to them and make the title mean none but those who know the truth about God and life. It is much easier to repudiate that title and adopt a society name for themselves exclusively. This the Church of Humanity does. Its members have no hatred for those who do not know the truths they do, but it is necessary for the propagation of those truths. A man who takes pride in being an Agnostic will not try very hard to learn these truths because he would be an Agnostic no longer if he did. But why should a man take pride in his ignorance? A man who prefers being a truth-seeker to a truth-finder will not acknowledge these truths when found because he takes more pleasure in the pursuit than in the possession of knowledge. If he does acknowledge having learned these truths he will take no interest in making them known to others, but will seek for other truths of little or no value in comparison.

I shall point out how we are misrepresented by those who define the position of Freethinkers and the necessity for discontinuing its application to those who know the truth. Ingersoll is known as having been an Agnostic and a Freethinker. He did not know the truths taught by the Church of Humanity. In his poem, "The Declaration of the Free," occur these two verses:

We walk according to our light,
  Pursue the path
That leads to honor's stainless height,
  Careless of wrath
Or curse of God or priestly spite,
Longing to know and do the right.

Is there beyond the silent night
  An endless day?
Is death a door that leads to light?
  We cannot say.
The tongueless secret locked in fate
We do not know. We hope and wait!

To digress a moment, and with due respect to the memory of Mr. Ingersoll, I would call this poem the declaration of the Agnostic instead of the free. I can not comprehend how a person ignorant of God and life can be any freer than those who know the truth about them. I believe all the editors of Freethought publications are followers of Ingersoll. They do not know that Gods are created by man and that immortality is only a superstition. Mr. Hughes defined their position as Freethinkers when he said: "Freethinkers neither assert nor deny the existence of a God, but simply say that they do not know, as there is no evidence one way or the other." That is their position on the immortality idea also. It is simply Agnosticism. The members of the Church of Humanity are not Freethinkers according to that definition. They know that Gods are myths and life ended at death. We must then discard a title that misrepresents our position, and band together in a separate society under a different name. We simply refuse to have applied to us a title meaning ignorance of God and life. We have no quarrel whatever with those who are still represented by a name denoting ignorance of those two subjects. We accept their own declaration that they do not know the truth about them. We promptly take their word for it without censure or disputation. We urge them to not be satisfied with ignorance, but to try to learn the truth and get out of that class. But some of those who do not know treat those who do quite differently. They will not accept our declaration that we have learned what we claim, and criticise us for teaching what we have learned. In reply to my article in the *Blue Grass Blade* of February 9 Mr. Hughes claims we are narrow minded and hidebound and are imprisoning thought in an iron cage. That criticism equally applies to the Materialist Association of which he is a member, and illustrates the necessity of limiting membership in a society to those who believe the things the society is founded to teach and who are in sympathy with its object.

Every truth of science is simply a dogmatism in the estimation of those who disbelieve it. *The Flaming Sword* teaches the Koreshan Cosmogony, which represents the earth as a hollow globe with the universe inside of it, and we on its inside surface, which is convex like the inside of an egg shell. To people believing this error the real truth is simply a dogmatism.

It would be as absurd for our school teachers to change their teaching to please those people who admit they know nothing about the shape of the earth as to do so for those who are teaching error. Likewise it would be as foolish in the Church of Humanity to take advice from people who admit they know nothing about God and life as to take instructions from those teaching error about them.

I have just received a letter from Comrade H. M. Fisk, of Pella, Iowa, in which he says:

"Brother Kerr: What would you think of the proposition to correspond with the secretary of the Materialist Association asking them to hold a joint convention with us with a view to consolidating the two societies? They have very near as many members as we. I think that would help the cause very much. I joined the Materialist Association with a view to consolidation. We of the same knowledge should work together as one society."

In the *People's Press* of February 15 Mrs. Bliven claims 142 members in the Materialist Association. Quite a number of them are, like yourself, members of the Church of Humanity and will be in its convention or represented there. Our society has 231 enrolled members. It is the oldest and strongest, and is firmly based on the solid rock of truth about God and life, with the direct object of propagating those truths to free the people from idolatry and superstition. Our members have received certificates of graduation in the knowledge of God and are to be known as the original discoverers that all Gods are myths and life ended at death, and the founders of a society to make those truths known to the world. We must not bestow these great honors on uneligible people who do not know these truths nor want them taught, as I have pointed out in Mr. Hughes' case. He is discouraging others in joining the societies, and active work by those who have in behalf of these great truths because he disbelieves them. Mr. John Maddock is also a member of the Materialist Association. He is working against the truths it teaches. He is a very industrious God-maker, but names his invention "The Great Dynamic," and assigns to it all the attributes idolaters give their idols. Do you, Comrade Fisk, want us to consolidate with God-makers? Mrs. Bliven has incorporated the seeds of dissolution in her society by admitting as members people not agreed on fundamentals, thus violating the first law of society building. That violation is even now showing results in dissatisfaction in its ranks.

In the *People's Press* of February 22 Dr. A. W. Schuck says: "I have only one objection to our association, and that is, they are not all Materialists. Some are Spiritualists." He might have added also that some are Agnostics and Deists. He says: "A man who says there was intelligence in the cosmos before there was animal organization in the universe, and yet calls himself a Materialist, is talking through his hat to hear how it sounds. Educated Spiritualists have been talking that way for more than fifty years."

Here is internal strife, contention, dissatisfaction and inharmony even now in the Materialist Association because of non-agreement on fundamentals to begin with. Should the Church of Humanity invite wreck and dissolution by consolidating with an element not in harmony with its teaching and object? Perhaps nearly all the members of the Materialist Association who are eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity are members of it now, and need no consolidating, and we must not consolidate with the others who are teaching error. I have mailed copies of our publication, and sent invitations, to about all the members of the Materialist Association to unite with us if they know the truths we teach. I would be glad to welcome any of them to membership who are eligible. All such have a standing invitation to join with us as original discoverers that all Gods are myths and life ended at death, and founders and charter members of a society to make those great discoveries known to the people. I am as anxious as Comrade Fisk, or anyone else, to get all the people into one society who are eligible to membership. With that object in view I sent Mrs. Bliven the following suggestions as a basis of uniting the two societies if there are any more in the Materialist Association who are eligible to membership in our society:

1. That she issue a request for all members of the Materialist Association eligible to membership in the Church of Humanity, who are not yet members of it, to join it under the same terms others have done, and do so herself.

2. That she and I issue the call jointly for the organizing convention when enough votes are in to indicate where and when voters want it.

3. That she and I urge all members to attend it and do so ourselves.

4. That at the first session of the convention we both resign our assumed titles and duties and withdraw the names given the two so-

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NOTICE—The new postal law allows the publisher of a monthly paper to give only four months' credit at second-class postage rates. After that the third-class rate will be charged. That will oblige me to discontinue mailing this paper to subscribers who are four months behind in their payment. I shall inclose a renewal blank in all such and if they want this paper they must renew at once. I hope not one comrade will fail to renew promptly. It is very important that they continue on the list to keep in touch with the work of their society.

Enshrine Your Children There.

(Dedicated by W. H. Kerr to parents bereft by the Colinwood, O., school fire.)

They told you of a God of love
Who reigns supreme in air;
And you were taught to look above
And view his goodness there.

Then in your kind and loving heart
That God you did enshrine
As one who takes the parents' part
With love for you divine.

But now look at those fatal schools,
Where perished hope and pride,
And you will know that they were fools
Or about that God had lied.

Rise from your knees and face about
And make your hearts more fair
By turning that fabulous being out
And enshrining your children there.

REPLY TO THE BLADE'S EDITORIAL.

GREAT BEND, KAN., March 6, 1908—*Dear Editor Hughes*: Judging from your editorial in the *Blade* of Feb. 9, on my article in same issue, I believe I misunderstood your position on the God and future life question and, if so, my accusation of your being a traitor to truth was a mistake. I made it under the impression that the *Blade* was to be a teacher of the truth about God and life henceforth owing to you joining the Materialist Association. You had been an Agnostic, but I thought you had at last learned the truths that all Gods are myths and life ended at death.

In the *Blade* of June 2, last, under "The God Idea," you said: "Freethinkers neither assert nor deny the existence of a God, but simply say that they do not know, as there is no evidence one way or the other." But I thought you had advanced out of that class when you united with the Materialist Association, as its founder teaches the truth about those subjects and requires an acknowledgment of them in members.

I was surprised later when I read criticisms of Mrs. Bliven and her teaching in the *Blade* from those who are still ignorant of the truth about God and life. One in the *Blade* of Jan. 12 under the caption, "Goes After Mrs. Bliven," by Mr. B. G. Morrison, says: "What I find fault with is Mrs. Bliven's dogmatism. In order to become a member of her Materialist Association you must affirm there is no God nor future life. There is nothing modest about that, . . . but she disposes of the whole matter by a dogmatic assertion not founded on wisdom or a common sense view of the operations of the human mind." Then he goes on to present the Agnostic position taken by Mr. Ingersoll and recommends it as a better plan. You did not say a word in defense of Mrs. Bliven or the truths she teaches, which I supposed you had subscribed to. You did not explain to that critic that Mrs. Bliven is not an Agnostic; that she has learned the truths about God and life; that it is perfectly modest to teach those truths when one knows them; that to such people it is no more of a dogmatism than the teaching that Santa Claus is a myth; that it is the acme of wisdom for those who know those truths to teach there is no God and no future life in a positive, affirmative way.

To allow anyone to come into your publication to ridicule the teachers of truths I thought you believed without a correction by you constituted treason to those truths in my opinion. But after reading your editorial I came to the conclusion that you did not really know them and hence could not be a traitor to them.

A few of your statements are enough to convince anyone that you are still a Freethinker and Agnostic, like you were last June. You say: "*The Blade* can sympathize with Mr. Kerr in his struggle to build up a society of free men and women, but that building can never be won, nor can the society flourish, where narrow-mindedness prevails. Thought must not be imprisoned in an iron cage. . . . If orthodoxy is hidebound Freethought cannot be, else we belie the name." That convinces me you do not know the truths about God and life, and, therefore, you could not be a traitor to them. I withdraw the charge and offer apologies for my mistake. Yours truly,

W. H. KERR.

The above letter I mailed to *The Blade* because it spoke of the value of criticism, but took exception to my charge of being a traitor to truth as being "manifestly unjust." Now that he gives evidence that he did not know the truths I thought he did, which were the ones I thought him a traitor to, I am perfectly willing to withdraw the charge if the reasons for doing so are given with the withdrawal. I doubt its being published in *The Blade* and have placed it here.

I am not, as he says, trying "to build up a society of free men and women." That is not my object at all. He simply can't understand me. I am trying to find and organize into a society those few people who have discovered that all Gods are myths and life ended at death, to enable them to teach those discoveries, by a systematic method, to others that they may be rescued from idolatry. Not knowing those truths himself he cannot comprehend that others do. Teaching them seems dogmatism to him, as teaching the true shape of the earth seems only a dogmatism to those who disbelieve it. He speaks of the "truths of Freethought." But what truths has it of any value when it disbelieves the truth about God and life?

One of our comrades thinks we ought to accept Agnostics as members of our society. But he can see here the predicament in which such members as Mr. Hughes would place our society. We are not wanting people who are working against the promulgation of the truths our society is based on, but those who are working for them.

THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH.

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cieties and be on equality with each other and all the delegates.

If she or any member of either society can think of a plan of union that is feasible I will be glad to consider it and adopt it if in my judgment it is better. My plan would insure a perfect union and leave the comrades all free to adopt any name they wish, make their own laws, create their own offices and elect whom they please to fill them. I can't think of a more perfect plan for a harmonious union into one society. This will throw all the responsibility of dividing the small number who know the truth about God and life into two factions and risking defeat of organization on Mrs. Bliven if she refuses these sensible terms of union. That would be such a very serious responsibility that no one should care to assume it. The basis of union must be agreed on and effected before the convention meets to insure harmony at the convention. As the societies are now constituted there could be no joint convention. No one should attend that convention who is not conscious of the facts that all Gods are myths and life ended at death, and who does not want those truths taught. No such person could be allowed to take part in the convention, as it is to be a convention of graduates in the knowledge of God and life to organize and incorporate and make a constitution and by-laws for themselves to guide them in the ways, means and methods of making their discoveries known. It would be preposterous, as well as suicidal to the society, to admit people who disbelieve its discovered truths. Only those who know them can unite to promulgate them. They alone must shoulder the task of making them known. No others can do it.

Let us all work in unison to solve and accomplish one object at a time and we will accomplish things. Organization is the object up for solution and accomplishment now.

No comrade should fail to do his or her duty in the organization work because someone else is unable to do his. That is a good reason why some who can should do more than their share of it.

FOLLOWERS OF ST. PAUL.

Paul was such a moral degenerate, when building an idol in the minds of the people to worship, that he could not comprehend anything wrong in deliberate lying when he thought it added to the glory of his idol. In Rom. 3:7 he is quoted thus: "For if the truth of God has more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?" Undoubtedly theft and murder and all other crimes would have been approved by this moral pervert had he believed they were in the interest of his idol. To such a degree of intensity can love for a myth be cultivated that some people could murder with joy their dearest friend or relative if it would in their opinion be an acceptable service to their idol and add to its glory. There are undoubtedly millions of conscientious Christians who do not believe it either necessary or commendable to tell deliberate lies to propagate their religions. They even are moral enough to admit that if the belief in the existence of a God and a future life can not be maintained without perpetual lying and deception, then they should be abandoned. But deliberate lying by degenerate Christians for the glory of their idol is often indulged in, and decent Christians should repudiate such moral perverts instead of giving them aid by publicity and credence. In the minds of many who will not discriminate such tactics bring all Christians into utter contempt. That Christian lie referred to last month from Ada, Ohio, is still going the rounds of the Christian press as a choice morsel of Christian evidence of the existence of a God. Here is another form of lie mailed me by a subscriber:

Ada, O., Sept. 22.—Because Amos Clarke, aged 40, a farmer living on the Lewiston Reservoir, twenty miles south of here, openly defied the Lord, he was struck dead in his front yard tonight in the presence of his family and several neighbors. He said there was no God and defied the Supreme Being to punish him. No sooner had the words left his lips than he was stricken and died a few minutes later.

His family is composed of Christian boys and girls who have been secretly trained and instructed by the mother.

Here is a letter from the postmaster at Ada, Ohio, in answer to an inquiry of the subscriber regarding the case:

"Dear Sir: Your letter containing newspaper clipping has been mislaid or taken from my desk, so am unable to return clipping to you. The report is a false one, however. Same was made up by a reporter that does not have a very high regard for the truth. Any other such dispatches sent out from here of a similar nature you can put down as false."

These followers of St. Paul who believe the existence of a God can be maintained through their deliberate lies should be severely reprimanded by all decent Christians, since they lead many to believe them all willful liars for the glory of their Gods. A lie of this kind may cause silly ignoramuses to have more fear of the fabulous Gods, but it will tend to bring them into utter contempt by the thoughtful who still believe them realities. From their view point they will think that a little foolish defy of this kind is viewed by their God as the greatest crime

man can commit and the only one worthy of recognition by him that can cause him to act. They read almost daily accounts of assault and murder of women; of men murdering their families; of assassination and foul deeds of all kinds; they know of the assassination of three of our presidents, yet they never heard or read of such a thing as God striking down one of these wicked wretches before the crime was committed or afterwards.

I recently read an account of the great mine explosion at Monongah, W. Va., wherein over 300 miners perished. The scenes about the mines enacted by grief-stricken wives and children were heart-rending. A God could have prevented this disaster, and all others, as easily as to strike a man dead who defied him to do so. Hence to teach people there is a God who can be moved to action by a trifle and not by great disasters is to bring such a God into contempt and ridicule. But since all know of great crimes and disasters and never knew of a God being moved to action on account of them no one should believe such little pious lies as this one from Ada, O. Such lies should frighten none but fools. To illustrate the lack of power in Gods to harm any one let this pious lying reporter tie a spider's web to the smallest hair on his head and then invite all the Gods in the universe to unite in a grand tug-of-war with his Jesus Christ and his Atheist-striking-God as captains of the team, to yank out the hair. I guarantee their united strength can't break the web.

When people learn the discovery taught by the Church of Humanity that all Gods are fabulous beings they will know that Gods have no power to harm or help any one. The Church of Humanity has 223 enrolled members. They have learned and proclaimed publicly the great discoveries that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fabulous beings, heaven and hell myths and death the end of conscious life forever. No God is around striking these people down for such teaching. Had there been any God they could not have made the discovery that there is none. People should learn the discoveries taught by this church, then unite with it and be forever free from the fear and worship of Gods.

THE VALUE OF ORGANIZATION.

Dear Comrades: In the legislature of every state and at every session of congress there are liable to be bills introduced that would be against our best interests and dearest liberties were they to become laws. Only by organizing and protesting against them through our elected officers can we have any influence on our lawmakers to get them to act in our interests. When we organize we should provide an office for a legal adviser who could go to any legislature or to congress on a moment's notice to talk and work against any bill detrimental to our interests. To illustrate my meaning I call your attention to the "Penrose Bill" in congress. It is an amendment to the postal laws as follows:

"That section 3893 of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding: 'And when any issue of any periodical has been declared non-mailable by the postoffice department, the periodical may be excluded from second-class mail privileges at the discretion of the postmaster general.'"

That would give that officer power to suppress any political or educational publication not believed in by him, and make him the official press censor of the United States. Organized idolaters could easily influence him to suppress our church paper were he given power to do so by the passage of this amendment. As the representative of the Church of Humanity I sent a request to both senators from Kansas and our congressman to use their influence and vote against the bill. Both senators replied, and one announced the defeat of the bill.

We can only maintain our liberties to teach the truth about God and life by constant vigilance in the legislative bodies of the states and nation. It is extremely important that we organize and maintain a competent comrade to represent us before legislative committees having the consideration of bills detrimental to our educational work.

Let us have more enthusiasm in our work of organizing.

LOVE LEADS TO TRUTH.

To the parents of the 170 children who lost their lives in the Lake View school horror, at Collinwood, Ohio, March 4, I address this circular letter, and shall mail each one whose address I can get a copy:

No one can understand your feelings better than those who have lost their little loved ones. But I realize how little words can do, especially from strangers, to alleviate the intense sorrow of recently bereft parents. However, we can all learn valuable lessons in useful knowledge from such calamities, and the greater the price we pay for it the more valuable the truths we learn and the deeper the impression they make on us. It is to this phase of the sad incident I call your especial attention. If the living can gain valuable knowledge and learn great truths through the sacrifice of those little children then they have not lived and died in vain, though it is the highest possible price to pay for wisdom. The first lesson that impresses itself on us all so vividly is the liability to sudden death of children without giving the parents a chance to express their love for them in care and pity and sympathy. Then these questions might arise in the parents' minds in such cases: "Did my child really know I loved it and would come and care for it if I knew, and could? Did it wonder if I would be sad or glad to see it no more alive? Were its last thoughts of me of love or fear or hatred? Did I make its short transit of life in this beautiful world as pleasant and happy as I could at all times? Its little life is now ended for eternity. Had I known that only these few short years of life between two eternities was all my child could have, could I not have filled them fuller with joy and happiness for it?"

Alas! It is too late to make amends to that child for any default of its parents. But there are other children and other parents. Let the lesson take a firm hold on every parent to be a constant guide at all times and your little children will not have died in vain.

The second lesson is the reasonable control of grief that is sure to come to us all many times. While that grief should impress deep and lasting lessons on us all through life, yet it should not eclipse perpetually the beauty and grandeur of life, nor cheat us of its joy and happiness entirely. We should remember that conscious life has ceased forever in the dead; that only the living can know that the dead are dead; that our tears and sorrow cannot be known by them, and that we, too, will soon join them in oblivion. A good rule to be guided by is to ask ourselves what we would have our perished loved ones do were it possible for us to exchange conditions with them. We would ask only a pleasant place in their memories, and would not want them to miss the pleasures of life grieving for us. We would want them to go on with

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 9.

Dear Comrades: The votes are coming in faster now on the place and time of holding the first congress of our society. I urge those who have not done so to fill out the voting blank and mail to me at once. Three places are being voted on—Great Bend, Kansas City and St. Louis, and three dates are being voted on—June 7, July 5 and August 2 of this year.

A summary of the 32 votes cast so far gives Great Bend 25 votes, Kansas City 2 and St. Louis 2. As to time: June 7 has 17 votes, July 5, 4 votes, and August 2, 6 votes.

As to attendance, fourteen say they will be delegates, seven are doubtful and ten can not attend. Some of those who cannot come have named proxies to represent them at the convention. The following comrades will attend as delegates:

H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa.
William E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.
P. C. Hanson, Greenleaf, Kan.
Dr. C. H. Mordoff, Genoa, Ill.
William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kerr, Ingalls, Kan.
J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.
Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
L. P. Tebbe, Loveland, Colo.
T. H. Heald, 473 Ulysses street, Los Angeles, Cal.
H. J. Stevenson, El Reno, Okla.
J. Frantz, Bakersfield, Cal.
Theodore Lontesco, 94 Lee street, New York.

Those who cannot positively attend should name a comrade to act as proxy.

There have been a very few scattering votes on other places and dates not given. The indications are now that our organizing convention will be held at Great Bend on June 7. I hope each comrade who has not voted will do so at once, and that all who possibly can will vote to attend the convention. We want to know at once all who will attend as delegates so that those who cannot do so will know who to appoint as their proxies. I want each comrade who is of age to either attend in person or by proxy. It is extremely important that they do so. At this, our first, congress are to be made and adopted the constitution and laws for the government of our society. No comrade should miss having a voice and vote in these laws. In filling out your voting blank be sure to name your proxy if you can't possibly attend. New members who fill out the membership application blank can also fill out the voting blank and mail both to me at the same time.

VOTING BLANK.

Votes on place, time and attendance of the organizing convention of the *Church of Humanity*:

1. Where held? ..... City ..... State .....
2. When held? ..... Month ..... Day .....
3. Will you be a delegate? .....
4. Do you wish to withdraw from the Church of Humanity? .....

Name .....

City ..... St. ..... State .....

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kan.

Having learned that all Gods are fabulous beings and death the end of conscious life I enclose one dollar for a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity, making me one of its founders and charter members.

Name ..... Age .....

Postoffice ..... Co. or St. .....

..... State .....

Sex ..... Occupation .....

Nationality ..... Language .....

Previous Church .....

the duties of life and citizenship as best they could without us.

The third lesson is the prevention of a like calamity by guarding against the cause of yours in all schools. Several different ways of exit of ample proportions should be provided regardless of cost or architectural effect. The fire drills should consist of many variations—that would halt the children at any point on their line of march and return them to any other exit or back to their seats—so they would instantly obey the commands of their teachers. Doors should open to the outside, and during school hours they should have only such fastenings as any child in school could open. All school houses should be built on plans suitable for taking care of the children when in a panic instead of on the supposition that none but orderly, calm children need be provided for. Children should not be forced into death-traps to perish by the hundred for even the sake of an education, valuable as it is. If this lesson is impressed so deeply on school boards and taxpayers that it will prevent a like occurrence again by proper precautions your children will not have died in vain. There may be thousands of school-houses not any better provided for taking care of children in a panic than was the Collinwood structure. Their patrons should take warning and remedy any defects at once.

The fourth lesson that your sad bereavement teaches is the plainest of all. But I see by the papers that you have utterly failed to even suspect it, much less profit by it. It is that the God and Jesus Christ you were taught to believe loves you and your children are pure creations of fiction that have no more reality in fact than has Santa Claus or any other fabulous being. The love you bear your dead children should teach you that truth without any other teacher or lesson. I read that two of your teachers lost their lives in trying to save your children, and that some parents had to be held to keep them from rushing into the fire to get their children. You have been taught the superstition that there is a God and a Christ who loves children more than parents can, and who has all power and wisdom to know and do anything for them at any time. Such teaching is a libel on parental love. While parents were dying in a vain effort to save their children because they loved them no God, nor a Jesus, did a thing to save any one. That proves conclusively that no such beings exist in the universe. To know that fact it is not at all necessary to search the planets and suns in space to see if there are such beings as Gods in existence. Neither is it necessary to look in the Bible for proof of their reality. All one needs to do is to read an account of the horrible death of your children in that fire, and if he can weigh correctly the evidence it gives that Gods are myths he need not look any farther for more proof of that fact. No more proof is necessary. It could not make it any plainer. In order to love your children it is not at all necessary to be superstitious idolaters and worship man-made Gods. You can arrive at the truth about God by this process of reasoning applied to your perishing children:

1. It is self-evident no unseen being aided the children in the least particular because: (a) No children were saved by any such means. (b) All could have been saved had any been saved that way. (c) The fire could have been prevented in the first place by the same power had it existed. (d) Had any unseen being influenced the mind of any teacher or child to save anybody all minds could have been so influenced and some one's mind could have been influenced to extinguish the fire before any damage was done.

Hence no God knew anything about your children at any time. Therefore, there is no unseen being who knows of the existence of our race, as no one is loved or cared for or known by a God or a Christ. They are nothing but man-created idols and their worship is only an idolatry like that of any other heathens.

2. Since it is demonstrated by the terrible lesson furnished by your perished children that there was no God to care for them when the services of such a being were needed in the greatest crisis of their existence it is self-evident that there is no God who knows or cares anything about the living.

For any parents to set up the claim that there is a God who loves and cares for them and their children is an insult to you and a slander on your poor lost children that you should resent with just indignation as an unjust reflection on yourselves and children. You should know that all such parents are mistaken when it has been so well proven that no God cares for you and yours. Their claim could only be based on the assumption that they and their children are more worthy of a God's care than you and yours. You should have the manhood and womanhood to resent such insults to yourselves and perished children. You and your children are just as worthy of the protection of a God as any people. Since it has been so plainly demonstrated that there is no God caring for your loved ones I resent the insult to you from those who claim a God is protecting theirs. I affirm positively that they are mistaken and that no such a God exists in reality. I know there is no God to love and care for me and my children when I see there is none to love and care for you and yours. The blackest insult I could offer you would be to believe that I am so much better than you are that I monopolize all the time of a God in my own interest, and then get down on my knees and thank and praise Him for taking care of my hogs and chickens and poodle dog to the neglect of your perishing children. While your children were roasting to death millions of idolaters believed a God was caring for their every wish and whim. I can't believe it. Can you? Life is the dearest possession of us all. It was as dear to your perished children as to us. It is demonstrated fully that there is no God to care for that life in any of us by not having cared for the lives of your children. How, then, could there be a God to care for anything of infinitely less value in comparison? It is utterly impossible that a God could care for my children and not for yours. Since none cared for yours I know none cares for mine. I can not believe it possible for a God to care for me who does not care for my children. Can you? I can not possibly thank a God for caring for me who refused to care for my children. Can You? Do you think it is paying due respect to the memory of your loved ones to praise and worship an idol that did nothing to aid them? I do not.

The vice of using intoxicating liquor has been greatly diminished in recent years. That has been brought about largely by pledges to abstain from it. Idolatry is a much greater vice and is indulged in by many times more people. Is it not about time we began signing pledges to cease it? Are not some of our people about civilized enough now to give up that heathen vice? Will you sign such a pledge with me? Here it is:

"Having full and complete knowledge, through the sad fate of our perished loved ones, that all Gods are only fabulous beings, I hereby pledge my word and honor that I shall never worship, by praise or prayer or in any other way, any such creation of man under any name whatsoever, and I shall do all I reasonably can in an honorable way to teach and persuade others to refrain from doing so."

(Signed) W. H. Kerr.

DANGER SIGNAL! LOOK OUT!

The security we have in this country from prosecution for teaching the truth about God and life through the division of idolaters into hostile sects is in imminent danger of failing through a reconciliation and union of those sects for concerted action to gain a common advantage in economic and political power. Everywhere and in all activities union, consolidation, federation and co-operation for common purposes, advantages and power are recognized as the sane and sensible thing to do by all who desire to accomplish a common object. This sentiment is affecting all idolatrous societies to a marked degree. Minor differences of detail in teaching are melting away in the interest of a federation of united idolatrous societies. The idolaters everywhere are being educated to this very rapidly through the economic necessity of a union of all churches in a town to enable them to employ a high-priced evangelist, to fight the liquor traffic, to dispense charities and secure desirable city ordinances. This will shortly develop into state and then national and then international federations of all idolatrous societies based on two or three of their common fundamental errors. The "Dark Ages" will once more settle down over the entire world. Our grand discoveries that Gods are fabulous beings and life ends at death will then be outlawed and their teachers fined and imprisoned until they are stamped out. This state of affairs is awaiting us in the near future. As state federations are formed, state laws will be enacted to stamp out these discoveries. Then to facilitate the work a national federation will be accomplished to stamp it out by national laws, for they would then have the power to make such laws as they desire. They are organizing their federations now on a state scale, and this beginning foretells the result I have here warned you is coming as surely as the gathering clouds portend the coming storm.

Organization is the key to success.

Don't miss this opportunity, comrades, to organize.

Consider the time and money spent in your organizing work the best investment of both you ever made.

If your state is not represented in the membership of our society see that it is by taking a number yourself, if you know there is no God and no future life for the dead.

We need thousands of trained defenders of the truth about God and life to go forth to meet the thousands of trained defenders of the errors about those subjects. We can't get them without organizing.

Join the Church of Humanity, attend its organizing convention, take part in its councils, help to make its organic laws, honor your state by increasing its representation, power and influence in this convention, and your reward will be great.

Two new rules of the postoffice authorities at Washington limit sample copy privileges to one-tenth of paid-up subscriptions and the time second-class postal rates can be allowed publishers to delinquent subscribers. These rules cut down our circulation greatly, as publishers had been allowed to send out sample copies equal to the number of copies paid for, and I generally sent out all the sample copies allowed. On monthly publications second-class postage is not allowed on copies to subscribers whose subscription is not paid up within four months. Subscribers who want this paper continued to them will please pay up promptly if in arrears.

A comrade writes that a friend of his refuses to unite with our society because it is too much a one-man-power society. If he believes it is, he should help to remedy it by joining it himself, helping to get more members, attending the convention and assisting in stepping the objectional conditions. My temporary office and duties cease when the convention meets. I will be then only as any other comrade, with nothing to do unless the society puts work on me. The delegates then take charge of everything. They can select whom they please to edit the church paper and fill the offices that they create. I only want to be a paying member. Guess my critic will not object to that.

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Send stamps for sample copies of the following publications and subscribe for those you like best. You may find something in each of them that tends to overthrow the idolatry of a myth named God and a dead man named Jesus, and aid you in preparing for graduation in the knowledge of God and membership in the Church of Humanity:

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

PROCLAMATION FOR PLACE AND TIME OF ORGANIZATION.

Having received enough votes to indicate that a large majority of the members of the Church of Humanity wish their formal organizing and incorporating convention held at Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, I hereby proclaim that to be the place and time of said convention, and declare each member over 21 years old to be eligible as a delegate to said convention to represent said church equally with all other delegates present. This convention is to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity by adopting articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws for its guidance and government and elect such officers, committees and boards as may be deemed necessary. The society will be bound by the acts of its delegates in this convention, and I invite and urge all members to be present as delegates who possibly can be. W. H. KERR,
Temporary Instructor and Organizer of the Church of Humanity.

ORGANIZATION THE ONLY MEANS OF PERPETUATING TRUTHS.

No one person can found or build a society alone. A society is a voluntary association of people to accomplish some special purpose they are mutually interested in that they can not do alone. It is demonstrated every day in thousands of ways that people can accomplish things by uniting in a society for that purpose that they never could do as separate individuals. Every educational, industrial and political society proves the superiority of organization over individual efforts. Note the great educational advantages children have whose parents organize themselves into a school district, build a house and hire a competent teacher for them, to children who must depend on their parents teaching them. Note the ability of a few organized police to rout an unorganized mob of a hundred to one. Note the ease with which a few captains of industry can hold up eighty millions of consumers when they organize themselves into a trust. Note the ability of organized idolaters to make generation after generation for thousands of years worship their idols and believe in their superstitions. Who can fail to see the great power in organization to do things when that power is demonstrated all around them daily? That some societies are doing more harm than good does not argue against their power to accomplish what they desire. Such societies can be checked only through organized opposition. People as unorganized individuals can have no power to check the idolatrous societies in teaching their superstition or to influence them to teach truths. Were there only half a dozen people in the entire world who know the discoveries that all Gods are myths and death the end of life it would be their imperative duty to organize themselves into a propaganda society to make those discoveries known to more people. Organization would multiply their power and ability a thousandfold and enable them to perpetuate their discoveries in an organized society which would in time make them known and accepted by the entire world. Otherwise their discoveries would be lost again at their death and would have to be rediscovered to be known by any one, which might not be for many centuries. Truths, like errors, can only be made known and perpetuated by promulgation through an organized society for that purpose. Like errors, they must be taught to each succeeding generation or they will be forgotten when the generations who know them die. Organized society for their propaganda is the only possible way to perpetuate these discovered truths about God and life. The entire world is practicing idolatry for want of a knowledge of those two truths.

We have found and enrolled 235 people in the United States who know them. Many of these are quite old and are dying off without being able to make their discoveries known for want of an organization of themselves for that purpose. Were any of them qualified to do so, they are not financially able to devote their time free to the task of teaching these discoveries. Organization will enable them to employ one or more of their number to begin the work of teaching Those having the ability to qualify to become competent teachers will prepare themselves for their life's work in that service. The remainder of us will assess ourselves through our organization whatever amount we are willing to give to its propaganda work. Like all educational societies, a few will prepare to do the teaching and the society will provide for their compensation and proper facilities in text-books and buildings. We can not teach our discoveries even to our own children satisfactorily and thoroughly without adopting and following this plan. That requires organization. Without an efficient method of teaching these discoveries to children they will be lost again when the few people die who know them. That would be a calamity that we who know them must provide against. We can do that only by establishing and maintaining a successful propaganda society. All truths as well as errors are perpetuated by that process. The truths will finally displace the untruths if given equal strength and advantages through propagating societies. The necessity for organization to perpetuate knowledge and wisdom is everywhere recognized. In new settlements the people organize themselves into school districts as soon as there are enough children of school age in reach of a common center. In the settlement of Kansas such districts could be organized where fifteen children between the ages of 5 and 21 years could be counted. The people then taxed themselves a certain per cent on their property valuation to build and equip a school house and employ a competent teacher. These educational societies were recognized as a necessity to perpetuate even the art or reading and writing, as well as a knowledge of the other branches of a common school education. Some parents did not have the ability and none had the time, patience and facilities to educate their own children at home. They were still more anxious to have their idolatry and superstition perpetuated in their children. They had in their homes what they believed to be a message from their God containing all they needed to know. Yet they found they could not teach it to their children satisfactorily. As soon as a few who believed in the same brand of idolatry and superstition located in a neighborhood they at once organized themselves into a church and Sunday school, built a house and hired a teacher of their brand of mythology. With these experiences before them none should deny the great advantages of organization to perpetuate both the truths and the errors that people want perpetuated. Accumulated knowledge, both true and false, can only be successfully transmitted to each succeeding generation through educational organizations. The Church of Humanity must then follow this course to transmit its discoveries about God and life to coming generations, else it can not be done. It must not be discouraged nor led astray nor driven from its duty by ignorant critics in Agnostic and anti-clerical publications who seek to hold it back to a level with their own ignorance and incompetency.

WHAT THE COMRADES ARE SAYING.

Henry Krogman, Crookston, Minn.: "Please find 25 cents enclosed for subscription. I wish you good success. As to voting, I would not know what is best, as I can not attend. But I wish you success in completing the organization. Yours for the stirring brain movement."

W. W. Hensley, Howard, Kan.: "I send you 25 cents on subscription. Will try and meet with you if the meeting is at Great Bend. I am 74 years old and don't like to make long trips."

Mart Rowe, Redmond, Ill.: "Enclosed find $1. There is nothing that I add my mite to more freely than the Truth About God. I know of nothing that would be of so much benefit to mankind as to know that Gods, Ghosts and Devils are only imaginations of the human brain. We shall never accomplish much until more of us get at the root of theology. I admire your courage and judgment. It's in the right direction, but, alas, too few people know it."

William E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.: "I agree with you that we must 'stand pat' on the first principles of the Church of Humanity—that God is a myth and life ends with death. It is only too true that your danger signal 'Look Out!' is necessary. Organization is the only way by which we can hope to win—and win we must and will. Wishing and believing that we will succeed, I am ever your comrade in the battle for truth."

Mrs. L. W. Terhune, Danville, Ky.: "Enclosed find 50 cents, 25 cents for renewal and 25 cents for copies of June and December issues. It will be impossible for me to attend the convention, as it will be too great a distance for one of my age to travel alone. Please ask your wife to act as my proxy and vote in my place on all questions I have a voice in. I will be pleased with her decision. Best wishes for success."

Charles A. Lee, Jacksboro, Tex.: "I enclose 50 cents for subscription, and will try to attend the convention. Allow me to congratulate you on your perseverance. Many would have been discouraged. With such grit as you have I think you will eventually succeed."

Dr. H. Whisler, New Antioch, O.: "Find inclosed 35 cents and vote. I do not think I can be with you at the meeting. Have been a Freethought worker in a small way for about sixty years, so you can have some idea of my age. I have held many fire-side debates with the clergy. And now it is one of my greatest pleasures to see the light of reason shedding its rays down over the hills of superstition. Yours for the light."

C. L. Westmoreland, Royston, Ga.: "Please find inclosed 50 cents to pay arrearages and for 1908. Good will and all Nature's blessings rest on you. I am glad there are 231 people in the United States who are well enough informed to know there is no God nor Devil, heaven nor hell. Such nonsense will some day be a thing of the past. Well, keep those truths in circulation as much as possible."

John Martin, Cayucos, Cal.: "I am twelve miles from town in the mountains. Shall send you 50 cents for paper in two weeks. I do not know any of the comrades, so you may assign my proxy to whom you choose if they will vote no compromise with any party or clan. I have seen too much of that in the

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Attend Your Convention, Comrades.

What The Comrades Are Saying.

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past. Let us go it straight with a steady gain. It is best."

T. F. High, Kuna, Idaho: "Enclosed please find 50 cents for subscription. I think the work of educating the people in the truths we have learned regarding God and life is a big job. I can not do much to help, but hope you will succeed in organizing. I will fill out the voting blank, but am unable to attend the convention. You may do my voting for me."

Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.: "I herewith send you 35 cents for my paper, as I can't well do without it. I am poor, but will try and keep up in the future. Will try to attend the convention if possible, but I do not know another person here who belongs to our church. So you see I have to fight it out alone and I have some pretty hard battles."

Mrs. M. A. Lee, Blue Earth, Minn.: "Please find enclosed 35 cents on subscription. I send my vote in this, but I can not possibly attend and don't know of any one for a proxy. There are no members anywhere near. I am getting old, but hope for the success of the cause."

William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla.: "Your article in the March issue under the heading 'Love Leads to Truth,' is very pathetic and convincing. I wrote to two congressmen relative to the Penrose bill and the motto 'In God we trust,' and received encouraging letters from each."

R. D. Fausett, Waco, Tex.: "I inclose 25 cents for renewal. It will be impossible to attend the convention. I request that Comrade F. H. Heald, of Los Angeles, represent me in the convention. I would love to attend, but I am a wage-earner making only enough to meet the daily demands of my family. I am writing to Comrade Heald by this mail."

J. M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.: "We received the certificates of membership in the Church of Humanity; also the booklets. I greatly admire those little red books, as they give it all in a nutshell. I can not keep any of them, as they are curiosities for everyone to read, so they are passed from one to another. I inclose 25 cents for more of them."

Mrs. Frank M. Foster, Chelsea, Mass.: "Your admonition took effect at once. Enclosed find $1. Please put me ahead as far as it will go. I am getting old and this may be my last, but so long as I live I will not be a backslider. I firmly believe in our church; nothing can shake me. But am no good at making converts or in helping our side a little bit, though I am delighted when I see another converted to our cause."

I. M. Macomber, Lennox, S. D.: "I herewith enclose postoffice money order for 25 cents on sub. Also my vote on place and time of holding the organizing convention of the Church of Humanity. Will empower you to act as my proxy at the convention."

N. Berne, Newark, N. J.: "Find enclosed 50 cents on subscription. Would advise you to put the date of expiration on the label so I would know when subscription expires. Wishing you success in your noble work, I remain your life-long comrade."

William C. Dunbar, Fulton, Kan.: "Find enclosed 35 cents to extend my subscription a year. I wish you to act as my proxy, as I will not be able to attend the convention. Wishing the greatest success of our association, I am fraternally yours."

Otis White, Salida, Colo.: "I send you one dollar to apply on my subscription, and may the good work go on."

John Hirt, 720 Clinton street, Cincinnati, Ohio: "I inclose money order ($1) to pay for Truth About God one year. The rest you may keep for the good of the cause. If you can not be my proxy let anyone from Ohio vote in my stead, since I can not come."

G. M. Collier, Fort Moultrie, S. C.: "I enclose 50 cents on subscription to Truth About God. I could not afford to be without the little paper, although it comes only once a month. I am always anxious to get it before it is really time for it to come. Please make it a dollar a year and let us have it weekly. I always believed, since I was twelve years old, that all this great talk about God and Christ was false, and now I know it to be nothing but superstition and lies. Hoping that your determination to establish the Church of Humanity will be crowned with success, I remain, as ever, a true comrade for truth and love."

J. C. Cramer, Bucyrus, Ohio: "I herewith hand you $1 for renewal. I am very sorry that it will be impossible to attend the convention. I do not like the name 'church,' although it really has nothing to do with the principles the organization stands for. I am prepared to stand by the organization under any name and to advocate anything I know to be true, and I trust to the good sense of those who will attend the convention to do things right. With best wishes, I am yours very truly."

J. M. Case, 154 West Thirteenth street, New York: "Enclosed please find $1.30, my membership fee and subscription to the paper. I doubt if there is any person in the world more interested in what The Truth About God is advocating in the interest of the Church of Humanity and the world at large than myself. I think the Church of Humanity offers to all the best medium through which to interest intelligent men and women in the truth about myths that have for so long a time been forced upon them as realities because of previous ignorance. Yes, it is time that every noble-minded man and woman joined their intellectual forces for the betterment of our race. Nothing but a good organization can accomplish much, or command respect and consideration in the reconstruction of the thinking of society. I wish I could attend the convention, but do not think it probable that I shall. I would like to see the Church of Humanity a great success."

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.: "Now, a large majority of you comrades are not taking the right course at all to make your congress a success. You express best wishes and hopes for its success and then say you will not attend it. That is not the way at all to make it a success. Hopes and wishes can not possibly help the least bit unless you transmute them into action and material support. You never could plant the seeds of vegetation and reap the golden harvest by hopes and wishes. They must be materialized into action to do it. You know that as well as I do. Likewise the seeds of truth can never be planted in the minds of people and the golden harvest of civilization secured by hopes and wishes unless they are transformed into material, visible, substantial, efficient action. Your hopes and wishes can never make a convention unless they are strong enough to take you there. They are not yet strong enough in you to cause you to act physically. Conventions are not composed of hopes and wishes, but of physical, material men and women. Your hopes and wishes are of first importance, of course, and are good so far as they are developed in you. But the trouble is they are not developed strong enough yet to do any good. They must be cultivated and developed and be made strong enough to compel you to get ready and come to the convention, else nothing will come of them and they will soon wither and die out entirely. Hopes and wishes can only amount to anything when they are strong enough to compel action in you. Observe the idolaters all around you, see how they do things, then follow their example in every way excepting their idolatry and you, too, will accomplish things. When they wish and hope for a church building they call a meeting, pray for a myth-God to aid them, rise from their knees and pass the hat, chip in ten to one hundred dollars each and, lo, and behold! a church building materializes in a few weeks. It was the dollars that did the trick and not a God at all. The dollars will do the same trick for us without the prayer if the hope and desire is strong enough in our minds to force the dollars out of our pockets. When idolatrous societies want a rip-roaring convention that will astonish the natives they get down on their knees and pray fervently for their idol to make it such. Then they arise, get ready to go, buy a ticket for a trip perhaps clear across a continent, do anything and everything to help in the work of the convention and, behold, what a great success it is from their viewpoint and that of the world. What did it? Was it a God? You are the discoverers that there are no such beings. What then was the cause of success? Why, that is very easily answered. It was simply a wish and hope cultivated until strong enough to force physical action and the required expense. It is a common saying that God helps those who help themselves. But you know that is a lie. You know people are helped only to the extent that they help themselves, and that there is no God to help anyone. Then, are we not as able to help ourselves as idolaters are to help themselves? If we are not we should write with our own hands the word *'Fool'* across our foreheads instead of the word *'Intelligence,'* which we thought we were entitled to.

"Across the title page of every Freethought publication that discourages you, or allows contributors to use its pages to discourage you, in any way in doing your plain duty in organizing and supporting a propaganda society of your discoveries should be written the word *'Foolthought.'* It is time for you to recognize the fact that you are being discouraged in this great work from that very source. Agnostics do not know your discovered truths and consequently do not want a society organized to teach them. When it comes to a question with you whether to throw your discoveries overboard and abandon them or those Agnostic publications you

should not hesitate a moment in making a choice. You can easily tell the friendly ones from the non-friendly ones by criticism or praise of your movement in them. Don't be fooled a little bit by their excuse of *free* discussion and non-responsibility for articles. None of them publishes an article they do not want published, regardless of the desire of the writer. You can soon determine which of them are friendly to your movement and which are not. We should all patronize the friendly ones and promptly throw the unfriendly ones overboard. We will all certainly meet with enough opposition and discouragements from idolaters without paying for it in Agnostic publications.

"Comrades, attend your organizing convention regardless of opposition from any quarter."

Don't Forget the Convention.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 10.

Dear Comrades: Enough votes have been received now to indicate by a large majority that you want your organizing convention held at Great Bend on June 7 next. A summary of the 53 votes received so far gives Great Bend 44, Kansas City 4, and St. Louis 2, for place, and June 7 32, July 5 8 and August 2 7 for time. There are a few scattering votes not given and a few left it to me to say where and when, but I am not voting on either question. I made my suggestions and then left it to you to decide. In accordance with your decision, as indicated by your votes, you will find on the first page of this copy a proclamation convening the degelates here June 7. I shall place notices of it in a number of publications most likely to reach people interested in the convention. We will not invite any to attend the convention except members of the Church of Humanity, as perhaps after the first meeting the doors will be closed to non-members. Not that we have any secret work to do, but because we will not want to be bothered with outsiders in our deliberations. But I will accept all who apply for membership up to the date of the convention and all members received will be eligible to attend the convention. So I wish to give it as wide publicity as possible with the hope of giving all who know the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity a chance to come in as original discoverers of them and founders of a society to make them known to others.

Of the comrades who have voted, 19 say they will come, 7 are doubtful and 26 can't come. Some who can't come have named proxies to represent them. All who desire some special one to act as their proxy should inform him by letter of their choice. But the delegates will only have one vote each on any question, so as to have equality with each other. All who attend will equally represent the entire church, which will include those who can not come as well as those who do. Those who make the laws for our church will not put duties on its members that they are not willing to assume themselves. If only twenty delegates come it will give a representation of one delegate to twelve members, which will be a very good representation. But I hope for a still larger representation. I urge each and every one of you who possibly can to come. It is very important that you do. Our organic laws will be made then for the society. All members will be bound alike to observe and abide by them. You will place a financial obligation on yourselves to support the propaganda work of your society, like all educational societies. It is for you to say in making your laws how much of an obligation you wish placed on you—how much you want to be assessed monthly. I want some of the poorest and some of the wealthiest to attend so they can speak for themselves and fix the dues and assessments to suit the financial ability of all. Of course, the taxation will have to be graduated according to the financial ability of each in order to throw the bulk of the aid on those most able to bear it. There should be one uniform membership dues for all. That should be, of course, placed within reach of the poorest members without being an oppressive burden to them. But that would not give the church a good working fund, and a system of assessments on the valuation of each one's property, or income, or both, should be provided for. That system should be graduated in order to give those most able the largest share of the support. In these ways you should provide for a suitable, reliable and steady income for the propaganda work of your church. You should all study the methods by which fraternal and educational societies raise funds for their support and propaganda work, and also how it is disbursed for the good of the society. Then you will have a variety of methods to select from and you can choose the best and most suitable of them for our society at your convention. I urgently advise all delegates to the convention to prepare at once for their task by getting a copy of the constitution and by-laws of all the societies they can and study up on them and bring them to the convention as guides in their work, so far as suitable. Study up on parliamentary rules so that you will be able to do the work required in systematic order. I warn you in advance to not depend on me doing anything more than one of the least able delegates in the convention. You delegates must shoulder the task of organizing your society and of making its constitution, by-laws and articles of incorporation. I have no ability in such work and never had any experience in that line. My task is done when I have found you, enrolled you, given you certificates of membership and graduation and convened you in an assembled congress to make your own laws. I will then resign my assumed title and duties and the editorship of your publication and will be simply one of the delegates to the convention like the others. I shall willingly aid what little I can in the work, but I have no wish nor desire to have any undue influence over its course. We will all agree in advance to abide by the constitution and by-laws made, and fulfill all duties and obligations placed on us to the best of our ability.

A just method of financial support and an economic method of propaganda work will have to be planned and enacted into law by your convention. We should all gladly furnish the financial support required of us, as members of other societies do. We should all realize the fact that no society can progress, no matter how competent its officers, without financial means at their command. Having settled the provisions for financing our propaganda work it is of next importance to get competent officers to conduct the work. Some of those officers will have to devote their entire time to it. Others can, perhaps, do the work required of them at stated times without interfering much with their occupation or profession. Your elected editor for your publication would have to devote most of his time to that task. But he might be able to act as a member of some of the committees or boards you may provide for.

Our officers should not be paid much, if anything, until our society is stronger, but our teachers, lecturers and organizers should be well compensated. They, of course, should devote their entire time to their work, and would have to make their living and expenses out of it. The necessary expenses of all our officers in the performance of their duties for the church must, of course, be paid out of the church treasury. Its treasury will be replenished by the system of dues, assessments, donations, bequests and profits on literature provided for.

Now, Comrades, I want you to realize the great responsibility resting on you and arise in your manhood and womanhood to the full measure of your grand opportunities. You have made the greatest scientific discoveries in all the ages. Compared with the discoveries that Gods are all fabulous beings and life ended at death all other discoveries combined are insignificant. The promulgation of all other discoveries combined have not shaken the world's idolatries in the least, nor ever can they. But the promulgation of your grand scientific discoveries will completely overthrow forever all systems of idolatry on this planet. I want you to realize the magnitude of your discoveries, and their power to civilize a race of superstitious idolaters when thoroughly promulgated. I want you to realize the fact that you can't possibly devote your time and wealth to a grander cause than the establishment and support of a propaganda society for these discoveries. Nothing but their teaching can ever eradicate heathen idolatries from our race. Now is the time, Comrades, to incorporate your discoveries as the base of a special society for their preservation and promulgation. No people in all the world ever had such an opportunity to benefit the entire race for all coming ages as you have. Your time and money should be thrown freely into this work as the best possible disposition you can make of them. To put them to any other use they will be forgotten in a few years and nobody will be benefited thereby. To establish this work with them they will be a lasting benefit to all mankind throughout the life of our race. If you have children how can you do more for them and their posterity in any other way? I wish each one of you who is of age could come and help in the organization work here June 7, and put your signature to the documents when completed. There will be no prouder people on earth a few centuries hence than those who can prove their ancestors were numbered with the discoverers of these truths and the founders of this society to teach them.

These are the comrades who say they will attend the convention as delegates:

H. M. Fish, Pella, Iowa.
William E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.
P. C. Hanson, Greenleaf, Kan.
Dr. C. H. Mordoff, Genoa, Ill.
William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kerr, Ingalls, Kan.
J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.
Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
L. P. Tebbe, Loveland, Colo.
T. H. Heald, 473 Ulysses street, Los Angeles, Cal.
H. J. Stevenson, El Reno, Okla.
J. Frantz, Bakersfield, Cal.
Theodore Lontesco, 94 Lee street, New York.
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.
W. W. Hensley, Howard, Kan.
C. M. Burgess, Council Bluffs, Ia.
Charles A. Lee, Jacksboro, Tex.

I would like to have double this number of delegates to report in May. Two more issues will be all until after the convention. I shall try to get them both to you before then. I want all of you to get as enthusiastic over your discoveries as you would be had you discovered a diamond mine. They are worth millions of times more than a mountain of diamonds to our race. At your convention you will incorporate yourselves into an organization to put your discoveries on the market. You will make arrangements to have them polished up and presented to the people in attractive form. Then you will provide for competent vendors of them to go forth and offer them to the people in place of the untruths sold them by vendors of mythologies. All priests, preachers and missionaries of all religions are simply vendors of untruths. They never have had to compete with vendors of truths regarding Gods and life. The competition has always been between vendors of different brands of untruths. The people never had the opportunity to choose between truths and untruths, but always had to choose from the variety of untruths offered. You are to change all that by putting in the field vendors of truths in competition with vendors of all brands of mythologies. Who would be so silly and totally depraved as to buy untruths about subjects when they have an opportunity to buy truths about them at the same price? You will need to employ vendors with smooth tongue, ready wit and sharp intellect who know the purity and value of your wares thoroughly in order to compete successfully with the trained cunning of the vendors of idolatry and superstition. Besides helping to lift your race out of heathenism to civilization, which is the greatest duty you can perform, you ought to get a world of fun out of it, which alone will be worth all it costs you. To watch the intellectual battle between the vendors

of your modern scientific discoveries and the vendors of ancient mythologies for supremacy will be grandly magnificent and inspiring. It will be worth living a thousand years to behold it. It will be the greatest intellectual battle of all the ages. That battle has not begun yet. But you are to break the ground and lay the foundation for beginning it at your congress June 7. You should all try to be in at this beginning and help to lay the foundation. It is the one great opportunity of your lives. You should not miss it for such a trifling thing as a few dollars for car-fare or a few days' absence from your business. This is the greatest business you can engage in. Your congress will be purely a meeting for business. It will not be in the least like a Freethought convention, where they amuse themselves with speeches celebrating the victory over the clergy when the contest had not yet begun, nor even the true base found for a contest. It is not the clergy our church seeks to overthrow. They are simply the effect of a cause. It is the cause of idolatry and superstition we must look for and remove to make a permanent cure, and not confine our efforts to combatting mere effects of it. That cause is found in the superstition of all people that Gods are real beings and that life does not cease forever at death. The clergy, like all hired teachers of mythologies, are only the people's servants to teach those superstitions. Were it possible for a band of fanatics to kill all those teachers tonight the people would meet tomorrow and employ substitutes in their places. The only remedy is to supplant in the minds of all people their false ideas of Gods and life with a knowledge of your discoveries. That can only be done by a propaganda society able, in time, to spread over the entire world and establish local societies in every neighborhood with permanent teachers of those discoveries. You are to plan the foundation and beginning of that mighty task at your first congress of discoverers June 7.

In conclusion, I warn you to not be deceived into neglecting or refusing to do your duty by the advice to save your money and time for other purposes by the idolaters surrounding you and in Freethought publications. They will do all in their power to influence you to not come to the convention or spend a dollar in this work. They do not want it done. You must not be led astray from the path of duty by such advice from such sources. No movement would ever be made to benefit mankind if its enemies were consulted or listened to. Those same enemies who are so solicitous about the proper use to make of your money and time use theirs in the upbuilding of their idolatrous societies and then ridicule you for never having established anything to benefit the world. Show them that you can and will make a beginning in that direction. They will tell you to save your money for the benefit and comfort of yourself and family, and then give theirs for the support of their idolatrous churches. They only have designs on your money for their own idolatrous institutions and would gladly accept it for that purpose regardless of the comfort of yourself or your family. They only wish to deceive you into the neglect of your duty by appealing to your pocket-book. If you will not give it to their idolatrous societies they will do all in their power to prevent you from promulgating your discoveries. They never did nor never will listen to your advice to not build churches and hire priests and preachers to teach their children idolatry and superstition. Then why should you be so foolish as to listen to their advice to not found a church and employ teachers to teach your children your great discoveries? You never can save your children from idolatry and superstition by heeding the advice of idolaters. Don't be so foolish as to do it. Your idolatrous neighbors and relatives will ridicule you and call you bad names for doing your duty now. But their great-grandchildren will read with delight and inspiration of your heroic struggle and will revere your memory as one of the immortals who made the grandest discoveries of all the ages and laid the foundation for the rescue of a world from idolatry and superstition. Then buckle on the armor of truth and let us stand together as a heroic band of invincibles marching to certain victory.

Be a Delegate to the Convention.

Your comrade, W. H. KERR.

THE BLADE'S "CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL".

I read with hope and joy the first few paragraphs announcing the proposition by the *Blue Grass Blade* of March 15 to establish a correspondence school. I thought here, for once, at least, there would be something practical done to aid the Church of Humanity in preparing to begin promulgating its great discoveries by preparing teachers for it and helping it to build up an organization so it could give employment to those teachers. But, alas! as I continued to read the course of studies appeared and the kind of teachers they were to turn out indicated. Then joy vanished and hope turned to despair. The vital subjects of God and life were entirely ignored. Not once have they been mentioned in connection with the school in any issue. Not once has a proposition been made to teach a student the truth about those subjects. Not a word is said about taking up a single study that proves the non-existence of Gods and of a future life. In fact, that is not the object of the school and no teaching is to be given with that object in view. The manager says: "No student should begin with a definite object of finding a given result, but the studies should be prosecuted independent of what the result may be." That means that students are not to take up the work with the object in view of preparing themselves to be teachers for the Church of Humanity in promulgating its discoveries and building up the society, although he says in the March 29 issue: "Besides, both of these organizations (the Church of Humanity and Materialist Association), can pursue the even tenor of their appointed way, build up their local or branch societies, and the school will prepare teachers to sustain and encourage these societies after they are once organized." And how is he to prepare our teachers for us? Why, by ignoring entirely the base and object of our society; by not teaching anything about them; by teaching only those branches of knowledge taught in all colleges and theological schools and known by all educated priests and preachers; by turning the students, if he gets too many, over to the scientific teachers in Lexington schools, everyone of whom are doubtless rank idolaters, and, of course, would teach idolatry to those students. And how does he propose to "sustain and encourage" the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity to enable it to give those teachers he prepares for it employment? Why, by filling the *Blade* with the writings of God-makers, and misrepresenters and ridiculers of this church and its founders. See "Truth is God," by Susan J. Peck, in April 5 *Blade*, wherein she supports the God and immortality and soul superstitions as vehemently as any heathen idolater could do in any publication devoted to the support of idolatry and superstition. See "We Need No Church," by Mrs. George Vale, in March 22 *Blade*, wherein she misrepresents my teaching, then ridicules me on account of it, and then warns the readers that "in organization lies the danger to the masses," and that "in two or three generations the descendants of those now joining the new (or old) church would be as strongly orthodox and as hopelessly enslaved as are those whom you pity now and as surely the worshipers of one or another of the Jewish gods (the gods of the Sadducees). You can deny the existence of any or all gods and believe, or disbelieve, in the future life and remain outside all the churches and save your dollars for the comfort of your own families and let all churches die for want of support." Well! well! And that's the way the *Blade* proposes to "sustain and encourage these societies"—by publishing everything against them sent in and not one article in their favor. That helps to "sustain and encourage" them about as fast as a lobster gets to its goal when headed that way, but walking backwards all the time. Sure! The Church of Humanity would be, in less than "two or three generations," only another idolatrous society if it accepted the services, without supervision, of teachers turned out by that proposed "correspondence school." But, Mrs. Vale, you need not worry about the failure of a church whose truths you have not learned and whose object you do not want accomplished. My comrades will have a trick up their sleeves worth two of yours. They will provide for an examining board that will require all salaried teachers in their church to pass a thorough examination in the truths to be taught and then they will teach under a certificate of competency and a commission of authority from that board. The moment they turn traitors, or Jesuits, they will have their certificate and commission withdrawn and be dismissed.

People who know the earth is round and want their children taught the truth about it are not foolish enough to send them to a teacher who does not know its shape or who believes and teaches that it is some other shape. Likewise, the Church of Humanity, composed of people who know all Gods are myths and death the end of life, are not likely to be so foolish as to hire teachers for its propaganda work who have been prepared for it by a school managed by parties who disbelieve the truths it wants taught, and who are not in sympathy with its object.

We all have friends we like, but would not for an instant think of employing them for teachers in our church unless they could pass the required examination by our examining board. Hughes and Charlesworth propose to prepare teachers for our church. Nothing could please me much more than to know competent teachers were being prepared for our church, for we are greatly in need of them now, and I would gladly contribute financial aid for that purpose. But these parties are not qualified for that task. They would themselves fail before our examining board on the first two questions asked them, and they would be promptly dismissed without further consideration of their abilities. After the preliminary questions as to address, age, occupation and other matters, our examining board would probably ask as the first two questions in the examination proper: (1) What are Gods? (2) What is death? Neither of them could answer either of these questions satisfactorily because both are Agnostics. How, then, could it be possible for them to prepare students to answer these questions correctly and satisfactorily to our examining board when they are unable to do it themselves? That would certainly be a preposterous supposition. Yes, we need a school to secure students and prepare them for service in the Church of Humanity. But those instructors must themselves thoroughly know the truths we want teachers of, and be able to prepare them for answering correctly all questions asked by our examining board.

Attend the Convention!

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

PROCLAMATION FOR PLACE AND TIME OF ORGANIZATION.

Having received enough votes to indicate that a large majority of the members of the Church of Humanity wish their formal organizing and incorporating convention held at Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, I hereby proclaim that to be the place and time of said convention, and declare each member over 21 years old to be eligible as a delegate to said convention to represent said church equally with all other delegates present. This convention is to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity by adopting articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws for its guidance and government and elect such officers, committees and boards as may be deemed necessary. The society will be bound by the acts of its delegates in this convention, and I invite and urge all members to be present as delegates who possibly can be.

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NEARING THE GOAL OF ORGANIZATION.

If the comrades do their duty at this critical moment and come forward June 7th and incorporate and organize themselves into a propaganda society for the teaching of their scientific discoveries regarding Gods and life the foundation will be laid for a power that will in time overthrow all religious mythologies on this planet. Practically our entire race has ever been superstitious idolaters from time immemorial. Our race is now and has ever been the makers and worshipers of idols.

The powers and attributes assigned every real or imaginary object that makes it an object of fear, love and worship is now and has ever been fictitious, arbitrary, imaginary. Bitter conflicts, wars and hatreds have always existed between the makers and worshipers of different idols, and the conflicting ideas on the proper make-up and worship of the same idol. Hence religious mythologies have undoubtedly been the source of the greatest evils of our race. Those mythologies, including Christianity, are based on the erroneous ideas that intelligent beings superior to man exist and control nature and man's destiny, and that man has a soul or spirit that survives death. These errors are today practically universal. They have survived modern advancements in scientific wisdom. The wonderful scientific discoveries in all branches of knowledge have not shaken these world-wide errors in the least. They flourish as vigorously as ever, side by side, and even in the same brain, with all scientific knowledge so far. Modern criticisms of Bibles and Bible Gods and saviors have not shaken those two fundamental errors. Idolaters at once reconcile and readjust them to harmonize with every scientific discovery and criticism. The scientists and critics themselves hold tenaciously to those two fundamental errors. The great fighters of the churches and the clergy of the past and present were and are firm believers in them. They simply fight the by-products of those errors while holding to them and producing other by-products that in turn are discarded for still others no better. To date no scientific discovery has been made that is not in some way harmonized with those errors except the two made by the Church of Humanity that Gods are all myths and that conscious life is ended forever at death. They are the only discoveries ever made that those errors can not be harmonized with and readjusted to. They are the only discoveries made that constitute a firm foundation for a propaganda society to overthrow them. These discoveries strike the fatal blow at the very foundation on which all idolatries are based. When thoroughly promulgated they will kill forever the germ, embryo, heart and core of those basic errors. Then all religions will wither and perish and no more can be produced to curse our race. Then the primary cause of race divisions that cause wars and hatreds and strife will be forever removed and a wonderful advancement in civilization and true wisdom be accomplished. Through an active propaganda of its discoveries the Church of Humanity will in time accomplish those grand results. Through its elected officers it will collect and compile into text books and catechisms the evidences from all sources that prove its discoveries true; supervise the collection and disbursement of funds to employ competent teachers, lecturers and organizers; provide a college to prepare its teachers; organize the people into local propaganda societies as fast as it can be done; provide a publishing plant for the production of its literature at cost and direct the propaganda work of its great discoveries.

All who wish our race civilized should join the Church of Humanity and aid in its propaganda work with pen and pocketbook. The overthrow of religious mythologies can never be accomplished except by teaching the people these discoveries. That never can be done except by a society organized especially to direct and supervise that teaching.

My comrades will organize themselves into a society June 7 to perform that service. Let every friend of truth and progress and civilization rally 'round the Church of Humanity and aid it.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Some writers in Freethought publications are simply anti-clericals who have grievances of a personal or a general nature against the clergy. Some have personal grievances against particular Christians or societies. Some criticise all church societies under the false idea that they are mental and physical slaves of the clergy. Some disbelieve a little of their non-essential teaching and superfluous ceremonies. Some are opposed to them from the miser's viewpoint—that of cost. But all such critics may be, and generally are, as firm believers in the existence of Gods and of a future life as those they criticise. When they think they are about to die, and sometimes long before, they join some idolatrous society and are as rank idolaters as anybody. They, at least, allow their relatives to call in a clergyman to give "religious consolation," and to make arrangements for an idolatrous funeral. Such conduct is reprehensible and disgusting in the extreme to all right-minded people.

Voltaire was one of the greatest anti-clericals who ever lived; but he was such a firm believer in the existence of a God and a future life, and of the necessity for the services of those same clericals to save him from a future hell, that he made arrangements before death to secure the services of a priest by false pretenses. In the *Blue Grass Blade* of February 16 is an account of the trick, which should bring the blush of shame and humiliation to every reader instead of the apparent approval given it by the *Blade*.

After a brief biography of Voltaire, reciting in part his long and bitter fight against the clergy, it says: "For several years he lived and worked in Geneva, Switzerland, because the authorities had made it too hot for him in his native land. Here he bid defiance to both king and pope, and today the visitors at both Ferney and Geneva hunt for relics of Voltaire. The seeming triumph of the clergy was at hand. In common with all humanity Voltaire could not live forever. He had to die. During his declining years the priesthood waited with vehement impatience. Letters were written by august bishops and orders issued by priests in authority to the effect that, at his death, Voltaire should be denied interment in the regular burial grounds. Only by trickery did he succeed in circumventing them, and because of this trick, which was played upon the Abbe St. Sulfice, the sacrament was administered by Voltaire feigning death, and the Abbe Mignot gave the body burial at Romilli-on-the-Seine, located about one hundred miles form Paris.

"Voltaire died on May 30, 1778. The next day the body was placed in a carriage and sat upright therein to resemble an invalid, with a servant by its side. Six horses were attached to the carriage in order to convey the impression that it contained some nobleman on a journey and to prevent its molestation en route. Then came a night of travel and the next morning the carriage containing the body of France's most illustrious son arrived at the abbey. The proper papers were shown, mass was performed and the body of Voltaire found burial. A few moments thereafter the prior of the abbey had received a threatening letter from his bishop forbidding Voltaire's burial, but it was too late."

Is not that humiliating? It is like an infant fighting its mother one minute and the next crying to be nursed by her. How many of those church-haters and clergy-fighters in Freethought publications are simply playing Voltaire in miniature? How many of them will ditch their followers and admirers, as Pentecost is reported to have done, and either join some idolatrous church or call for the services of the clergy before they die? Why, of course, all of them will, including the editors who fail to learn thoroughly the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity.

The article says: "He (Voltaire) aimed at the very foundation of the church." Nonsense! He was up the tree of superstition so far himself he could not see to its base. His contest with the clergy, like that of Paine's, was not a contest between truth and error, but a contest between different brands of idolatry. The foundation of idolatrous churches is the erroneous belief that there are such beings as Gods and that life survives death. Voltaire believed firmly in both errors. So did Paine. So do editors of Freethought publications and most of their contributors. That is the true reason they will not aid the Church of Humanity, even to giving a notice of its coming convention. No possible hope can be entertained that the people can be freed from idolatry and superstition by parties who believe the two errors they are all based on. The Church of Humanity is composed of people who have discovered the truth about the subjects all religions are based on, and find that they are all based on errors regarding them. They find they are based on the mistaken ideas that there are intelligent beings in control of the universe and the destinies of man, and that man can survive death with consciousness. Having made these discoveries they are the only people qualified to begin the task of freeing the people from idolatry. At their coming national congress, June 7, they will incorporate and organize themselves into a national propaganda society to make

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None but members of the Church of Humanity will be invited to attend the convention. It is strictly an executive business convention of the church, wherein it will incorporate and organize itself into an active propaganda society for the methodical teaching of its discoveries.

Twenty-five comrades have promised so far to attend the convention. That will be enough to organize us into a national society if none of them fail to come. Many more comrades should come and have their say in the work. I want all to come and give their opinions and ideas on the plans and methods to be followed in the propaganda work of the society and incorporate them into its laws. No one who fails to come should find fault with the convention work of their comrades.

Comrades, attend your convention.

The Church of Humanity will take over to itself the teaching of its children the truth about Gods and life and leave it no longer to be done by those who do not know what the truth is. They have too much interest in their children's welfare and education to neglect this important duty longer. They will tax themselves to have the work done, employ competent teachers from their own members to do it and elect officers from their own numbers to supervise the work. Those officers and teachers will act under the laws made by its delegates at the convention.

That convention will put duties and obligations on all the members through its constitution and by-laws to support its propaganda work and society building. Some who do not attend it may be dissatisfied with some of the work of the delegates. Now is the time to make yourselves satisfied with its work by attending and taking part in that work. Those who attend will do the best they can. It will be perhaps impossible to please all members in all particulars. But all will be expected to fulfill all obligations placed on them to the best of their abilities, and if they have any complaint to make it to their own proper officials, who will take the matter up with the executive board and it will do all that can be done then in the matter.

THE DIFFERENCE.

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their discoveries known and accepted. They will elect officers of their own comrades to direct and supervise the work in all its departments. They will take to themselves the duty of providing competent teachers to teach their children the truth about God and life and no longer leave them to be taught by those who teach them errors. All who wish their children taught the truth about those vital subjects instead of the errors about them, that make them superstitious idolaters, should rally to the support of my comrades in their great undertaking, and give them all possible aid in getting ready to begin that service. These great discoveries should be taught in all public schools. But they never can be until they are made known and accepted by a large majority of the people. That can only be done through the services of a propaganda society for that special purpose. My comrades will organize themselves into that special society June 7. I want all who wish them success to write letters, cards and send telegrams of encouragement to be read to the delegates while in session here. Do all you can to aid and encourage them to prepare to give your families the necessary teaching to save them from idolatry that no other society or teachers can give for lack of true knowledge.

WITNESSES FOR THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

When superstitious idolaters have testified to the kind, loving, watchful care they have received from a heavenly father and his son Jesus all along the journey of life, and then I read in the following news items what happened to them I know positively that they were mistaken "all along the journey of life" regarding the existence of such beings:

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—A death list estimated at 450, a hundred or more persons fatally injured and many times this number painfully hurt, together with a property loss running up in the millions, is the record so far of a tornado that originated in the West last Thursday.

Tokio, April 30.—An explosion on the protected cruiser, Matsushima, causing her to sink in a few minutes, caused the death of 240 of the officers and men on board.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—A ferryboat on the River Dneiper capsized yesterday near Bykhov, in the government of Mohilev, and 120 persons were drowned as a result. The boat was filled with peasants and their wives and children returning from church.

The evidence that any one of these dead idolaters furnish that they had been mistaken regarding the existence of unseen caretakers is of more scientific value in learning the truths of Nature than the living testimony of 500,000,000 superstitious idolaters. We must accept the evidence of objective physical facts that all can see in place of theories and beliefs handed down to us by ancient religious mythologies. The evidence these dead idolaters furnish the Church of Humanity proves conclusively that the loving Gods they worshiped are all creations of fiction. There can be no mistake about it. No matter how firmly any number of people may believe they are loved and cared for by unseen beings this evidence proves them to be mistaken and that no such beings exist in reality. Other churches are based on the mistaken ideas of our ignorant, superstitious ancestors. The Church of Humanity is based on objective physical facts like all scientific knowledge is based on. Those who wish their children taught truths about Gods and life that will advance them in wisdom and civilization in place of the errors of the ancients that make idolaters of them should join and help the Church of Humanity along.

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 11.

DEAR COMRADES: You are now on the last quarter and coming down the home stretch very near the goal of organization and incorporation. Swing your hats with youthful joys, like a merry band of girls and boys. Shout VICTORY till it re-echoes from pole to pole, then make one supreme dash to reach the goal. And I shall be happy indeed to welcome you when you get here, and will request the Mayor to keep the joints closed and give you the freedom of the city. Come any way and every way necessary to get here—by train, or wagon, or afoot, or horse-back, or auto, or flying machine. Don't miss it on account of having no way to come. There are quite a variety of ways to select from. You can surely find one that will suit your case. Remember, where there is a desire strong enough to force action, there will be found a way. So it is the desire that is of first importance to be put in right rapport. See to it that you have the desire to come. Make it strong and anxious and *determined* to get you here on June 7, and I guarantee a large number of you will get here. Remember, it is cultivated desire that constitutes the will-power in man that forces him to act, and through that action he rules and governs the animal and vegetable life on this planet, and to a great extent the inanimate elements. It makes him the supreme being on this globe. That will-power is not caused by Gods nor Devils outside nor inside of man as superstitious idolaters imagine. You and I know there are no such beings. That will-power originates in man from the force of cultivated and accumulated desires of his mind until it, like confined steam, forces action. That inforced physical action has made man master, to a great extent, of his environments. It has caused him to make and use every invention and discovery; to overrun the earth and search every land and sea; to subdue the animal and vegetable kingdoms and make them serve him; to gird the earth with bands of steel and wire; to harness the vital forces of Nature and make them do his bidding. That will-power from cultivated desire forced the actions in man that founded every false church and religion and built their temples and cathedrals and provides and supports their mistaken teachers. The fault in all this is the errors at the beginning or base regarding the nature of the universe and life. Not knowing that space, duration and matter are eternal and that all changes in matter are caused by its own inherent attributes and properties some powerful beings were imagined to be in control of matter and able to reanimate the dead. Those basic errors on which all religions are based are now detected by you comrades. You have discovered that Gods do not exist in reality and that life does not survive death. You are a society of the original discoverers of these two great fundamental truths. The mighty task before you is to switch idolatrous societies onto the right track, to get them based on truth instead of errors. That task will require hundreds if not thousands of years to accomplish completely over the entire world. You can not accomplish it in your day. But you can lay the foundation to begin it and get a good start in the work during the lifetime of some of you. It all depends on you having such a strong desire for societies to teach truth in place of error that it will force you to action in establishing such societies. It will not be your object to fight societies teaching errors or their teachers or members, but to establish new societies everywhere to teach the truths you have learned. Members of other societies will then learn the truth from your societies and teachers and will then compel their own societies to teach these new-found truths or they will join and help to support yours. It is perfectly right and proper for people to desire their knowledge perpetuated. They will continue to employ teachers of what they believe true until convinced by your teachers what the truth is. Then they will employ them. Your children and mine must learn from the teachers of errors who make superstitious idolaters of them until you organize and provide teachers of truth for them All that is necessary now is

desire in yourselves for truth-teachers instead of error-teachers for your children that it will force you to the necessary action to provide them. I have no desire to force you to the necessary action and expense of organizing and providing those teachers, but I do want you to cultivate the desire for truth-teachers to such an intense degree within your own minds that it will give you the will-power strong enough to force you to act. That is the all-important thing for you to do now, and at once. You cannot force others to cease teaching errors except by forcing yourselves to provide and maintain teachers of truth for them. When your desire for truth-teachers is strong enough to cause you to act you will organize to provide them. Some of you have that desire strong enough now to cause you to act and come to the convention to organize a society to provide truth-teachers. I want all of you to get the desire strong enough to cause you to aid in organizing yourselves into a propaganda society and then to support that society loyally when organized. What more can I say or do to strengthen your desire for a society to teach the great scientific truths you have discovered? Your own observation of conditions should convince you that our race can not be won from idolatry and superstition without the services of teachers of your discoveries. That should make your desire for such teachers strong enough to compel you to organize to provide them.

Neither you nor I can possibly do the required teaching, because it will require hundreds of thousands of teachers of your discoveries for hundreds of years to make them known and accepted by our entire race and win it from idolatry. Neither you nor I as individuals can possibly hire and maintain those teachers, but by organizing ourselves into a propaganda society for the promulgation of those vital discoveries we can begin the work. It will enable us to employ at least one lecturer and organizer to do field work. As our numbers increase we can add more such teachers to the field force. Thus the teachers and organizers will build up our society in membership and it will in turn add more teachers. That will make it an ever-growing society until its influence is felt throughout the world and it finally wins a world from idolatry. Comrades, have you a desire for that grand accomplishment? Do you desire your posterity permanently freed from idolatry? Do you desire our race to progress in wisdom and civilization? Do you desire the discoveries you have made taught in churches, schools and universities in place of the errors now taught there that make superstitious idolaters of our children? If you desire all these results, as I hope you do, then transmute your desire into action and you will surely accomplish them in time. Remember the desires of men can accomplish nothing until they are strong enough to force action in them. Your desire for the above enumerated results should surely be strong enough in you to force you to act for their realization. To give your action the most effective power you should all act together in systematic order as a company of thoroughly drilled policemen or soldiers. You should act together to do things in logical order by a systematic method. Take one thing at a time in its logical order and all act on it in unison. Then you will accomplish results with ease. Incorporation and organization of your national society is now in order. It is the task right now to be done. All of you work on it together. All who possibly can should come to the convention as delegates. Come prepared to do hard work until it is accomplished. Bring an outline of a preamble, articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws you think would be suitable. Bring copies of such documents used by other societies. Come prepared to advocate your suggestions in a firm but gentlemanly way, and to listen with due respect and consideration to the plans of other delegates. Then submit gracefully and cheerfully to the rulings of such majority as you decide on to be final. Then stand by and support your elected officers and adopted laws loyally, and fulfill every obligation you place on yourselves to support and maintain them. Those who can't possiby come can write out suggestions to be read to the committee having the work in charge. Put your suggestions on different subjects on separate papers so they can be given to the various committees. The base and object of your society are, of course, already settled. It is based on your discovered truths about God and life, and its object is the rescue and preservation of the people from idolatry by teaching them these discovered truths. You all understand them and there should be no disagreement regarding them. They only need to be stated plainly in the documents. But the details of the propaganda work will have to be threshed out in your convention and formulated into laws and adopted. There will probably be a great diversity of views among the delegates regarding them and the result will necessarily be a compromise. That is the course taken by the legislative bodies of all societies. Come prepared to present your ideas plainly, and to abide by the decision of the majority whether they accept your suggestions or not.

In the construction of your society for a successful propaganda machine to make your discoveries known and accepted there will be two primary departments of activity to provide for. First—A systematic method for the collection of funds to operate the machine with and, second—A systematic method of using those funds to gain the greatest results in the most economical way.

There are several ways through which funds can be secured and it is for you to say how many of them you will use and the amount to be collected each way. Among those ways could be a membership fee, monthly dues, property assessment and income assessment as fixed incomes to the society. Then bulk donations, bequests and endowments would be solicited. One or two solicitors, ladies preferred, should be sent out to solicit financial aid for the society. In your laws you will provide for officers to receive and administer all funds collected. Then you will plan the best ways to use those funds to the best possible advantage in gaining results. Several ways of propaganda work could be carried on simultaneously. The production and distribution of suitable literature, including a society publication, text books and catechisms, should be provided for and distributed, some free, and the balance at the lowest price possible. The society should have a publishing plant for that purpose as soon as it is able to maintain one. Lecturers and organizers should be provided for and put in the field as soon as possible. A college for the preparation of our teachers should be provided for and put in operation as soon as convenient. Provision should be made for establishing and chartering branch societies everywhere. Your articles of incorporation should cover all the contemplated activities of the society in its propaganda work. In your constitution and by-laws you will provide for all officers, commissions and boards necessary to carry on all departments of the work, and define their terms and duties. You will then elect your most suitable members to fill those offices. Those most able and willing to work for the upbuilding of the society should be elected. In all your work and election of officers keep in view the object of your society and be guided by its best interests. Elect those comrades who can and will do the most work for the society. For the sake of economy and the ability to do the greatest amount of executive work for the society while it is yet weak I would suggest that a supreme executive board of three comrades be provided for to conduct the business of the society. Three of your officers might constitute that board. They could be your international organizer, if you have such an officer, the editor of your publication and your secretary-treasurer. All three should reside in the same town and devote their entire time to the service of the society. For the present you could put all of the executive work on them. You could name them as your commission on text-books and catechisms, and also as your examining board to examine applicants for the position of teachers in your society and to issue them certificates of competency and commissions of authority to teach when found competent. Your international organizer should be a good platform orator and organizer who thoroughly knows the truths to be taught. He should begin the field work shortly after your convention. Your editor and secretary-treasurer could begin the preparation of text-books and catechisms. The propaganda work should begin immediately after your formal organization and be carried on vigorously through your publication and field lecturer and organizer. Then you will soon become a "world power" for truth and civilization. Don't fail to do your duty now at this crisis in your movement. Have courage, hope and perseverence, and, above all, the intense desire to save your children from idolatry, by providing them with truth-teachers, that will force you to the necessary action to do it. I warn you to not be side-tracked or led astray by one class of writers in Freethought publications who say idolatry is now overthrown, nor by another class who say it can't be done. Both classes are utterly mistaken. To change the name of a worshiped myth is not making a beginning to overthrow idolatry. You, Comrades, are the only people on earth who have discovered the true base for a society to begin the task of overthrowing idolatry. Pay no attention to those who underestimate the value of your discoveries and claim they were made by other parties long ago. They do not themselves believe they are made yet or they would join your society and help to make them known to others. There has always been opposition to the churches. But that opposition was never based on the truths you have discovered. It was based on the worship of some other myth or on some other method of worshiping the same one. It was always a fight between idolaters on both sides. So, beware of those who seek to deceive you into the neglect or refusal to do your plain duty in organizing. Let no one turn you from the path of duty to yourself, your posterity and the race in general. I may not be able to get another message to you before time for you to start to the convention. But start in time to get here on June 6, and come prepared to stay several days if necessary to complete organization. I ask all who will come to write me at once so I can engage hotel accommodations for you. Don't neglect this. When you get to Great Bend have the hack bring you right to my residence. I want to see you and bid you welcome and assign you to comfortable quarters.

Now, Comrades, I have done my best to point out your duty and to create a desire in you to do it. I must now leave it to you to say if you will do it. You should have as great a desire to act as I have that you should. You have as much at stake as I have. You are as helpless to do anything single-handed in this work as I am. An active organization would benefit you as much as it would me. Unorganized, as we are, we are powerless to give even our own children the necessary teaching to save them from idolatry. We can neither give it ourselves nor hire it done. But through the machinery of organization we can hire the teaching we want done as the idolaters do. Our elected officers and boards and commissions will compile the text-books and catechisms and the necessary course of study and direct the propaganda work by a systematic method. By a systematic method of collecting and disbursing our educational funds we can all help in this great work and all receive educational benefits for our families. We must realize the fact that to save our own children from idolatry we must give all people the necessary teaching to save them, too. Otherwise our children would have to marry idolaters and be surrounded by them and their influence and false teaching and would be won over to idolatry and superstition. The scope of your propaganda work must necessarily include the education of all the people in your great discoveries. As your field workers build up your society in membership the dues from them will increase the church fund and more teachers can be put to work. And thus will increased membership necessitate increased numbers of teachers, and so on until our church becomes a world-wide power for the

redemption of our race from idolatry and superstition. Your greatest desire and ambition should be to help to get this machinery of organization started. Then it will work automatically and perpetually with ever-increasing power and influence until it accomplishes its grand mission. This is the only plan by which it can ever be accomplished. Don't think for a moment books and papers can ever do this work. They can only be aids to the organization and its teachers. No other educational movement depends on them. I cite you to all church and political and educational societies that find it absolutely necessary to employ personal teachers to talk to the people, although they all have an abundant supply of printed literature in papers, text-books and catechisms. So great is the influence of oral teaching compared to printed teaching that candidates for office in cities have won out against the combined opposition of the entire press of the city. In those cities where Billy Sunday wins his thousands of idolaters to open confession and action enough to join a church they have always had an abundant supply of Bibles and idolatrous literature and even oral teachers, and all were superstitious idolaters to begin with. But a man with unusual power and different methods can create a desire strong enough in many people to cause them to act where other methods had failed. Action caused by desire rules the world. Men and women of action rule the race for good or evil and always will. Will you be men and women of action and take a hand in that ruling? Our race must from necessity have leaders in all lines of activities. It always had, has now and ever will have. It is right for us to have and follow leaders. Our duty is to see that those leaders are going in the right direction and to follow only those who are. So far our race has had none but idolatrous leaders to follow. You should be glad of the chance to come forward June 7 and select leaders from among your own numbers for the people to follow. Don't you want them to follow truth-teachers instead of error-teachers? Now is the only time you have ever had a chance to do that. I want to, and want my family to, follow the leaders you select at your convention instead of the leaders selected for us by idolatrous societies. Will you act and do your duty in selecting those leaders for us? Select the best you have and I shall stand loyally by them and do the duty they require of me to the best of my ability. All I ask is that they have adequate results in church membership and church property to show for the support they get. Is there anything wrong about such a proposition? When one hires workmen he wants something to show for his money. Well, that is the proposition in a nutshell. You will organize and tax yourselves for the support of teachers and then require those teachers to make good by results in increased membership and church property for the use of the society. The idolaters hire teachers of their superstition. Those hired teachers have built up their societies to number millions of members and have millions of dollars in property to show for their work. To win the victory for your discovered truths you must follow the same tactics they do. There is no alternative. But that requires action, and adequate desire must precede action or there is no action. Have you the necessary desire yet to force you to act? I know you have, if you understand this whole subject as you should. I may not get to talk to you again before convention date and I hate to close for fear you do not yet comprehend the vital necessity of attending it. In lieu of more letters I ask you to re-read the last few letters to you until you understand fully all the arguments on the necessity for action. Then come here June 7 and formally incorporate and organize yourselves into a propaganda society to make your great scientific discoveries known and accepted by all people. Had you voted to hold your convention at New York or San Francisco I would certainly have attended it. I am not asking you to do more than I would have done. The first session of the convention will be held here at 10 a. m. Sunday morning, June 7. You should all get here on Saturday in order to be present at the first session. You will get a night's rest and be refreshed for the hard, continuous work before you. I will have a register provided at my home where each delegate will register his name and address as he arrives. Remember, this convention is to organize and incorporate all members of the Church of Humanity into one national society to begin active propaganda work in teaching their discoveries that all Gods are fabulous beings and death the end of conscious life forever. We can't have local societies until this national society puts out lecturers and organizers and literature to make your discoveries known and accepted by more people. This national organization will give all its isolated members an opportunity to aid in promulgating their discovered truths until enough people of their neighborhood learn them to form a local society. Never before had we an opportunity to aid in this great work. You should all be happy to know that you will have that opportunity through a national society of your own after your delegates complete formal organization. Each delegate should get and study "Roberts' Rules of Order" thoroughly before convention date to be able to take an intelligent active part in its work. I have selected that as the most suitable and best work on parliamentary usage to guide the convention in its deliberations. All who intend coming should at once get a copy of it and study it thoroughly. I can mail the book to any comrade for 80 cents who can't get it elsewhere. I especially request the comrades in Kansas and nearby states to attend the convention, as it will be impossible for many to come from the distant states. You will confer a great favor on those comrades by taking on yourselves the bulk of this organizing work. I know they will appreciate it greatly if you do so. I want all to come. But I know the greater the distance the greater will be the time and expense required and the fewer the number that can possibly come. A delegate from Kansas or an adjoining state would represent the members in Maine, Florida, California, Washington, Canada or Alaska as well as a delegate from their own state. The truths taught are universal, like any other scientific truth, and are the same to all alike, no matter in what part of the world they live. So are the evidences that prove them true. Each delegate will represent the entire membership of the church. But the church as a whole will be governed by the laws the majority of its delegates make for it, as other societies are governed. Then we will all abide by them faithfully, as members of other societies do. You, Comrades, must demonstrate by actually doing it that you have the mental, physical and financial power to organize and maintain a propaganda society of yourselves for the teaching of your great discoveries by a systematic method that will win the people from idolatry. It is now "up to you" to do that. I shall try to do my share the best I can. Will each of you try to do yours? If you do, and all try in concert and unity, you will accomplish your object. The situation is this: You, Comrades, have actually made the two greatest scientific discoveries ever made by man, viz., that all Gods are only fictitious creations of man, myths, fabulous beings, and that conscious individual life ceases forever at death. For want of a knowledge of your discovered truths our entire race are superstitious idolaters and will of necessity ever remain such until they get it. You are the only ones in all the world who can impart that knowledge, and you can not do it except by organizing yourselves into a propaganda society for that purpose. Have you a desire to impart that knowledge and thereby rescue your race from idolatry? Is that desire strong enough to cause you to make a start in that great task. If it is, get into action at once. Don't wait one moment to see if anyone else is going to act. Let others see you make a start. Resolve this minute that you will attend the organizing convention. Write me a card that you will be here on time. Get and study "Roberts' Rules of Order." Get and study the preamble, articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws of other educational and propaganda societies. Read and re-read my letters to you. Get a thorough understanding of the work to be done. Then come! *Come!* COME! and *Do It!* I shall be glad to aid you all I can. But I can't aid you unless you come. Demonstrate to the organized idolaters all around you that you have as much intelligence as they have by organizing, too, and that you are as competent and able to provide teachers of truth for your children as they are to provide teachers of error for theirs. If you can't do that then you are hopelessly outclassed mentally by them, and any claim to mental superiority on your part would only be the pitiable hallucination of the imbecile. But my confidence in your abilities to organize a propaganda society of yourselves when the time came for action has sustained me through the five years of continuous work to find and enroll you, and I believe you will not betray that confidence now at the last moment. I shall look for and expect all delegates here who have promised to come, and will expect quite a number to write to me yet that they are coming. Our society is still growing, and I hope we will have the full 250 members to organize with. We have 242 now (May 8).

Since last report the following comrades were received into the society and given a welcome by me in its behalf:

220. Charles Strandell, Cazadero, Cal.
221. Charles M. Burgess, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
222. M. X. Mockus, Detroit, Mich.
223. Frank Hendrickson, Malcolm, Minn.
224. John M. Case, New York City.
225. David B. Banks, Stockton, Cal.
226. Otto Wettstein, La Grange, Illinois.
227. John F. Bredow, Davenport, Iowa.
228. R. Vogel, Sioux Falls, S. D.
229. Byron C. Parsons, Humboldt, Iowa.
230. I. W. Herman, Cotesfield, Nebraska.
231. John Carrara, Danbury, Conn.
232. E. A. Byrne, Eureka, Tex.
233. W. I. Kirk, Buffalo, N. Y.
234. J. M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.
235. Mrs. J. M. Herman, Scotia, Nebraska.
236. I. Olinger, Great Bend, Kan.
237. John Wolf, Mt. Morris, Ill.
238. W. J. Cassady, Waco, Tex.
239. W. J. Graybell, Sebastopol, Cal.
240. Herman Burger, New York City.
241. W. M. Cline, Gervais, Ore.
242. Thomas V. White, R. 2, Great Bend, Kan.

Comrade Mrs. Frank M. Foster, of Chelsea, Mass., said in last issue she was delighted when she saw another convert to our cause. This long list of new members will greatly please her, as doubtless it will every comrade. When we get organized and put out good field workers they ought to get that many new members every day. When we get such a worker for truth in the field as Billy Sunday is for error we will get more new members in one day than I have been able to get in five years through our publication. And we will get such workers when we laymen make up our minds to pay as much for them as idolaters do. And we will do that when we value the teaching of truths as highly as they do errors. And why should we not? Every subscriber who is not yet a member and who believes our teaching true should join this society at once. This may be the last invitation they will get before the convention. If you comrades have any relatives or friends who know these discoveries you should urge them to unite with the society before convention date so they will get credit as the original discoverers of them. It will be too late for any one not a member then to set up the claim of being the original discoverer of these great scientific truths when there is an incorporated organization of original discoverers actively engaged in teaching them. See? No one can have that credit except the founders of this society to teach them who are enrolled before formal organization. After that they will come in as members having learned these discoveries from our hired teachers and not as the original discoverers of them.

Now, Comrades, I have explained everything connected with the convention, including your duties, as near as I can in advance and shall depend on you coming to do them, rain or shine. W. H. KERR.

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The Founding of the Church of Humanity.

PROCLAMATION FOR PLACE AND TIME OF ORGANIZATION.

Having received enough votes to indicate that a large majority of the members of the Church of Humanity wish their formal organizing and incorporating convention held at Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, I hereby proclaim that to be the place and time of said convention, and declare each member over 21 years old to be eligible as a delegate to said convention to represent said church equally with all other delegates present. This convention is to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity by adopting articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws for its guidance and government and elect such officers, committees and boards as may be deemed necessary. The society will be bound by the acts of its delegates in this convention, and I invite and urge all members to be present as delegates who possibly can be. W. H. KERR,
Temporary Instructor and Organizer of the Church of Humanity.

THE GREAT CONVENTION.

May 11 I mailed the following circular letter to each member of the Church of Humanity, filling in the proper name and address of each:

"Great Bend, Kansas, May 11, 1908.—Dear Comrade: I am depending on your being a delegate to the convention here June 7 to organize the C. of H. into a national propaganda society for its discovered truths. Are you coming? Shall I engage hotel room for you? Are you preparing for the work? Are you studying on a suitable preamble, incorporating articles, constitution and by-laws? Roberts' 'Rules of Order' will be the guide in the convention work. I can mail it to you for eighty cents if you can't get it elsewhere. Study up on it thoroughly. It is extremely important that you come, and come to help until the work is finished. Do not fail to come on any account. The first session will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday, June 7. Start in time to get here on Saturday before. Come on No. 5 from the east over the Santa Fe. It leaves Chicago at 6 p. m., Kansas City at 9:45 a. m., and gets here at 7:08 p. m. Come on No. 8 from the west. It leaves Denver at 11:30 p. m., gets here at 8:50 p. m. next evening. Do not take a train that goes over the Hutchinson cut-off. Great work is expected of you in the proper organization of this national propaganda society of yourselves. Come prepared to do it right. Come prepared to organize yourselves into a society to take over the teaching concerning God and life from idolaters to yourselves, once for all and forever. Please let me know by return mail that you will be here sure. Yours sincerely, W. H. KERR.

The following notice of the convention was carried by the Associated Press, representing 778 daily papers, and this was clipped from the Topeka Daily Capital of May 10:

"Great Bend, Kans., May 9.—A meeting has been called here next month of the members of the Church of Humanity, an organization which teaches that 'God is a myth, like Santa Claus.' Organization will be effected and plans made for the extension of the propaganda throughout the United States."

No member of the church should fail to attend this historic convention. It will mark the beginning of teaching the scientific truths about Gods and life. Millions of societies have been organized to teach errors about those two vital subjects which have made of us a race of superstitious idolaters. The worship of no idol has ever been overthrown except by the worshipers of some other man-made idol. No form or method of idolatry has ever been overthrown except by those using some other form and method. Hence all religious wars and strife have ever been between worshipers of different idols or over the make-up and worship of the same idol. No person, nor society, has ever come forward to propose the overthrow of idolatry in the interest of truth about Gods and life, because no one ever knew the truth about them. But now a few people, widely scattered, have, through experience, observation and investigation, made the scientific discoveries that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist, and that death is the permanent cessation of individual conscious life. A delegate convention of these discoverers will assemble at Great Bend, Kan., June 7, incorporate and organize themselves into a national educational society to formally take over to themselves the teaching to their children and others of the truths they have discovered. No longer will they leave it to superstitious idolaters and agnostics who are teaching error. The convention will mark the beginning of the rescue of the people from idolatry through the organized systematic teaching of the truth about God and life. It will select officers and commissions to gather and compile into convenient text-books and catechisms the evidences that prove its discoveries true; provide for the selection and employment of competent teachers of them; provide for the collection of dues and assessments of its members to compensate these teachers; provide for the establishment of local churches and Sunday schools, where a few members are enrolled; provide for state organizations when they have a certain number of locals; provide for field lecturers and organizers; provide for competent representatives to appear before all state text-book commissions to protest against the adoption of school-books teaching idolatry, and before all school boards to protest against religious services in public schools, and before legislatures and congresses to protest against the enactment of laws in the interest of idolatry and the employment of chaplains in the public service. Through this system of propaganda work all members of the society, though isolated from its locals, will derive such benefit as will justify their loyal financial support. Through its system of chartering and organizing local societies its work will spread until all its members can have the benefit of local churches and Sunday schools for their children and themselves. In order to save the children of its members from idolatry and superstition it will be necessary to save all children from it by giving them the necessary teaching in these two discoveries. That will be a work for the Church of Humanity for hundreds if not thousands of years. It will justify every penny and every hour its members can give to the upbuilding and support of their society. No grander movement was ever inaugurated by man. No movement was ever more worthy of the loyal support of its members than this. No movement can benefit its members in particular and our race in general so much as this. I shall expect every member to stand loyally by their delegates and fulfill every obligation placed on them by those delegates; sustain the officers and commissions they select, and abide cheerfully and faithfully by the constitution and by-laws they formulate and adopt. I urge every member to attend the convention as a delegate to represent the church. I ask those who cannot possibly attend to write brief letters of encouragement to be read to the convention. It may take several days to complete the work of organization. None but members of the Church of Humanity need come, as they could have no voice in the convention, and perhaps the doors will be closed to outsiders, so as not to embarrass or disturb the delegates in their work.

One by one every branch of learning has been taken out of the hands of the clergy and placed in those of the public school teachers except the two regarding God and life. The Church of Humanity will now relieve the clergy of that service and responsibility by formally taking the task over to itself and assuming the duty and responsibility. That duty will in time be transferred to the public schools when this society has popularized its discovered truths by making them known and accepted by the people generally. Every child born to our race that lives to be a few years old has a perfect right to know what God is and what death means. Some organized society must of necessity teach the children regarding these subjects because it is not practical to do it thoroughly by parents while there is such a diversity of views owing to the truth being known by so few. When all parents learn and accept these discoveries it will not be difficult to teach them to children. But so long as idolatry and superstition are taught by organized societies it will be necessary to counteract their influence by teaching these discoveries through organized societies for that purpose. The Church of Humanity should assume that duty and service gladly without the slightest hatred or ill will for the clergy or idolatrous societies or their members, and it should assume the duty solely on the ground of incompetency, through ignorance of the subjects, on the part of the present teachers.

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Next issue will announce result of the convention.

Members will then know what duties their delegates place upon them.

All should cheerfully and faithfully perform those duties, whatever they may be.

The world can never give up idolatry and superstition until the people are taught these discoveries; until they believe and accept them.

Never before had we an opportunity to aid in this great civilizing work. We should all rejoice that our organizing will give us that opportunity, and we should accept it and do our duty with cheerfulness.

The Church of Humanity is not a religious society. No religion, worship or piety can be practiced by people who know the truth about God and life. It is an educational society to make known and endeavor to have accepted the two scientific discoveries it is based on. To do that it must also organize the people into branch propaganda societies as soon as they are taught them.

A strong "moral wave" has been sweeping over the country for several months. That is a good indication of the growth of right moral ethics. It should hit the Church of Humanity so hard that not a parent in it will allow his children to attend a church or Sunday school teaching idolatry and superstition; and not a member will accept or allow any religious services held over their dead, and provide that none shall be held over themselves when they die; and do their duty in helping to build up their own church societies for their children to attend where they will learn truth instead of error.

WHAT THE COMRADES ARE SAYING.

J. V. Stafford, Canyon Ferry, Mont.—"Dear Comrade: Inclosed you will find one dollar. Set my sub. one year ahead and use the balance for the good of the cause. Sickness has caused the delay. Would like to attend our convention, but will not be able to do so."

William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla.—"Yes, if after that I have written about studying, you think I could do some good in the convention you will find me on deck if nothing very serious intervenes, and I will be pleased to have you engage hotel room for me. I am more than anxious to meet you and all the delegates."

William H. Hammack, Hagerstown, Md.—"Dear Comrade: I enclose check for membership fee. I am sorry I cannot be with you, as I think I could be of service to the convention. Not so much that I am of any special importance, but that I no doubt would talk on a subject that I am satisfied would be of benefit to all comrades. But since I cannot be with you, I will extend to you my best wishes, and I hope that you will all gather together and have a great big convention. Please mention me to the comrades and tell them that I am very sorry I could not be with them."

R. D. Fausett, Waco, Texas.—"Dear Comrade: Your letter received and duly considered. Wish it was possble for me to attend the organiaztion of the Humanitarians. I can think of nothing that would give me more pleasure than to meet with so many rationalists in a body. I am sure that the convention will be unlike any church-founding that ever took place. Brother Kerr, I am going to write an address and send it to you before June 7, and ask you to have it read to the assembly. Not that I have any desire to be advertised in any way, but when I think of the comrades who, like myself, must face a frowning world all our lives, I have so strong a desire to meet them all that I want to do the only possible thing under the circumstances—write an address and ask you to have it read in the assembly; and when I write it I will stop thinking of anything but the meeting and what I write will be exactly what I would say if I were there. I hope that all the comrades who cannot attend will write and I can one day have the pleasure of reading their letters. The very fact that we are stepping out in the open field to encounter the strongest resistance that man has ever yet met should inspire us with a stronger feeling of brotherhood than has ever existed with the servants of King God. With best wishes and strongest hopes for the ultimate success of the organization, I am fraternally."

W. J. Graybell, Sebastopol, Calif.—"Dear Friend and Comrade: Enclosed please find $2; fifty cents for back numbers sent me and $1.50 to be credited on subscription. Will you please give date when you founded this organization of the Church of Humanity?"

(The founding of the Church of Humanity will properly be dated Great Bend, Kansas, June 7, 1908. At that place and date a delegate convention of the original discoverers that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist and that conscious individual life ceases forever at death will formally incorporate and organize themselves into a propaganda society to make those scientific discoveries known and accepted by the entire world. All who are then enrolled members will constitute the founders of the society. I began this teaching by publishing a 32-page pamphlet in the spring of 1903, and enrolled the first member of the society March 23, 1903. In December, 1903, I began the publication of our monthly, under another title, so I could find and hold all who had made the same discoveries until we had enough members to justify formal organiaztion and incorporation to enable us to begin the propaganda work by a systematic method. I had set the number to organize with at 1,000, but finally concluded there are not so many people in the world who know them, and cut the limit down to one-fourth the number. I made the discoveries many years before I got financially able to begin teaching them and I could get no one else to do it. All the members who can possibly come should be here then at the formal founding of the Church of Humanity.—Editor.)

C. W. Clark, Allerton, Iowa.—"Beloved Brother Kerr: Nothing could please me more than to meet with you and the others next June. But that is an utter impossibility. Brother Fiske, of Pella, Iowa, has had some correspondence with me, and as we seem to agree quite completely in our views I delegate to him all my rights in the coming convention. It is my misfortune, not fault, that I do not attend in person. I enclose eighty-five cents in payment of dues as member of the church, and hope that in the future I may be able to help out to a greater extent than heretofore."

Mark Rowe, Redmond, Ill.—"W. H. Kerr: Inclosed please find five dollars—four dollars to help spread the truth and one towards getting Ella P. Hunt to the convention—that is, if in your judgment it is the thing to do. I do not remember having heard of the lady mentioned, or W. R. Adams. I like the interest they take in the convention and our cause. I would go to the convention myself if I had money in plenty. I wish that all workers for freedom from shams, superstition and idolatry could unite and strike at the foundation and thereby release the people from that mighty mill-stone that hangs around their necks. Almost every one can and will reason correctly if they have the truth to begin with. The curse of the ages has been sound reasoning from false premises. With the truth about God to begin with I predict a progress that will astonish its founders."

(Donations to aid delegates to get to the convention are perfectly proper. I like the disposition of Comrades Adams and Rowe in this matter. Ella P. Hunt seems to be a worthy comrade who is poor, but wants to attend the convention. I believe it is generally customary for delegates to conventions to have their expenses paid by the members, or local society, they are to represent there. In future conventions of our church the local societies or states will probably pay the expenses of delegates. I am very sorry, indeed, that Comrade Rowe can't come himself. He seems to thoroughly understand the situation, and I would like very much to have his aid in organizing. I hope he may find it possible to come. One sentence in his letter shows his remarkably clear grasp of the subject—"The curse of the ages has been sound reasoning from false premises." That is true, although it contradicts every Free-thought publication and most of their contributors. Comrade Rowe knows where the fault lies and he put it all in one little, clear-cut sentence. He also knows what the remedy is and places it in another sentence: "With the truth about God to begin with I predict a progress that will astonish its founders." I would improve that sentence by adding, "and life" after "God," and substituting "their discoverers" for "its founders." He is not worried about the reasoning ability of the people and expresses it just right in another sentence: "Almost every one can and will reason correctly if they have the truth to begin with." Those three sentences express the entire trinity of fault, remedy and result. I hope all the comrades can see that trinity as clearly as Comrade Rowe does. Then they would all work with that perfect confidence in sure results that would insure them to be astonishing.—Editor.)

H. M. Fiske, Pella, Iowa.—"Dear Comrade: I have your letter of the 10th ult. Carefully noted contents. In reply will say I will be there at the convention on time, and will be prepared with constitution, etc., to be compared with others and presented for the consideration of the convention. But you must understand that I am utterly incompetent to officiate in any capacity in the organization of that body, but will be there to help all I can."

(That is the right disposition. Come on, comrades, and help all you can.—Editor.)

W. W. Hensley, Howard, Kansas.—"Dear Sir and Brother: Yours of the 11th received in due time and I have been calculating what to write you. I feel very much interested in the noble work you are pushing with so much vigor. But I cannot say now that I will be with you at that great meeting. Nothing would give me more pleasure and I hope that things will turn so that I can be there; but if I am not there you will have my best wishes, and I hope you will have a good meeting and start a ball to rolling that will sweep superstition off the earth. Yours with best wishes."

O. Ellsworth, Denison, Texas.—"Dear Sir: I regret very much that I cannot attend the convention in your city June 7. I have been sick very near a year. I would like to hear of your having a good attendance at the convention. Instead of hundreds you ought to have thousands. I know there are one thousand that know what we do, but fear of the curse of mankind keeps them from proclaiming their knowledge. Anything you all do will be satisfactory to me."

J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.—"Dear Comrade: I cannot positively answer whether I am coming or not. June 7 may find my farm work in such shape that I cannot well leave. However, if I can hire

anyone to stay and look after the work I shall sure be with you, and I shall make every reasonable effort to do so."

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Stoll, Smithland, Iowa.—"Dear Comrade: Your kind letter of the 11th duly received, but sorry to say that it is impossible for either me or my good wife to come, as I have been sick all winter and am now slowly recovering. I wish I could be present, but cannot come. My wife joins with me in wishing the convention a good meeting, harmony and good work, so as to keep the good work going that it may gain the victory in time over churches of idolatry. You may say to the delegates to ever be firm and faithful to our new Church of Humanity. If they are all as firm as I am in the knowledge that there is no God then nothing in the world will change them. I honestly believe if all the Liberals in the world would return back to Christianity I would be the last one and would surely die alone in the Church of Humanity. The older I get and the nearer I get to death the stronger becomes my knowledge that life ends there."

Mrs. Louise Lambert, 1145 Gratiot avenue, Detroit, Mich.—"Dear Sir: Enclosed please find one dollar for four years' subscription. Am sorry that I cannot attend the convention, but it is on account of the 'finances.' Have been wanting to write to you for the longest time, but you know a woman's life is a busy one. There are quite a number of 'Liberals' here, but they are all so lewd about such things, and think that what we are striving for will all come of itself. I am confident it will take hard work and fighting to conquer. If I can be a delegate to the convention please ask Mrs. Kerr to act for me. With kindest regards."

F. F. Frans, Lucas, Kans.—"My Dear Sir: I enclose draft for fifty cents for subscription. Will endeavor to be present at the convention."

William E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.—"Dear Comrade: Your letter of the 11th received and in answer will say, I am coming and would be pleased to have you engage hotel room for me. I have studied, and will study, that I may be a help in the organization of the Church of Humanity, for I believe it is the one thing the world needs most today. Enclosed find eighty cents, for which send 'Roberts' Rules of Order,' and oblige."

E. E. Cursen, Simpson, Kans.—"Mr. Kerr: I enclose $1 to pay up and renew. It will be impossible for me to attend the convention. In fact, I am not physically able at present. Seventy years tell on one. I hope the convention will have a good attendance."

(Many of our comrades are too old to come to the convention. Some are too poor. They spent the best part of their lives in the service of idolatry, only to find out it was untrue at last. The convention is to remedy that in the future by providing for the teaching of their discoveries to children so they can give all their lives to the service of a society teaching truth.—Editor.)

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 12.

Dear Comrades: This is my last message to you before you organize and incorporate yourselves into a society to teach your grand scientific discoveries to the people. I have tried to work for you as well and faithfully as if you had elected me and paid me a large salary. At your convention I shall resign all my assumed duties, including the editorship of your publication. Then, if you desire my services for your society in any capacity in which you think me capable of advancing its interests you can elect me to that office. I place myself at your service. But if you can find other comrades more able and willing to fill all the offices and do more for the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity I want you to elect them. You would do me a great disfavor to elect me to an office that another comrade would fill to greater advantage to the society. I want you to fully understand that my desire is the promulgation of your discoveries and not an office for myself or anyone else, unless he is the comrade who can and will do the greatest amount of efficient work in the promulgation and the increase in our membership. Personally I do not feel competent to fill any office as it should be done, and would prefer to have only financial duties placed upon me by the church. I can help to pay for others doing this teaching and organization work much easier than to do it myself. I only ask that you give the offices to comrades who are able to build up the church in numbers and property for its use commensurate with the financial support you levy on its members. I only desire to be a paying member, and shall gladly pay any dues and assessments you wish to levy for the promulgation of your discoveries and the upbuilding of your society. I want your church to provide competent teachers for the people who will not teach them to hate idolaters and their idols, teachers or societies, but who will teach them the evidence that proves that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist and that life ceases at death, and who will organize them into branch churches and Sunday schools and other auxiliary propaganda societies.. The idolatry and superstition of the people can never be uprooted until such teachers are provided by your organization. I also know you cannot provide such teachers without great financial aid. Therefore I ask your organization to place on me, as a member, as heavy dues and assessments as you think the members should pay for the support of their educational work. We do not ask or expect teachers to teach our children any other branch of knowledge free. The truth about God and life being the most important of all branches of knowledge, its teachers should be paid greater salaries than any other. I ask that all the comrades who can act as officers or teachers in the society be present at its organization so the delegates can select the ablest ones for the duties required of them. In previous letters to you I have said everything I can to impress on you the great necessity and importance of doing your duty by coming to the convention and helping in the formal organization and incorporation of your society, and I need not repeat it again. If you do not remember it please re-read those letters. Then just put on your wraps and come. Don't leave this important work to be done by other comrades. They may be leaving it to you and thus you would fail to organize yourselves into a propaganda society for your great discoveries through default. I have done faithfully and conscientiously all I can do and I now turn the entire work over to you and into your charge and care. You must now assume all responsibility for its success or failure. Through advertising, literature and personal letters I think I have found and enrolled all who have made the discoveries that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist and that conscious individual life ceases forever at death. It is now up to you to organize yourselves into a propaganda society to make these discoveries known and accepted by our entire race. Every child born to our race that lives to be taught anything is taught one or both of the superstitions that such beings exist and that life survives death. That false teaching makes of us a race of heathen idolaters. No people can possibly be rescued from that idolatry unless taught the evidences that will convince them that your discoveries are true beyond a doubt. You are the only people in the world who can do it. And remember that the paying for that teaching is of first importance, since teachers must have, and should have, pay for their services. Therefore those who contribute for the support of the teachers are the first and greatest factors in the propaganda work. You are the only people who can pay for that teaching, since people will not pay for a teaching until they believe it true. You must furnish the teachers from your own society and also their salaries. But you must realize the fact that the rescue and preservation of our entire race, including your own posterity, from idolatry and superstition rests on your own shoulders. You alone must assume the responsibility for the perpetual continuance of that idolatry and superstition. It is now in your power to organize and lay the foundation of a power to overthrow idolatry eventually. It is also in your power to refuse to do it. What will you do? What is your answer? You must act at once if you wish the world to know your discoveries. The only opportunity you ever had, or ever will have, to provide for their perpetuation and promulgation is on June 7, 1908. All is lost if you fail to act then. All is saved if you act then. It is up to you and you alone. I can do no more. The entire work and responsibility is now on you. Success will be to your credit. Failure will be to your fault. I have done all I can do to persuade you to act and do your duty. I now await with intense interest your movement, and hope you will not disappoint those who are expecting you to arise to the full measure of your grand opportunities. Only a small number may be able financially and physically to attend the convention as delegates to organize the society and plan the propaganda work. These few will wish to be guided by the desire of those who cannot attend as well as by those who do. I ask all who can't come to please send a statement to the convention of the amount of dues and assessments they wish to pay monthly in quarterly installments for use in the propaganda work of the church. The convention can then better decide what amount to levy and how best to plan the propaganda. The extent of the propaganda work must be limited to the amount of financial aid the members will contribute. I hope all members will realize the necessity for the work to be carried on vigorously and be willing to be assessed the greatest amount they can stand. Note the great amount idolaters give in various ways to support the teaching of superstition. Then know that you must give as much to the support of the teaching of truth about those subjects, or truth never can prevail. Then tax yourselves to the limit in favor of truth, as idolaters do in favor of error. Having at last discovered what the truth is about God and life it is now only a question of financing its teaching adequately to make it supplant error in the minds of all people. The main question before the convention is: How much will the members give to finance the teaching of their scientific discoveries? All the plans for the propaganda work will have to be based on the answer to that question. If you have not sent in your answer on this question yet please do so today if it is not later than June 7th.

If some other comrade is elected editor of the church publication, I bid you farewell as its editor, but shall remain your comrade until death do us part.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

The mission of the Church of Humanity is to take over to itself the duty and responsibility of teaching the people the truths they should know regarding Gods and life. The few who have discovered what the truth is about those vital subjects are no longer satisfied to leave it to be taught by idolaters and agnostics who do not know what the truth is. No hatred nor ill-will should be thought of on either side. Idolaters have always assumed the burden of teaching the rising generation what to believe about God and life. They should consider it a great favor to be relieved of that burden by the Church of Humanity. The children of agnostics have to depend on idolaters teaching them what to believe about God and life since their parents do not know what to teach them. But if those agnostics are dissatisfied with that teaching they should welcome the advent of this new church to do it. There can only be two sides to the teaching—the right side and the wrong

side. The Church of Humanity is on the right side and all other societies that teach anything at all about the subjects are on the wrong side. All children from necessity will be taught by one side or the other. It is now squarely up to the agnostics to say which side they will have teach their children. They cannot do it themselves and should decide what church should do it. They should be wise enough to study the teaching on each side and try to determine which is right so they can advise their children which to accept and support, and which to support themselves. They cannot say now that no church is right. People either survive death with conscious existence or they do not. There can be no other alternative. We now have churches teaching on both sides. It is self-evident that those on one side are right and that those on the other side are wrong. For any agnostic to now say dogmatically that neither side is right only shows his desire to be foolish. It would be equivalent to saying that conscious life neither ceases nor continues at death. That would be an impossibility so plain that an agnostic, though ever so contrary, should be able to recognize it. Likewise we now have churches teaching on both sides of the God question. It is evident one side is right and the other wrong. There are no immaterial intelligent beings existing or else there are. For agnostics to say that neither side is right would be as thoughtless as to affirm that twice two is not four nor any other number. But, like a person who has not learned the correct answer to twice two, the agnostic can truthfully say he does not know which side is right on the God and life questions. But he must not go so far as to say that no one does know, or that no church is now teaching the truth. For him to do so would be like the person who has not learned the true answer to twice two affirming that no one knows or is teaching the correct answer. That would be an unwarranted assumption in such a person. No one would be justified in employing persons who admit they do not know the answer to twice two for teachers of arithmetic for themselves and their children. They would be equally foolish to employ persons who admit they do not know if Gods exist or not, or if life ceases at death or not, for teachers of those subjects. Editors of agnostic publications and authors of agnostic books have assumed to a certain extent that they are teachers of those subjects. That is not true. They are simply teaching that they, as individuals, do not know what the truth is. That assertion alone is enough to cause their prompt rejection by those seeking teachers of those subjects. Hence it is logically necessary for readers of agnostic publications, when nearing death, to turn to the clergy, who claim to know its meaning, for advice and instruction concerning it. That course is taken by nearly all readers of such publications. It may be deplored by those editors, but it is the only sensible and logical course to take. There are no other persons or society to turn to who claim to know. The mission of the Church of Humanity is to prepare people to die right, as well as to live right, by teaching them the true meaning of death. Then in that trying time they will turn to this church to learn its true scientific meaning instead of to the idolatrous churches that teach the ancient mythologies about it. This church should receive the loyal personal and financial aid necessary for its upbuilding from every person who wishes truth-teachers for themselves and families, instead of error-teachers, in the sad hour when life is ceasing in loved ones or themselves.

NOT "PREPARED FOR DEATH."

People are not prepared for death until they know its scientific meaning. The assertion of agnostics that ignorance of its meaning is a preparation for death is erroneous.

An editorial in the *Blue Grass Blade*, of May 10, is headed "Prepared for Death." It has reference to a man who had carved on his tombstone the epitaph: "Going, but I know not where." In comment the editors say: "But how true, how beautifully true, is the first line of that epitaph 'Going but I know not where.' Not even the most devout Christian can tell why he came here, where he is going to and what he will do when he gets there. He may proclaim his birth a mystery, his life a struggle and a battle, but his death is certainly a leap in the dark." And these are the editors who propose to conduct a "Scientific and Philosophical Correspondence School" to prepare teachers for the Church of Humanity!!! Great Scott! It is as preposterous as a man who can neither read nor write proposing to prepare teachers for our public schools. Is it possible that these editors are competent to teach the sciences and have not learned the simple nature-truth that people stop leaping and going places when they die? If all their science and philosophy have not taught them that plain simple truth they had better take a "day off" from "science and philosophy" and take a look at Nature in its purity and learn from it direct. Go into the fields and woods and see if you can find any dead things leaping and going places of their own volition. Take a look at the thousands of cattle, hogs and sheep in the fields. Notice their intelligence and reasoning ability that causes desire to leap and go from place to place. Follow them when forced to the great slaughter houses and see if they do not stop leaping and going of their own will when killed. See if you can comprehend the truth that their intelligence, reason and consciousness cease at death; that their lives cease and are extinguished forever; that they have not taken a "leap in the dark" and gone back to their pastures with their intelligence and memory unimpaired. Could you comprehend the plain nature-truth about them, brother editors? What good is all your "science and philosophy" if it does not aid you in learning the simple facts of Nature? Then, by analogy, can you not comprehend the simple truth that death to man means the same thing as it does to those animals? Where did you, brother editors, get the impression that when people die they must take a leap and go somewhere? I know where you got it. You got it from the idolatrous teachers of a heathen mythology. And that is the kind of "rot" you are going to stuff into your students in preparing them for teachers in the Materialist Association and Church of Humanity, is it? Well, they may be just the kind of teachers the Materialist Association wants. I can't speak for it. But so long as I have any influence in the Church of Humanity it will be used against the employment of such teachers. I would not want them at any price—not even as a donation.

If the idea that when people die they must take a leap and go somewhere is the "scientific and philosophical" text-books you furnish your students, then their authors got their superstition mixed up with their science and philosophy. In that case I advise you to "cut it out," fellow teachers, *"Cut it out!"* And in its place put the modern scientific discoveries that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist, and that death is simply the cessation of individual conscious life forever. Then I am ready to make arrangements with you for the employment of your students when they are prepared for the work needed. I am beginning to get "calls" to teach these discoveries from the rostrum. But as I have no platform experience nor ability I must decline all offers. Were I offered $10,000 for a lecture I could not accept it. Nor do I know anyone with a combination of knowledge and oratorical ability to recommend to parties wanting such services. I intend to help to open upon this vast field for the employment of thousands of competent orators to teach these great discoveries to the people from the rostrum. There is nothing to hinder those orators from getting steady employment at good salaries if they learn these discoveries sufficiently well to present them in that way. The best of them could doubtless get as good pay as Billy Sunday is getting on the other side if they would work as hard. Come, brother editors, get in line with truth-teachers.

THE FIRST "CALL."

A recent letter from a gentleman in Garden City, Kansas, asks:

"Have you ever done any platform work yourself? We are having a union revival here, and it may be that you could get a good audience here on some Saturday night, at which time the union meetings are held. The revival, you know, arouses interest and draws attention to religious questions. If you are a platform man, under what conditions would you come? Do you know of any Freethinker who is open to speaking dates?"

I could not accept the invitation myself because I am not a platform man, and I could not refer him to any one who is that knows the truth about the subjects sufficiently well to be recommended by me. Had the call been accompanied with a $10,000 check it would have been returned with the statement: "No one competent to fill the bill." A combination of knowing the truth about God and life and the oratorical ability to present it on the platform has so far not been found in one person, neither among the dead nor the living. Were Voltaire, Paine, Bradlaugh, Watts, Putnam, Ingersoll or any dead man, whose writings I have read, alive now I could not recommend them to this party, who seems to want the services of some one who knows the truth about God and life. None of the heroic dead knew it, although the greatest of orators are numbered with them. There is no one among the living I can recommend, not excepting the great Haeckel, of Germany, who, the Truth Seeker of May 16 says, is leading the attacking forces against Christianity in Germany. I could not recommend Friend Remsburg, for in one of his books he uses the expression, "God only knows," indicating his belief in the existence of Gods who know things. I could not recommend Friend Charlesworth, for in a recent Blade editorial he says death is "a leap in the dark" and that people do not know where they are going, indicating his superstition that dead people can take leaps and go places. It is not church-fighters, Christ-fighters nor clergy-fighters that are wanted at all by me. I could recommend only good orators who know the true answers to the questions: Does no immaterial intelligent being exist? and, Does life cease at death? and then be able to prove by abundant evidence the affirmative of both questions. Some of my comrades I believe thoroughly know these truths, but, like myself, have not the paltform ability to present them to the public. Here is a fine opening for some one who knows the truths to learn oratory and prepare to fill calls to present them to the public, and also for some one who is an orator to learn these truths so he can fill this demand. Let some "get busy" at once and try to combine oratorical ability with a knowledge of these great discoveries in each person. There is a demand for their services right now, and it will increase.

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FORMAL ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION.

The national delegate convention of the Church of Humanity to formally organize and incorporate it into a national propaganda society was successful.

The following delegates to represent the Church of Humanity were present:

J. W. Stapleton, Chula, Mo.; Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; G. M. Kerr, Ingalls, Kan.; William E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.; J. V. White, R. 2, Great Bend, Kan.; J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.; Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.; William R. Adams, Hooker, Okla.; Mary Belle Markel, Claflin, Kan.; H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. C. Rathburn and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.

The convention was held in our proposed college building in which the church has an interest. Two sessions a day were held for three days. The first session was called to order by W. H. Kerr shortly after 10 a. m., Sunday, June 7. W. H. Kerr was elected temporary chairman and William E. Gates, secretary. The chairman read the following address, which was adopted as the object of the convention:

ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION.

"Comrades and Fellow Delegates of the Church of Humanity in national convention assembled: We have gathered here for the specific object of incorporating and organizing this society into a national propaganda society for the promulgation of its discoveries in Nature, that immaterial, intelligent beings do not exist, and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life.

"We have assembled here to do this duty for the Church of Humanity under the call of the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION FOR PLACE AND TIME OF ORGANIZATION.

"'Having received enough votes to indicate that a large majority of the members of the Church of Humanity wish their formal organizing and incorporating convention held at Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, I hereby proclaim that to be the place and time of said convention, and declare each member over 21 years old to be eligible as a delegate to said convention to represent said church equally with all other delegates present. This convention is to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity by adopting articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws for its guidance and government and elect such officers, committees and boards as may be deemed necessary. The society will be bound by the acts of its delegates in this convention, and I invite and urge all members to be present as delegates who possibly can be.

W. H. KERR,
Temporary Instructor and Organizer of the Church of Humanity.'

"Having convened you for specific purposes it seems proper to give a brief historical sketch of our society, and outline the work to be done by you. Through experience, observation and investigation I made the discoveries in Nature many years ago, that immaterial, intelligent beings do not exist, and that conscious individual life ceases forever at death. Failure to find anyone who knew these facts, or to persuade anyone to teach them, I finally rented my farm and moved to town to begin the task myself. In the spring of 1903 I published a booklet, which I presume you have all read, announcing the discovery. In December of the same year I began the publication of a monthly paper through which to teach my discoveries, and organized the people who learned them into a special society to teach them to the people until they are known and accepted by all our race. Then some people wrote to me saying that they had made the same discoveries, and some of the older ones claimed to have done so before I was born. Nothing pleased me better than to find such people except to find more of them. In justice to all claimants for the honor of making these great discoveries I then planed to find and enroll one thousand of them as original discoverers and organize them into a propaganda society to make them known and accepted by others so they would be perpetuated and save people the trouble of discovering them in order to know them. But after five years of diligent search by publication, and advertising in publications most likely to be read by such people, I concluded there were not so many people knowing the English language who had made these discoveries. I then reduced the limit to organize with to 250, and called for votes of the comrades on the place and time of holding their national organizing convention, and invited all over 21 years of age to attend the convention as delegates to formally incorporate and organize themselves into a propaganda society to make their discoveries known and accepted by all people. Owing to the great distance, old age of many, sickness of some and poverty of others only a few delegates could come to organize the society. And while I regret that more could not attend to participate in the work, yet the few who are here can fully represent the entire church membership and organize and incorporate them into a national propaganda society. Many have written to me expressing their deep regret at not being able to attend and take part in this convention. They expressed their hopes and wishes for harmony and success, and their confidence in the ability of the fortunate few who could attend to do the best thing for all. And so I caution you to remember while engaged in this organizing work that you represent all our absent comrades as well as yourselves in your votes on all questions. You will be expected to abide faithfully by the laws and rules you adopt, and fulfill every obligation you place on yourselves, and that you will not place any burdens on your absent comrades that you would not fulfill were you in their places. The duties you place on members should be uniform, but so graduated as to throw a proportional duty on all according to the financial ability of each. The duty placed upon you delegates by the society is now to be done. You are each entitled to express your views and vote on all questions that come before the convention. Observe the rules of order and decorum, talk to the subject, vote your best judgment and submit gracefully to majority rule if it goes against you."

Communications to the convention were then read. Committee on credentials was appointed and adjournment taken until 3 p. m.

At the second session Comrade Emil Fredrich was elected permanent chairman of the convention and William E. Gates permanent secretary.

Without going into the detail work of each session the following work was accomplished:

1. Articles of incorporation adopted and application for a charter, under the laws of Kansas, made to the state charter board, which is composed of the attorney-general, the secretary of state, and the state bank commissioner.

2. A constitution adopted and a board of directors elected to hold title in trust to the property of the Church of Humanity and have general supervision of its propaganda work.

The charter was received in due time and provides:

First—That the name of this corporation shall be The Church of Humanity.

Second—That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are to teach the two discoveries in Natural Science that no immaterial, intelligent beings exist in the universe and that individual, conscious life ceases forever at death; organize and charter local propaganda societies of people who learn them; publish a periodical and other literature teaching these discoveries; maintain a college for the preparation of teachers and instructors; provide and maintain lecturers and organizers; receive fees, dues, assessments, donations, endowments and bequests and administer the same for The Church of Humanity.

Third—That the place where its business is to be transacted is at Great Bend, Kansas.

Fourth—That the term for which this corporation is to exist is fifty years.

Fifth—That the number of directors of this corporation shall be seven and the names and residence of those appointed for the first year are: W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.; Mrs. Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.; Mrs. Mary Belle Markel, Claflin, Kan.; J. O. C. Rathbun, Great Bend, Kan.; Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; John M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.

Sixth—That The Church of Humanity is not a stock company.

The preamble to the constitution reads:

"We, the undersigned citizens of the United States and, in a broader sense, of the world, representing the Church of Humanity in national delegate convention assembled, in order to teach systematically and efficiently the two discoveries in natural science, that no immaterial intelligent beings exist in the universe and that individual conscious life ceases forever at death, that our posterity in particular and the world in general may be rescued and preserved from the idolatry of fabulous Gods and the superstition of continuous conscious life, do ordain and establish this constitution for its guidance and government."

The constitution is very brief and reads as follows:

Constitution of The Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE I.

Name—The name of this educational society shall be The Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE II.

Object—The object of The Church of Humanity is to rescue and preserve the people from the idolatry of fabulous Gods and belief in conscious life surviving death by a systematic and efficient method of teaching them the two discoveries in natural science that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist in the universe, and that death is the permanent cessation of organic life.

ARTICLE III.

Membership—All people who learn the two discoveries that all Gods are myths and death the end of conscious life forever are eligible to membership in The Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE IV.

METHODS OF PROPAGANDA.

Section 1. To publish a periodical and other literature teaching the discoveries that all Gods are myths, and life ends at death.

Sec. 2. To provide and maintain

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Our church needs a printing press. Has any comrade a suitable one he would donate to it? And is there a comrade who is a printer and could come and operate it?

We have a charter for a 50-year educational campaign to begin with that will outlast most of us, but let us see how well we can push the work along while we do last.

The photographer had bad luck with the negatives taken for a group photograph of the delegates at the convention, and therefore will have none for the members who ordered them.

Our vice-president has written me several enthusiastic letters since he returned home. He is preparing to do field service as a lecturer and organizer for the church. That is what we need, and we will give him all the aid and encouragement we can.

We need a band of truth-sowers to buy and scatter our little publication by wholesale. Members of the band can get the papers at 25 cents per 100 copies. Three dollars will pay for 100 copies monthly for a year. How many of our comrades will join the band of truth-sowers? I would like to have a band of twenty-five members to begin with this issue.

There is so much interesting church history and reports in this issue that all members should desire to have this issue scattered far and wide. I shall have an extra lot printed in anticipation of a large demand for it from the comrades, and to fill the orders of a band of twenty-five truth-sowers that I hope will report for duty at once. They will not get a more interesting issue than this to begin with.

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lecturers and organizers to teach these discoveries and organize the people who learn them into local propaganda societies, and to provide, hold and maintain all buildings and real estate necessary for the business of this organization.

ARTICLE V.

METHODS OF FINANCING THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Section 1. A membership fee of one dollar shall be requested of all members.

Sec. 2. All members over sixteen years of age shall be requested to pay one dollar a year in advance into the national treasury of the church.

Sec. 3. Donations, endowments and bequests shall be solicited to carry on and expand the educational work of the church.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of The Church of Humanity shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all national conventions and perform all duties usually pertaining to such office.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside in the absence of the president.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a record of all proceedings of the church, enroll the names of new members, issue certificates, attend to the official correspondence of the society, receive the funds of the church and disburse them on order of the proper authority and at the annual convention give a full report of all receipts and disbursements and turn over the books and funds on hand to his successor.

ARTICLE VII.

Board of Directors—A board of seven directors shall be elected at each annual convention in which the title to all the property of the national organization shall be held and which shall have general supervision of the propaganda work.

ARTICLE VIII.

Expenditures — The expenditures of the national organization shall be limited to the money in the treasury.

ARTICLE IX.

Annual Meeting—The Church of Humanity shall meet in national delegate convention annually at such time and place as previously determined by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments — This constitution may be amended at any national delegate convention of The Church of Humanity by two-thirds of the votes of the delegates present.

W. H. Kerr was elected president, Emil Fredrich vice-president and Mary Belle Markel secretary-treasurer. W. H. Kerr was elected chairman of the board of directors, and the convention adjourned, subject to call by the board of directors. The board then held an executive session and elected W. H. Kerr editor of the official paper, and W. H. Kerr, William E. Gates and Mrs. J. M. Herman a committee on literature. Owing to the distance to the central office (28 miles) and to her home duties as a farmer's wife, which made it impossible to do the duties required, Mrs. Markel resigned as secretary-treasurer. That will throw all the work on myself until some arrangements can be made to get a helper.

Financial Report.

The following report of receipts and expenditures covers the time from the beginning of the work of organizing the Church of Humanity in the spring of 1903 until the date of the convention, June 7, 1908:

RECEIPTS.

Realized on bequest of Comrade Charles Long, of Payson, Utah	$2,503.95
Subscription to publication	280.72
Donations to distribute papers	251.05
Membership fees	203.00
Interest	20.64
Total receipts	$3,259.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on college building	$2,000.00
Printing publication	1,021.98
Advertising	183.44
Stationery	161.39
Job work	65.55
Books	64.26
Postage	63.04
Office equipment	27.00
Donated	20.00
Total disbursements	$3,606.66
Deficit	347.30

To wipe out this deficit and give us an available working capital as required by article 8 the college investment is reduced $500, which wipes out the deficit and leaves a working balance in the treasury of $152.70.

Membership Report.

Number of members enrolled to June 7, 1908: Males 209, females 43. Total 252.

Membership by States—Kansas 33, New York 19, Iowa 17, Texas 14, Illinois 13, Ohio 12, California and Nebraska 11 each, Missouri and Arkansas 10 each, Oklahoma 9, Washington and Kentucky 8 each, Indiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania 6 each, Utah 5, Colorado 4, Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland and Michigan 3 each, Alaska, Connecticut, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina and Wisconsin 2 each, Canada, Hawaii, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, West Virginia and Arizona 1 each.

Nationality of Members—Americans 172, Germans 17, English 15, Swedes 7, Jews and Rominians 6 each, French and Norwegians 4 each, Swiss 3, Belgians, Austrians, Russians and Lithuanians 2 each, not reported 11.

Occupation of Members — Farmers and ranchmen 53, laborers 28, students 15, housekeepers 14, carpenters 8, merchants 7, physicians 6, printers and hotel keepers 4 each, miners, authors, dentists, dressmakers, machinists, editors and publishers 3 each, horticulturists, cabinet makers, grocers, photographers, shoemakers, liverymen, lecturers, telegraphers, book agents, laundrymen, surgeons, clerks, artists, collectors, jewelers, letter carriers, mechanics and salesmen 2 each, and one each of the following: Florist, gardener, cook, miller, piano tuner, poultry, inventor, engineer, grain dealer, brick mason, lawyer, tinner, news stand, tailor, patent attorney, retired preacher, lumberman, restaurateur, physical director, immigration agent, baker, decorator, tinsmith, meat market, real estate, harness maker, barber, shipping clerk, postmaster, insurance, comedian, iron moulder, pilot, shoemaker, messenger, bookkeeper, clerk, druggist, manufacturer, sea captain, liveryman, shepherd, employment agent, taxidermist, milliner, contractor, mariner, pattern maker, horse dealer, steward, weaver, letter carrier, druggist and banker.

Previous Church Affiliation of Members—None 172, Catholics 30, not reported 23, Methodists 21, Lutherans 20, Presbyterians 11, Baptists 11, Christians 5, Episcopalians 5, Latter-day-Saints 3, United Brethren 2, Jewish 2, and one each of the following: Menonite, Quaker, Disciple of Christ, Gypsy, Universalist, Covenanter, Evangelical.

Age of Members—Between 10 and 20 years old, 11; 20 and 30, 20; 30 and 40, 31; 40 and 50, 52; 50 and 60, 37; 60 and 70, 49; 70 and 80, 28; 80 and 90, 9; over 90, 2; not reported, 13.

So far as I am informed six members have died.

NEW MEMBERS.

Since last report the following comrades have united with the Church of Humanity:

243. J. O. C. Rathbun, Great Bend, Kan.

244. Mrs. Rathbun, Great Bend, Kan.

245. B. A. Plummer, Forest City, Iowa.

246. John W. Stapleton, Chula, Mo.

247. Robert Fuller, 2810 E. Roy street, Seattle, Wash.

248. Joseph A. Kimble, Vestal, N. Y.

249. F. R. Hallock, Nucla, Colo.

250. C. W. Mosher, Wichita, Kan.

251. H. C. Elliot, Liberty, La.

252. T. F. Chambard, Fayette, Ohio.

253. Henry Friehrer, 130 S. Hill street, Griffin, Ga.

254. Albert Gluck, 118 N. Park street, Saginaw, Mich.

255. J. A. Morrissey, Elmira, Ida.

256. Marion W. Marley, Bucklin, Kan.

This long list of new members is very encouraging indeed. They are not afraid or ashamed to let it be known that they have learned the great truths of Nature taught by this church. Why should any body be? Is it not a credit to be intelligent enough to learn the facts of Nature? Everybody admits it is. But where are the wives and children? The world never can be redeemed from idolatry and superstition until they, too, learn and accept the truths these men have.

Now, men, get busy and get those books I recommended in my circular letter, for your wives and older children to study so they can prepare themselves for membership. Then get your younger children into the two juvenile classes as I advised in same letter. I want at least 100 children enrolled in the junior and senior classes of the Church of Humanity as fast as I can enroll them and issue their certificates and send their presents.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 13.

Dear Comrades: I have the great pleasure of informing you that your national organizing convention was successful.

Three cheers for your delegates and the charter board of Kansas!

The Church of Humanity is now a national incorporated church, chartered by the State of Kansas, to teach the two greatest discoveries ever made in natural science, viz: That no immaterial, intelligent beings exist in the universe and that life ceases forever at death. This is a gigantic bound forward in science, civilization and progress. It advances the church 2,000 years and brings it up to date. Church teaching, as represented by the Church of Humanity, is now in line and in harmony with all the sciences. It has at last caught up with the world's material progress in discoveries and inventions. We have now a church the people can unite with without being superstitious idolaters. We have now a church people can help to build up in membership and power without dragging people back to the ignorance and superstition of the dark ages. At last we have a church founded on the truths of Nature as they actually exist and forever will exist. In this church all religion, worship and piety is eliminated, but truth, morality and all good qualities remain.

You deserve congratulations on your great achievement in founding this church. We are yet in the early morning of the twentieth century. Let us be up and doing our full duty as best we can in pushing forward the upbuilding of this church. What can we do to celebrate the victory of its founding in the best way in which all can take part? I suggest we celebrate by contributing a free-will offering of $2,000 to our church treasury to enable our board of directors to begin the propaganda work in all its departments. The board is to establish a publishing plant, employ field lecturers and organizers and get our preparatory college established as soon as it has the funds in the treasury to do so. The dollar a year dues of members will not be enough to do this, hence, I suggest the free-will offering of $2,000.00, as a celebration donation, to help finance the church work the first year and get it well started. I will donate half of it if the balance of you will give the other half. What is your answer to the proposition comrades? Ten of you could give $100 each without missing it. As a uniform basis for this free-will offering, I suggest each one donates a sum equal to his last year's taxes as the minimum of his contribution. That will let each celebrate the victory according to his financial ability. If that does not raise the $1,000, another chance can be given. Just send in your celebration amount with your first year's dues by return mail or a pledge to pay it on or before November 1, 1908, if you have not the cash now.

Now for the second move.

Let us establish two juvenile classes of our children at once and have all your young children enrolled in them. The junior class to include all children from one to ten years old. The senior class to include those between ten and fifteen. Suitable lessons and a catechism will be prepared for each class. The juniors will graduate in their class and enter the senior class at the age of ten. The seniors will graduate in their course of study and then enter into full church membership at fifteen. A column of our paper can be devoted to suitable reading lessons for each class. One of the ladies can be secured, perhaps, to teach these classes in our discoveries and prepare them for graduation and full membership in the church. Se application blank for enrollment in each class.

I ask you to apply for the enrollment of all your children under fifteen in these classes. Fill out the application for your children who are unable to do so, and induce the others to do so for themselves. If you have more than one child to be enrolled write out the application like the blank for the others. Enclose one dollar for each for enrollment and class certificate. I want to send each scholar enrolled a little present. Its money value will come out of my own pocket, and the dollar fee will go into our church treasury. Let us see how many we can have enrolled in each class by October 1st. I shall try to have the catechisms for each class out by that time. I ask any of you who wish to try your hand at writing out suitable catechisms for these classes to do so and submit them to me to place before the committee on literature and board of directors for inspection before August 15th. In my church report on the ages of members you will notice there are only 11 members under 20 years of age.

Now our church cannot possibly survive unless we manage to get the children of our own members into it. They are the ones we should all be most interested in teaching our discoveries to. These two classes will remedy this defect and you should by all means get your children enrolled in them and have them taught these discoveries while quite young. The first thing they are taught about God and life should be the truth. Then they may not depart therefrom.

Another fatal defect in that report is the preponderance of men. In order to survive, as a church teaching truth, we must bring the number of women up to that of the men. The mother is the parent who generally teaches the child the errors about God and life and lays the foundation of the idolatrous and superstitious life of the people. Hence we must win the mothers of our race to know and accept the discovered truths our church teaches so they can teach them to the children in place of the errors. The problem is how to win the wives of our members and get them into the church. We know the process must be to teach them the evidence that proves our discoveries true. As the Bible is believed by most women to be the production of a God, and, therefore, proof of the existence of such a being, and of life surviving death, the truth about it should be learned by them. The best work I know of now to overthrow the Bible as a God-book is "The Bible," by Remsburg. It is a cloth-bound book of 490 pages and contains eleven chapters on the authenticity of the Bible; thirteen on the credibility of the Bible; ten on the morality of the Bible, with an appendix of unanswerable arguments proving it the work of man. Price $1,25 a copy. Each family should have a copy of this book, and each member of the family able to read should read and study it thoroughly. Our church may adopt it as the best work so far published to dispel the belief in the Bible being a God-book. Comrades whose wives and children are not members should by all means get this work for them to read and study. The origin and development of vegetable and animal life and the meaning of death are the greatest puzzles to the people, and for want of a true, scientific explanation of them they accept the erroneous God-idea that make them superstitious idolaters. The best scientific works on these subjects I know of to give your wives and children information on these important subjects are Ernest Haeckel's two books: "The Wonders of Life" and "The Riddle of the Universe." They are cloth-bound books of 484 and 390 pages respectively. Price $1.50 each. "The Wonders of Life" is divided into four parts—Knowledge of Life, Nature of Life, Functions of Life and History of Life. The twenty chapters in these four divisions are entitled: Truth, Life, Miracles, The Science of Life, Death, Plasm, Unities of Life, Forms of Life, Monera, Nutrition, Reproduction, Movement, Sensation, Mental Life, The Origin of Life, The Evolution of Life, The Value of Life, Morality, Dualism and Monism. The titles of the twenty chapters in "The Riddle of the Universe" are: The Nature of the Problem, Our Bodily Frame, Our Life, Our Embryonic Development, The History of Our Species, The Nature of the Soul, Psychic Gradations, the Embryology of the Soul, The Phylogeny of the Soul, Consciousness, The Immortality of the Soul, The Law of Substance, The Evolution of the World, The Unity of Nature, God and the World, Knowledge and Belief, Science and Christianity, Our Monistic Religion, Our Monistic Ethics and Solution of the World Problems.

There are a few statements in each of these books I do not indorse, but in the main they are in harmony with our discoveries and go a long ways in proving them true. I believe if the wives of our members would study these three books they would be prepared to believe the teaching of our church and would unite with it and help to get the children enrolled in its two classes. I strongly recommend getting these three books for your wives and children to study. If ordered at one time I can furnish them for $4. We want the wives and children of our men to unite with them in the Church of Humanity. But they cannot do that until they learn that its teaching is true. It is the duty of you men to provide the books that help to prove these truths for your families to study, and I hope you will take a pleasure in doing so. We all want increased membership in our church, and those of our own household are the ones we are most anxious to have join it. We want no broken families if we can help it.

The above three movements will be enough for you to undertake in one month. But we should have some general rules to guide us in other matters, relating especially to our church propaganda work. Here are five general rules we should be guided by all the time:

1. We should not abuse idolaters, by word or writing, on account of their ignorance of the truth about God and life.

2. We should not join, aid nor allow our children to attend any society that teaches there is a God and that life survives death, or that makes a belief in such errors a requirement of membership.

3. We should not have the services of the clergy or any religious ceremonies at a wedding or a funeral in our families.

4. We should try to be good, intelligent citizens and teach our children to be such.

5. We should aid financially and personally in the upbuilding and maintenance of the Church of Humanity.

Let us all be guided by the above five rules and I think we will get along nicely among ourselves and our Christian neighbors. Those are general rules to guide us all by, but here are some special rules of detail that are very important to be followed in our church work:

1. Each lone church member and one in each family of members should, by all means, subscribe for the official church paper to keep in active, interested membership, and subscription should be kept paid in advance.

2. Notify me promptly of any change in address.

3. If any wish to resign their membership in the church, return the certificates of graduation and membership and state reasons for resigning.

4. If any have complaints to make against the church in general, or any of its officers, make them to me by personal letter.

5. Make arrangements with a friend to notify me in case of your death, and give particulars.

If you can all remember to put in force these five special rules it will save lots of expense and labor at this office.

Now, comrades, let us all get to work togther and do our church duties to the best of our ability and see what we can accomplish in a year.

Remember all I have asked you to do in this circular letter and try to do it and our church will have a great revival, resulting in a large increase of members.

.....CLASS.

W. H. Kerr: Please enroll me in the ..... class of The Church of Humanity. I shall try to learn the discoveries it teaches and become a member.

Name .....Age .....Sex .....

Address .....

Address of parents.....

THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES FOR THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

No line of evidence to prove that God is only a myth is so easily taught and understood as the daily evidence that nobody is cared for in the least by such a being. Nothing can weaken the fanatical worship of idolaters quicker than to know they are not at all known by the idol they worship.

People can only love, fear and worship an idol when they believe that idol knows, loves and cares for them. When they once find out that their idol does not know them and is impotent to harm or help them, they lose both fear and love for it and cease its worship. The worship of hundreds of idols have been abandoned on that account. The worship of God will be also, as people learn that he is only a creation of fiction unable to know, love, harm or care for those who worship him and believe him a reality.

Here are thousands of witnesses that prove clearer than words can tell that the God they believed existed and worshiped is nothing in reality but a man-made character. Had he been a real being the following list of his supposed children would be alive to tell of his loving, watchful care over them. But it remains for the living to tell of the misplaced belief, love and confidence in the idols of their dead brethren. So long as they lived they could tell and believe that a God was loving and protecting their lives from extinguishment, and offer themselves as evidence of the truth of their statement.

The Church of Humanity is teaching the discovery that the Gods of these people are not realities and therefore cannot know, love, or protect them. It now offers themselves, with contradiction by them, as evidence of the truths it teaches.

FATAL EXPLOSIONS.

St. Louis, June 25.—Six people are believed to have lost their lives in the explosion of the Midget.

Chicago, June 25.—Six persons were burned to death and six fatally injured by an explosion in a building occupied by a chemical company.

Yuzovka, Russia, July 3.—An explosion of gas in the Rikovsky mine killed 100 miners who were at work.

Imlay City, Mich., June 23.—A boiler explosion kills 3.

FATAL WRECKS.

Knobnoster, Mo., July 2.—Five persons were killed near here in a train wreck.

Utica, N. Y., July 4.—Four of the trainmen were killed in a collision of trains near Boonville.

Oakland, Cal., July 4.—At least six people were killed in a train collision in this city.

Corunna, Spain, June 26.—The Spanish steamer La Roche went on the rocks in a fog near Muros yesterday and 133 of its crew and passengers, including 17 women, were drowned.

MASSACRES.

Seoul, Korea, July 8.—Nearly 1,000 Koreans have been murdered by insurgents within the last few months.

Berlin, June 23.—A dispatch from Teheran, Persia, says eight hundred Persians, men, women and children, publicans and soldiery, were killed there in the bloodiest massacre of the century.

VICTIMS OF HEAT, FLOODS AND LIGHTNING.

Chicago, June 23. — Twelve deaths, due to heat prostrations, were recorded in Chicago today.

New York, July 3.—Eight deaths from excessive heat were reported before 11 o'clock today.

Wellington, Kan., June 29.—Four people were drowned here owing to a sudden rise in Cargis creek, caused by a cloud burst.

Clinton, Minn., June 28.—Seven people were killed here yesterday by a tornado—two churches were destroyed.

El Paso, Tex., July 2.—A train ran into a washout at Boracho, Tex., and several people are reported killed.

Mankato, Minn., June 28.—Three young people were drowned in a flood caused by the overflow of the river here.

Topeka, Kan., June 28.—Five persons are reported drowned in different parts of the state.

Lincoln, Neb., July 8.—Five lives were lost in the flood here, caused by heavy rains.

Victoria, B. C., July 2.—Six hundred persons have been drowned in a storm off Java, according to advices received here today by the steamer, Empress, of China. The disaster occurred in the harbor of Batavia, when a terrific storm struck suddenly. A large number of loaded vessels were in the harbor at the time and many were capsized, throwing their passengers into the water where many were eaten by sharks.

Guthrie, Okla., June 22.—About 100 persons have lost their lives in Oklahoma by drowning and other causes due to the recent flood season.

La Plata, Mo., July 2.—Three men were killed here by a bolt of lightning, while working on a building.

China, Tex., July 4.—While shaking hands with a convert, the Rev. T. H. Feagin, who was conducting a revival service here, was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning last night. "God bless you, brother, and preserve"—were his last words. Mr. Feagin was one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in Texas, and for the last week has been conducting a revival service in the Baptist church. He had just finished his sermon and had called on the sinners to come forward and repent, when a rain and electrical storm of great violence broke forth. The preacher was shaking hands with the persons who had answered his appeal and came forward to the mourners' bench. As he grasped the hand of one of the converts and uttered his blessing, the youth moved away to make room for those behind him. Before the minister could finish the sentence or release his hold on the outstretched hand the bolt came. It penetrated the roof of the edifice, tearing away part of the covering and wrecking the pulpit. The pastor dropped to the floor without a word and the convert was stunned. Others were thrown to the floor, but none were seriously hurt. The lightning tore the paper from one wall of the church in irregular strips, but did not set the building on fire.

I abreviated all these accounts, to save space, except the last one, which I give in full detail. I want all to know that no amount of idolatry of a myth-God can possibly lessen the liability to fatal accidents. Millions of people are made idolaters of a myth-God through the false teaching that they will receive protection from harm from that God. Here is direct objective proof that no one is known by any such a being, and that such a being as a God does not exist in reality.

If we could all go to some newfound island, and the natives would tell us there was a being on that island, named Jumbo, who fed clothed and protected from harm all who loved and worshiped him, we would want to make his acquaintance the first thing. We would ask for an introduction to Jumbo at once, that we might make a personal contract with him for his services. The natives would then direct us to their hired teachers, called clergymen, whose special duty it was to introduce newcomers to Jumbo. We would then all go to the clergyman as directed, wondering how Jumbo looked, talked and acted. When we arrived at the parsonage and made our desires known the clergyman would explain that Jumbo was a "gaseous vertebrate" whose presence we could not detect with any of our senses, we could neither see, hear, taste, smell nor feel him, but that he was right there all the same ready for business, and had recently appointed him as his spokesman, as he himself was unable to talk. That explanation would, of course, be quite disappointing and we would naturally wonder how Jumbo could have the ability to feed, clothe and protect us from harm and be unable to talk to us or show himself. But with hunger urging us to business, a dangerous looking storm approaching, the cries of wild animals in the distance, venemous reptiles lurking around and night coming on we would stop theorizing and ask for Jumbo's terms. The hired agent would then announce the kind of a contract Jumbo demanded and that we were to fulfill our part first, which was that we should fall on our knees, bow our heads, shut our eyes and praise Jumbo for his greatness and goodness, ask him for what we wanted and thank him in advance for granting it. We would all get busy at once on our part of the deal. The hungrier we got and the nearer danger approached the louder would be our praise and thanks and the more humble and earnest would be our requests for Jumbo to do his part. In the course of time some one, through sheer desperation at intolerable conditions, would timidly open his eyes, raise his head and get up to look around. He would see a sad sight. Many of his comrades would be dead from starvation and exposure to the elements and wild animals and poisonous reptiles. Then when he saw the clergyman lying dead from a stroke of lightning his suspicions that Jumbo was a myth would be confirmed. He would call to his comrades who were yet alive to get up and provide for themselves food, shelter and protection, as he had discovered that Jumbo was a myth. A few who had begun to have doubts and suspicions themselves would begin timidly to arise and join the first one. They would finally agree in the discovery that Jumbo was a pure creation of fiction and would band together to employ some of their number to make their discovery known to the natives and especially to the newcomers that they need not be fooled as they had been.

Now this earth is the supposed island, God the Jumbo, children the newcomers and the Church of Humanity the discoverer. The above fatalities convinces us that God is a creation of fiction and we have organized to employ teachers to make that discovery known and accepted. We wish the newcomers especially to learn this discovery as soon as they are able to learn anything so they will not be fooled by the idolaters of Jumbo as we were. The Church of Humanity should get its own children into its two juvinile classes as soon as they are a year old. All under 15 should be enrolled at once in these classes. We are not able yet to arouse many from the idolatry of Jumbo, but we should make a desperate effort to save our own children from it. Nothing can do that but the teaching of our discoveries to them, and they must be organized into classes and suitable lessons given each class my competent teachers to do it. A knowledge of these discoveries will save the world from much misery. Nations and races and tribes would no longer quarrel and fight over what they believed a God wished them to do. People would no longer expose themselves to famine and dangers of all kinds, expecting a God to aid them when needed. No parent would then consign his child to the care of a God, but would help to make political and industrial conditions favorable for the welfare of all and teach him to rely on himself and the co-operation with others for the necessaries and luxuries of life.

These recorded fatalities tell the story of God's mythical nature as plainly as any language can to those who can understand their true significance and application to the God-idea. Through the study of this evidence we can absolutely know that we and our race are not known by any God. A being who does not know of the existence of our race would not have the attributes necessary to make it a God. Hence the three primary attributes necessary to the make-up of a God are themselves mythical. These fatalities prove them to be. There was no all-powerful, all-wise and ever-present being in the vicinity of any of these fatalities. Hence, no being exists with those attributes. Since no God exists to care for man, we know that death means the same for him as it does for other animals. A very large portion of the people agree with the Church of Humanity as to its meaning in their case.

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THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES FOR THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

No. 2.

People have populated the ether about them with imaginary immaterial intelligent beings named Gods, Devils, Ghosts, Angels, Saints and Spirits. They have assigned those gaseous vertebrates different duties, attributes and powers. Some imagine their very thoughts, ideas and actions to be forced on them by such beings. They imagine some of those myths are good and others wicked, that some plot their ruin and destruction while others seek to save and protect them from harm. They imagine a continual warfare carried on by those myths for the possession of an imaginary thing they think they have, namely "souls."

It is the mission of the Church of Humanity to show the people that the blue sky is perfectly clear and free from such beings, that they are only imaginary and do not exist at all in reality. We can convince a child there is no such a being as Santa Claus at the north pole who presents it with Xmas toys without taking the child to the north pole to do it. We simply demonstrate to it that other parties present the toys and that if they do not it gets none. Likewise it is not at all necessary to visit all the suns and planets in the universe to know that Gods do not exist. Nor is it necessary to die to find out if there are unseen beings in existence or that conscious life ceases at death. We simply demonstrate by several methods that the blue sky is not inhabited by unseen intelligent beings. One good method is the application of our five senses. We can neither hear, see, smell, taste or feel any such beings even when sight and hearing are reinforced by the most powerful mechanical aids. Second test. By chemical and mechanical processes the air can be materialized and all its ingredients found by chemical analysis and no such beings are found in it. Third test. When a flying machine gets wrecked, though a mile high, the passengers will come tumbling down like so much old junk. There is no unseen friend or enemy to help or harm any of them regardless of their beliefs or professions. Fourth test. When people are perishing in a desert no unseen beings come to aid or harm them regardless of their prayers or curses. Fifth test. When people get shipwrecked at sea no unseen beings come to aid or harm them regardless of their piety or wickedness, prayers or curses. Sixth test. Where people die unknown they are left there to be devoured by animals and insects or decomposed by the action of the elements regardless of their life-long love or hatred of those imaginary beings. Seventh test. Hundreds of people die every year unknown to their relatives and friends, but no unseen beings inform their parents of their fate in answer to their fervent prayers to do so. Eighth test. No unseen beings have the power to make their existence known to man or they would make themselves known to the members of the Church of Humanity and thereby stop the teaching of their non-existence. Ninth test. When people are fighting and warring over what they imagine unseen beings wish done no unseen beings ever inform them which is right or make their wishes known so the war can be called off. Tenth test. Any crazy religious fanatic can declare he has been authorized by unseen beings to commit any crime, and to compel all others to do the same on penalty of death and carry out his plans if he can get enough to aid him, and no unseen being will deny it or contradict the madman. Eleventh test. The perpetual conflict between scientific facts and religious errors prove that no unseen intelligent beings exist or they would have had religions all in harmony with each other and with the truths of Nature. Twelfth test. The fate of the creators and worshipers of these gaseous vertebrates prove them to be just what they really are —creations of fiction. That explains why they cannot and do not aid their creators in time of need. God and Jesus Christ are the names of two of these man-created myths. No one need take my word or that of any member of the Church of Humanity for evidence that these myths do not aid their creators and worshipers in any way whatever. I ask that you take their own evidence when they will not contradict it. You, reader, may disbelieve this evidence and deny it. But there will come a time when you, too, will furnish our church with positive evidence that the myths you now love and worship never knew of your existence because they do not exist themselves in reality. Then you will not contradict us any more than the witnesses do whom we now introduce to prove they were not known nor loved nor cared for by the idols they loved and worshiped.

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Six passengers and two of the crew of the steamer Premier lost their lives when that vessel burned to the waters edge at Warrens Landing.

Berne, Switzerland, July 25.—Twenty-five men were killed today in an accident in the Leetschberg tunnel, in the Bernese Alps.

Christiania, Norway, July 24.—Twenty passengers are believed to have drowned as a result of a collision between two ships wherein one was cut through amidships and sank in a few moments.

Boston, July 20.—Eight persons lost their lives yesterday by drowning in this vicinity.

Hamburg, Aug. 7.—The bodies of twenty sailors, the crew of the British steamer Kirkwell, were found today in the wreckage of the steamer which sank yesterday.

Chadron, Neb., June 28.—Five persons were killed in a train wreck forty miles from here as a result of washout caused by a cloudburst.

Rochester, N. Y., August 13.—Twenty persons are reported drowned as the result of a collision between two steamers at the entrance to Charlotte harbor on lake Ontario.

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 16.—Five men were killed today in a premature explosion at the Bright quarries, 40 miles south of here.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 11.—Three deaths are reported here as a result of the terrific rain and hailstorm which swept southern Indiana late yesterday.

Pottsville, Pa., July 15.—Seven miners were killed by an explosion of gas in the Williamstown colliery today.

Valencia, Aug. 6.—In a boiler explosion in an iron factory today five workmen were killed.

Paris, Aug. 6.—It is now believed that 1,000 people perished in the earthquake at Constantine, Algeria, and neighboring towns in the effected region.

Boston, Mass., July 3.—Sixty-two persons were killed in automobile accidents during the past year.

Tolon, Aug. 12.—Six persons were killed by a gun exploding.

About 10,000 people were killed on American railways in the year ending June 30, 1907.

In 1900 the United States census reported that 57,513 were killed in industrial accidents that year.

For 117 years ending 1906 there were killed in the coal mines of this country 22,840 people.

The Chicago health department has issued a map on the death of children under two years of age showing that 408 died of intestinal diseases in Chicago during the month of July.

Each one of the above recorded fatalities is a guarantee that God and Jesus Christ and all the guardian angels and all other imaginary aerial inhabitants are just what our church has discovered them to be—non-existant, unreal, imaginary, creatures of fancy, fabulous. Since such creatures do not exist in reality we are profoundly glad to have discovered that truth. We are glad to know the great blue sky is clear and pure and free from such horrid monsters, that there are no vile sleuths there, no vile, immaterial Pinkertons there to lead people into crimes to gloat over their punishment.

The "recording angel" is not there. He is a pure creation of fiction. Any being having the ability to record an act would have the power to warn these victims of danger in time to save them. Any such creature who cared for the existence and welfare of people in the imagined future world would care for them in this real world.

The "guardian angel" is not in the sky. He, too, is a pure creation of fiction. Most of these victims had been taught, and believed the teaching, that such an angel guarded them from harm since infancy. So long as they were alive they could believe their lives were so guarded. But now we who are living can see that the guardian angel was not on duty when he was most needed and that proves clearly he never was; the victims only thought he was. But those false thoughts did not save them. Why, then, should we have such false ideas at all. Are we not better off without them? Then we will not depend on an imaginary defender to save us from the fate of these victims, but will know we must keep out of danger as much as possible, and must, when in danger, depend entirely on ourselves and our fellow beings for a rescue.

The Jesus Christ who is believed to be a lover of children is not an inhabitant of the sky or anything else. He is a pure creation of fiction, like Santa Claus. Each one of the 408 dead babes recorded here is a reliable witness to prove this truth. I accept the evidence they now furnish as sufficient rebuttal evidence to overthrow that of their ignorant mothers who declare that Jesus loves their children. Their fate is not that of a pet of some being able to prevent it. It proves clearly they were not known at all by any such a being. Hence it is self-evident the being supposed to know them named Christ is a myth. People believe the fable of the resurrection and assension of a mentally unbalanced Jew, who is reported to have said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." That Jew could not save himself when in the prime of manhood from an ignominious death at the hands of a mob of religious hoodlums. How then could he save anyone else from anything when he is dead? Whether that particular Jesus is a real historical character or not is of no importance whatever. The important things to know are that he did not survive death with consciousness, and that he does not exist now as a living entity, and that the Jesus Christ worshiped by idolaters is a pure creation of fiction, like his reputed God-father.

Each death recorded here proves him to be only a fabulous character, like Santa Claus. That imagined gaseous vertebrate named God, who is represented as the great aerial Pinkerton sleuth, is a pure creation of fiction. Every decent person

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A Message to the General Public.

To all people of earth, a friendly greeting: Representing the Church of Humanity as its president I wish all who hear of it to understand clearly its teaching and object and to that end make the following statements to the public:

1. The Church of Humanity is a national society duly incorporated under the laws of Kansas and composed of people who have made the discovery that immaterial, intelligent beings do not exist in the universe, and that conscious, individual life ceases forever at death.

2. These are the greatest discoveries ever made in natural science and prove conclusively that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are fictitious, heaven and hell myths, and death the end of life forever.

3. The teaching and acceptance of these discoveries are necessary to win the people from the idolatry of imaginary Gods and the superstition of continuous individual life and a resurrection of the dead.

4. The Church of Humanity is an educational society for the teaching of these discoveries to the people and organizing them into local churches. It invites all people to unite with it and aid in the propaganda work as soon as they learn these discoveries.

5. We guarantee that a knowledge and acceptance of these discoveries will raise the general level of good citizenship in all countries; increase the value of human life; promote peace, happiness and tranquility among all people of earth and increase their perception of the beauty and grandeur of Nature.

6. It is not our desire to destroy any church, educational, charitable or fraternal society, but to induce them all to accept and teach these discoveries in place of the errors that make the people superstitious idolaters.

7. It is our intention to teach the evidence that proves these discoveries true in a gentlemanly way, free from abuse of societies and their members and teachers engaged in teaching errors, and we ask only a like considerate treatment for our society, members and teachers.

8. We guarantee that there will not be the slightest change in Nature and its processes or any of the elements on account of the people learning and accepting these discoveries. The origin and destiny of human beings will continue to be just as they have been all the time. We in no manner change them.

9. We do not destroy, nor dethrone nor take away from the people a real God, but we simply discovered that no real God exists, or ever did exist, and we give the people this scientific truth in place of the untruth handed down by our ignorant, superstitious ancestors. Neither do we rob any one of life beyond the grave, but we simply discovered that life ceases there forever, and we give the people this scientific truth in place of the untruth they had been taught. Death will continue to be what it always has been, but we will know its true meaning.

10. Good citizenship and moral ethics will be taught by our authorized teachers, as this church is as anxious for all people to be good citizens as any other church or society.

11. We invite all people to investigate our claims, hear our authorized teachers and study the evidence we submit to prove our discoveries true, and when they are convinced, then ask their church to teach them in place of errors, and if it refuses to do so then unite with the Church of Humanity where they will be given a glad welcome.

W. H. Kerr.

An Improper Legal Phrase.

In a contract between this city and its water company regarding a new franchise occurs this clause in section eleven: "In the event that the grantee shall suffer a suspension of the supply of water for a period of thirty days, then in any such case, the city council of said city may by resolution declare all rights of the grantee under this ordinance forfeited, unless such suspension be caused by the act of God."

Now, if instead of "the act of God" it had said "the act of Santa Claus" everybody would have laughed and then insisted on it being "cut out" to save the city's reputation for intelligence. To the very few people in the world who have learned the discovery that God is nothing but a creation of fiction, like Santa Claus, it is as disgraceful as it would have been had the name of any other myth been used. But the intelligence of Great Bend will not be challenged by many on that account, owing to the ignorance of the people in believing God to be a real entity. Should a cyclone destroy the water works it would be no more "the act of God" than the act of Santa Claus. With all the intelligence of our age people believe the ancient heathen ideas that the elements are operated by an intelligent being, as a machine is operated by a man, and that through their idolatry they can influence the operator to control the elements to their advantage. People will continue to incorporate their ignorance, idolatry and superstition in their legal documents until the Church of Humanity teaches them its discoveries that no Gods exist in reality and that life ceases forever at death.

Comrades, get your children enrolled in the junior and senior classes of the Church of Humanity, and have them taught its discoveries so they will not incorporate obsolete ideas in their legal domucents, when it comes their time to write them, that proclaim their ignorance, idolatry and superstition. You should consider it worth money to you to give your children the necessary teaching to enable them to write up a city ordinance free from superstition. The citizens of Great Bend may think that the proviso, "unless prevented by the act of God," should be inserted or understood, in all their deals, owing to the national office of the Church of Humanity being located here that might mark it for the special vengeance of that myth. I wish to assure them that they need have no fears whatever on that ground. I guarantee no God will interfere with their business in any manner whatever. Of course, babies will be born in Great Bend the same as in other cities, but none of them will be due to "the act of God." People will also die, but no death will be due to "the act of God." We will have seasons of heat and cold, drouth and surplus moisture, short crops and good crops, business depression and prosperity, but we will have nothing due to "the act of God." Great Bend is no more liable to be damaged by the elements than any other town similarly situated. It is no more liable to be damanged by an earthquake than any other town in this part of the country. If it should be it would not be caused by any God. People who desired to know the true cause would ask the geologists and scientists instead of the clergy. I doubt if all the clergy would attribute it to a God. I have a better estimate of the intelligence of some of them than to believe they would. Perhaps even the "colored brethren" would hardly risk their reputation for intelligence so far as to affirm that it was due to a God who wished to punish the town on account of it allowing the national office of the Church of Humanity to be located in it. Traveling evangelists and the lower intellectual grades of the clergy and people would doubtless use such an incident to scare the people of other places into their churches and to prejudice them against the Church of Humanity by attributing it to "the act of God" on account of the town tolerating this church. But the most intelligent portion of an adult audience of idolaters might question the goodness and wisdom of a God who would destroy a dozen churches they believed his friends to punish one they believed his enemy, especially when they believed their God had the power to make his existence known to the enemy church in a way it would understand without punishing any one. They would know that natural phenomena with natural causes back of it would convince no intelligent person of the existence of a God. They would be liable to suspect that Great Band tolerated the Church of Humanity on account of the general intelligence of its citizens instead of its wickedness the clergy would have them believe was the cause. Hundreds of people have learned, and thousands more are learning, the discoveries from the Church of Humanity that God is a myth and life ends at death. These thousands of people are scattered over the United States. No place where any of them live has had anything happen that is not liable to happen elsewhere. So no one need have the least fear of a God harming them in any way on account of having these people as neighbors, or on any other account. In all cases use the phrase "the action of the elements" instead of "the act of God" if you do not wish to be considered a "back number" by up-to-date people. The elements are not a God, neither are they "created," directed or controlled by an intelligence in or back of them. Get your children enrolled in the junior and senior classes of the Church of Humanity where they can be taught the truth about these subjects and be saved the disgrace of making such mistakes when they grow up as attributing anything to "the act of God."

COMMENTS.

"Chicago, Ill., Aug. 9.—A ten-million-year-old 'bull-dog' fish is the latest discovery of scientists at the University of Chicago: Prof. Samuel W. Williston, head of the university paleontology department, who found the specimen in the bed of the Smoky Hill river in Kansas, placed it on exhibition yesterday at the Walker museum." This fish story will be read on Sunday right after the Bible story of creation and adults will solemnly believe both true without cracking a smile at the little discrepancy of at least 9,994,000 years in the age of the earth, as shown by the two stories.

While Singleton W. Davis is waiting for a God to tell him there is no such a being as a God, and a dead man to rise up in his grave and tell him he is dead and intends to remain so, without which evidence he cannot learn those truths nor believe anyone else can, the Church of Humanity discovered them without such evidence and is teaching them right along.

And, although the Church of Humanity is a national organization with over 250 members, and is formally incorporated and chartered to teach the scientific discoveries in Nature that no Gods exist and that conscious life ends forever at death, yet he declares such discoveries an impossibility without the evidence of the aforesaid witnesses. That is, he knows just as John Smith did when he figured out some years ago that no steamer could be built large enough to carry coal enough to last it while crossing the ocean, when practical men were then doing that very thing.

Well! well! What a difference is noted in the treatment of a modern mother of a "Messiah" and one who lived nearly 2,000 years ago. The ancient one is called "Holy Mary Mother of God" and worshiped by millions as a saint of the first magnitude. The modern one is Mrs. Grace Goodsall, of New York. She branded her six-year-old son George on the forehead and throat with a hot iron. When questioned by the hospital authorities as to her motive she said her son was "the long-looked-for Messiah of the Jews," and that she wanted to brand him so he would be known, marked, and distinct from others for life. But the wise men of the east did not bow down and worship the child. No, indeed! They were too smart to be humbugged this time. The news item says they put her in the psychopathic ward for observation because they believed her intense religious mania has driven her temporarily insane. How discouraging that is for mothers to have Messiahs in this age, and what a pity it is that the authorities didn't get wise to the game two thousands years ago.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 14.

DEAR COMRADES: By special arrangements with the publishers I can now furnish you the three books, Remsburg's Bible, Heackel's "Wonders of Life" and "The Riddle of the Universe," if ordered at one time, for $3. I described these books in last issue and urged you who do not have them to get them. The one knocks out the Bible completely as a God-book. The other two will give yourself and family such scientific information on the origin, development and evolution of vegetable and animal life that is needed to show their natural origin without the services of a God. John E. Remsburg is a thorough Bible critic, and Ernest Heackel is a professor at the University of Jena, Germany, and is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, living scientist. They both have gained and compiled very important knowledge in their respective lines of investigation that should be known by all people. Their teaching helps to prove the discoveries taught by our church and is why I urge the purchase and study of their books. I have concluded to enroll your children free in our juvenile classes and withdraw the offer of a present to each. When answering the recent circular sent you send $3 for the books. Send in your children's applications for membership in the two juvenile classes without the dollar fee. I shall pay for their class certificates out of our church treasury.

Now, comrades, remember we are organized into a society so we can all help in unison and system in the propaganda of the two great discoveries in Nature we made. We can all help in this great work now as easily as if we were all living in one village. I hope each one of you will answer promptly the recent circular I mailed you. Pay your subscription to the church paper according to statement of account. Pay your church dues promptly. Enroll your children under 15 years of age in our juvenile classes so that suitable lessons in our discoveries can be prepared for each class. If you need more blank class membership applications let me know. I will furnish them on application. Send in your celebration donation at once so the board of directors can use it in the propaganda work. They can do nothing until you put the money in your treasury for them to work with. Remember as soon as you put in $1,000 I will put in another thousand. You should not want me to do all the work free and pay more than all of you combined into our church treasury. You see that would be unfair. Besides, I cannot do any good without your co-operation in active help and pay. No teaching, however important, can be carried on without the use of money, and the money must come from those wanting the teaching done. The teaching of our discovered truths cannot be done without field lecturers and organizers. We have to put up the money for their services if we wish it. You can see that all parties and denominations use that plan in propaganda work. We must use it, too, if we wish the people to know the discoveries we have made.

How about that band of truth-sowers I called for last month? Don't you want other people to learn the discoveries we have made? Well, they can't do it unless we who know teach them. Not one of you offered to join this band yet. Why can't twenty-five of you order 100 copies each monthly for your neighbors? It would cost you only $3 a year. You would never miss the money. What greater good could you do with it? Do not expect results too soon. It will take years of constant teaching to get these truths to germinate in most minds, and then more years before they will begin to bear fruit in active aid in their promulgation. Keep dealing out these truths perpetually to the people and they will lodge and take root in most minds in time. Let us have a bundle brigade of twenty-five members to start with next month. Let me hear from each comrade who got my circular letter of August 1. I will get very much discouraged if you do not give me active aid and support in the work, because I know I can do nothing without it, and that our organization will fail if its members do not keep it up and progressing by active work. We have made such a good start it would be a pity to give up the work when it is so badly needed. No one can be saved from being a superstitious idolater without a knowledge of our discoveries, not even our own children. Let your aid be in proportion as you value the rescue and preservation of your children and others from superstition and idolatry.

Getting Nearer to Truth.

Nothing more illustrates the progress of our race than the gradual abandonment of the superstitions for the scientific reasons for natural events. This was clearly brought out by the number of people who accepted the scientific reasons in place of the superstitious reason for the earthquake at San Francisco. The superstitious reason for it was that a God had destroyed the city by that method as a punishment for its wickedness. Not many idolaters even accepted that explanation as the true one. They knew that San Francisco was not more wicked than hundreds of other cities; that there were good people and children there who suffered as much as the wicked; that churches were destroyed as impartially as other buildings, and that such an explanation was an insult to the citizens who escaped and a libel on those who perished. The action of idolaters themselves gave the lie to that theory. Had they actually believed it they would have worked in harmony with the desire of their supposed God, and instead of sending train loads of provision, money and clothing to save those who escaped the vengence of their God they would have sent an army to complete the slaughter desired and begun by him. They would have helped him to carry out his will instead of trying to thwart it. But had the few who accepted that explanation attempted it they would have been shot down by the great majority who accepted the scientific reasons. Those reasons have been expressed as follows: "The cause of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions is not entirely clear, but the consensus of opinion among the geologists and scientists of the day is to the effect that they are due to two causes, the contraction of the earth's crust and the action of water. As the earth, formerly in a gaseous, then in a liquid state, cooled down more and more, the thin, solid crust on its surface contracted, causing cracks and crevices of enormous length, through which the liquid rock was squeezed up, forming the ridges of many mountain chains, and such rocks as the Palisades along the Hudson. Such crevices are even now in constant formation. Wherever water trickles through and comes in contact with the fiery, liquid rock, steam generates in enormous quantities. As long as this steam is surrounded by rock of a solidity great enough to withstand its pressure nothing happens; but when the pressure becomes too great an explosion occurs, such as is witnessed in volcanic eruptions. Earthquakes may be caused by a caving in of a great hollow below the earth's surface, or by a partial expansion of a large body of steam underground."

Millions of idolaters accept these scientific reasons in place of the superstitious one given by their ancestors. This is not an evidence that the people are drifting back to heathenism and idolatry, but that they are gradually being educated out of it. Not many idolaters claim that those who accept the scientific reasons for earthquakes are more wicked and ignorant than those who accept the superstitious reason for them.

One after another of the natural events are attributed to natural causes instead of the arbitrary whim of a God. I believe there are now sound scientific reasons for nearly all things and events in the universe, and that when those reasons are taught to the people they will abandon the superstitious reasons entirely. Then they will abandon the false God and immortality ideas which form the base of those false reasons. Things not yet fully understood must be solved with all Gods eliminated. That elimination does not, of course, solve the problems, but it simplifies them by eliminating a false premise. All solutions based on a false premise are necessarily false and have to be worked over again from a true premise. The discoveries of the Church of Humanity that all Gods are myths and death the end of life forever eliminates two false premises from which the people have been trying to solve questions of origin and destiny of themselves. These greatest of all scientific discoveries simplifies those two great questions and their solution is made easy to understand by all who learn these discoveries.

The Church of Humanity should push the teaching of its discoveries as vigorously as possible and get its own children enrolled in its two juvenile classes.

Funeral Services for Our Dead.

It is very important that the Church of Humanity make arrangements with competent members to conduct funeral services for its dead. But there are duties for the members to attend to before they die of more importance. They must have their families prepared in advance to accept such services by having them taught our discoveries or they would refuse to allow suitable services held. That is one reason why our male members should have their wives and children learn our discoveries and join our church. Where the family of our members are members of other churches they will have religious services held over them when they die because they, not having learned the truth beforehand, would feel deeply disgraced and outraged to have it proclaimed then. Our members are certainly doomed to the disgrace of a superstitious, idolatrous funeral and an idolater's grave if they neglect to have their families and those who are to bury them taught the discoveries they know. Do you, comrades, want your memory thus disgraced? If you do not you must get your wives and children out of the churches and Sunday schools that teach them errors and into the Church of Humanity and its juvenile classes, where they will be taught the truth about God and life. Where our members are unable to get their families to learn these discovered truths so they can have a suitable funeral they should be sure to make such provisions as would insure no religious services over them. It would be no disgrace whatever to have no services of any kind, but it would be to have religious services.

After preparing their families by proper education in our discoveries the next in importance is to secure the services of a competent person to deliver the funeral address. No one but a member of our church who understands its teaching thoroughly should be employed. It would be as disgraceful to have an Agnostic for such services as it would be to have any other person who had not learned our discoveries. We do not want any apologies for our discoveries and their teaching on that occasion. What is wanted then is some one to proclaim our discoveries true to nature and defend our course in teaching them when we are no longer able to do it. An Agnostic, Deist or Spiritualist could not do that. Hence we should be careful not to employ such for that service.

The next essential provision to make is the compensation for the services. The expenses of travel and $25 should be paid for the service as the minimum compensation, and where our members are able to pay more they should do so. None of them should desire to be buried like a pauper.

As soon as possible a suitable essay should be prepared to be read where it is impossible to get a competent person to deliver an address at our funerals.

If any of our comrades feels competent to fill the bill on such occasions I should be glad to have them report for duty when called on so I can let our members know where they can secure such service.

Teaching "Chestnuts" a Necessity.

None speak or write with such sarcastic contempt of the truths discovered by the Church of Humanity as those Agnostics who failed to learn them in youth and are now too old to do so. A case in point is the editor of the Humanitarian Review, of Los Angeles, Cal. In the May number he says:

"The so-called 'Church of Humanity' of Great Bend, Kan., is to hold a convention in that town on June 7, 1908, for the purpose of effecting organization and incorporation. In a letter from W. H. Kerr, asking me to publish a notice of this meeting, he impertinently says: 'I wish you knew the discoveries this church is being organized to teach and would join it,' etc. I wonder if the 'International Instructor' does not know that I know that he made no 'discoveries' at all, and that what he calls 'my discoveries' were 'chestnuts' 3,000 years before he was born." But the point is that nobody teaches these old "chestnuts," and for lack of that teaching nobody learns them. Our entire race continues in idolatry and superstition for want of an organization to teach them. Until they are taught all who know them must, of course, discover them. There are only two ways of gaining knowledge—by being taught it, and discovering it through personal observation, investigation and experience. Only a few dozen people now living had the good fortune to discover those old "chestnuts." Mr. Singleton Waters Davis is not one of them. He did not have the necessary ability to do it, and refuses to learn from those who have. It was no "impertinence" on my part to wish him to learn these discoveries, since he plainly says he does not know them nor believes that anybody else does. In his book, "A Future Life?" he warns its readers several times that it is not written "to prove or disprove that man is destined to a life after the event called death." On page 94 he says: "But the reader is urgently requested to keep clearly in mind that the object of this treatment of the question of a Future Life is not to directly prove or to disprove the truth of the doctrine, but to *critically examine* the grounds upon which it is based; hence the interrogation mark, ?, in my heading, 'A Future Life?' —indicating an 'open question'—a question science may some time or never adequately and satisfactorily answer." He evidently had not then discovered that the answer he is here doubtful of ever being made was a "chestnut 3,000 years before" I was born. When he wrote the book he was about 65 years old, yet he had not heard of the discovery nor had learned that conscious life ends forever at death, although now he has found out that the discovery was a "chestnut" more than 3,053 years ago. His case demonstrates the great necessity of an educational society to make these old "chestnuts" known to the people before they are 65 years old, so they will not be writing books at that age in total ignorance of them. Most people die before reaching that age and would, therefore, never hear of them at all unless they were more fortunate than Mr. Davis has been. On page 162 stating the Agnostic's position, which is plainly his own, he says: "Hence the Agnostic rejects the dogma that man can, does or ever did, obtain any knowledge by inspiration, intuition or supernatural revelation; and accordingly he confesses that he does not, and denies that anybody else does, know that there exists or does not exist invisible beings, 'Gods' superior to man, and confesses that he does not, and denies that anybody else does, know that men do or do not continue to live after bodily death as invisible, intangible conscious persons." Here again he denies that anybody knows the discovered truths taught by the Church of Humanity which he now says were known so long ago. I shall turn Mr. Davis, the author, over to Mr. Davis, the editor, to be convinced that he is mistaken when he "denies" that anybody knows that Gods are myths and life ended at death. We will be glad to read the conclusion they agree upon when they have threshed out the subject thoroughly between themselves and are ready to report. And while he is trying to convince Mr. Davis, the author, that the discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity were made thousands of years ago in order to cheat it of the credit of making them, I suggest he gather up all Agnostic editors and authors and put them in his class that they may be convinced also of his remarkable find. I would advise the editors of the Blue Grass Blade to join his class, as they evidently have never heard of those ancient discoveries. In an editorial comment on an epitaph reading: "Going, but I do not know where," they exclaim: "But how true, how beautifully true, is the first line of that epitaph?" "He may proclaim his birth a mystery, his life a struggle and a battle, but his death is certainly a leap in the dark." Had they known of the discovery that death ends conscious life, and been taught the evidence that proves it true, they would know and teach that death is not "a leap in the dark," for those who learn the truth about it. The main point I wish to bring out with great emphasis is that these great discoveries can be of no value to mankind unless the people are taught the evidence that prove them true until all know them to be true. When, where and by whom they were discovered is of no importance. It is their teaching and acceptance that constitutes their value to our race. That can only be accomplished by an organized propaganda society for that special purpose that will establish branches in reach of all people and maintain permanent qualified teachers. The art of reading and writing were old "chestnuts" thousands of years ago. But it is necessary to maintain millions of teachers to teach them to each succeeding generation or the race would soon lapse into illiteracy. Likewise, it is absolutely necessary to teach the scientific discoveries that immaterial intelligently beings do not exist, and that life ends at death to all people to overthrow idolatry. Then that teaching must be given to each succeeding generation or the race will lapse into idolatry and superstition again. What is the Review and the Blade and other Agnostic publications doing to teach the people those discovered truths, which is necessary to free them from idolatry? Nothing! Absolutely nothing! And worse than nothing is the false teaching that none know the truth about the subjects, and that death is a leap in the dark, and that they are going somewhere when they die, but do not know where. Why can't they learn and teach the simple truth that people stop "leaping" and "going" places the moment they die? No wonder subscribers to those publications, when near death and have a greater desire than ever before to know its meaning, must turn to the clergy to find guides who claim to know as did a recent "enthusiastic subscriber" to the Blade, as commented on in the Blade of May 3. Agnostic editors think they are preparing their subscribers for death by telling them they do not know its meaning. But when people are right up against a proposition they want information on and are in real earnest as they are in the presence of life cessation they don't care a continental for the services of people who admit they "don't know." They want the services of some one who claims to know. Subscribers to such publications will, from necessity, have to turn to the clergy for information on the vital subject of death until those publications learn and teach those "chestnuts" Mr. Davis says were discovered 3,000 years before I was born, but which he evidently has not learned yet.

The inventors are perfecting the air ships so rapidly that in a few years the pictures of the imaginary heaven with its imaginary angels who have to flap their own wings will look like a back number when compared with this world where aerial navigators make gasoline motors flap their wings for them. Then that myth heaven will look so much out of date and style that people will be glad our discoveries are true so they will not have to go to that place when life ceases in a much better world.

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should be glad to know the truth that the air is free from the presence of immaterial Pinkertons. If an unseen being existed with intelligence and power enough to record our thoughts and acts it would have power to warn us of danger and protect our lives. Since we have ample evidence here that lives are not protected by such beings we know there are no such beings to care for the thoughts and acts of the people. It would be absurd for any such being to care for the trifling things of life and not for life itself, which is of infinitely greater importance to the individual than the sum total of all his thoughts and acts. It is absurd to suppose a being could care for the welfare of a "soul" in some imagined world who will not care for that imagined soul and a real body combined in this real world. The evidence here given is conclusive that "souls" and bodies are not cared for in the least by the idols worshiped by the superstitious people who say they are. We have here thousands of witnesses to prove they were not cared for by such idols. They were as worthy of care in this world as they could be in any other world. Hence those supposed care-taking idols are what our church has discovered them to be, viz., pure creations of fiction.

The absence of life in the dead is evidence of its permanent cessation and not of its withdrawal as a continuous living entity. It is also evidence that there can be no resurrection of the dead, as the superstitious believe. It is best to know these plain truths of Nature. They are true regardless of the disbelief of a world of ignorant, superstitious idolaters. But the world will take a long step forward in civilization when it learns and accepts these discoveries. Our church should have agents out proclaiming these great scientific discoveries in Nature to the people. Who will be the first to go forth to proclaim them to the people from the rostrum?

Reader, if you believe these witnesses prove there are no immaterial intelligent beings and that life ends at death, please fill out the following membership blank and mail it to me so I can enroll you as one who knows these truths. Your name, number and influence are needed to win others to accept the truth. The subscribers who are not members yet should hesitate no longer to become members:

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Having learned that all Gods are fabulous and death the end of conscious life I enclose one dollar for a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of God, and life membership in the Church of Humanity.

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The Truth About God and Life

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Announcing the Two Great Discoveries in Nature that no God exists and that Death ends Life forever. In the light of these discovered Truths, all people are superstitious Idolaters, and will remain so until they learn them. Tell all the people everywhere of these discoveries, and of the Church of Humanity, which is organized and incorporated to teach them. It has 262 enrolled members in 38 states. Everybody is invited to join this Church as soon as they learn the two new Discoveries it teaches. No one is committing suicide nor crimes on account of learning these discoveries, neither will you. Don't have such a poor opinion of yourself as to believe so.

THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES FOR THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

No. 3.

The existence of a God has been proven to the satisfaction of millions of people by evidence that is fallacious. One of the most efficient lines of evidence used in proving the existence of a God is the citation of people who escape death in disasters where many are killed. These fortunate people are held to be certain proof of the existence of a God who protected them. Many of them become teachers of idolatry of that imaginary God for its supposed love and protection as a partial reward and expression of their thankfulness. All such evidence is easily disproved by close inspection and rebuttal evidence, had we competent instructors to place it before the people from the rostrum. I shall indicate how this false evidence can be overthrown and the truth established that there is no God to care for any one.

First—It is self-evident those who perished were as good in every respect and as worthy of care and protection as those who escaped. Any other belief would be unpardonable conceit.

Second—Those who escape and are held up as evidence of a God's care are later on the victims when it is self-evident they are as worthy of protection as they had been before.

Third—A like fate happens to all animal and vegetable life. Some perish while others escape unharmed until later on and no one lays it to the love or hate of a God.

Fourth—In inanimate objects the same thing happens. In a train wreck some of the cars may be smashed and burned up while others escape unharmed. Some of the freight may be damaged and some in the same car not. No one claims a God is responsible for the difference. It is plain to be seen that it is only egotism, ignorance, superstition and idolatry that prompts our race to teach each succeeding generation that there is such a being as a God. My Sunday school superintendent had been a union soldier and he told me he made a "vow to God" on going into the first battle that if he would protect him through the war he would devote his life to his service. I heard an evangelist once give the same reason for his "serving the Lord." It would be interesting to know how many soldiers on each side in the rebellion made similar vows to the same myth and what proportion of them are slain, also, how many are still teaching superstition and idolatry in fulfillment of those vows. Perhaps few of them will ever be able to comprehend the fact that their slain comrades is ample proof that no God protected those who escaped, or that no God established slavery by the authority of the Bible and then protected any one while shooting it out of business. An ex-union soldier, who is a "hard-shell" Baptist, told me that "God directed every bullet fired in the war." I explained to him that God was only a man-made myth like Santa Claus handed down to us by our ignorant, superstitious ancestors, that no God divided the people into hostile armies and then aimed the guns on both sides. He said that some men were shot all to pieces while others escaped with slight wounds and some with none and that he could account for it in no other way. I explained to him that the same thing would happen were a regiment to shoot into a herd of animals or a grove of trees and that it was unreasonable to imagine a God who cared for one more than another in that case or that those objects did any praying to a God for protection, that the best protection against war missiles was not in praying to a myth-God, but in arranging for arbitration of all disputes. President Kruger and his Boer soldiers went to war with England in 1899 carrying Bibles and praying to a myth-God for victory. He was so sure a God existed and that he aided the just against the unjust that he was greatly surprised when England won, and he exclaimed in his old age, when near death, that he had almost lost confidence in the goodness and justice of both man and God. But he died unsuspecting the truth that God is only a myth like Santa Claus.

Duels between individuals and wars between nations are still fought under the heathen superstition that a God exists and will help the right side to win. The Protestants thought a God had aided the United States in wresting the Philippines from Spain so that Protestantism could be substituted for Catholicism there. But an exposure of an alleged deal between the administration and the Roman Hierarchy, in the *Appeal to Reason*, Girard, Kan., September 12, shows that Romanism has gained wonderfully in both financial and political power by the change.

People will not teach nor believe there is a God who cares what they believe, say or do when our church sends out instructors to prove to them that there is no God who knows anything about their existence. That can best be done by presenting evidence that the lives of none are in any way cared for by those imagined Gods, regardless of the beliefs or acts of the people. People will cease idolatry when they know positively they will receive no benefit from it, and not before. The following victims prove clearer than words can do that all their idolatry was in vain for the idols they worshipped and were willing to fight for were not around when in greatest need:

Winnipeg, Aug. 10—Eight people lost their lives through the burning of the steamer, Premier, to the water's edge at Warren's Landing.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 24—Three men of the Pennsylvania National Guard were killed by lightning at Camp Hayes.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 24—Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter was killed by lightning in her home here.

Windsor, Mo., Sept. 15—Twelve lives were lost here by an explosion of powder.

York, Pa., Aug. 10—Eight men were killed by a boiler explosion at the York Rolling Mills today.

Clarksdale, Miss., Sept. 15—Four persons were killed in a train wreck two miles from here.

Bergen, Norway, Aug. 24—Forty persons were drowned by the sinking of the steamer, Folge Fonden, near Skonviks, on the coast of Norway.

Boston, Aug. 25—Eighteen men were killed in the collapse of a brick building in Chelsea Square today.

Kankakee, Ill., Sept. 16—Six section men were killed by a train at Martindon.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 7—Three children, aged one, two and four years old, were burned to death in their home today.

Nevada, Mo., July 12—Two small children were burned to death in their home three miles northwest of here.

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 24—Five persons were killed in a train wreck near here last night.

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 31—Twenty-seven lives were lost in a flood which wiped out Folsom, N. M., Thursday night.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 31—Sixty people have lost their lives in the great floods here.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21—The cholera epidemic is spreading rapidly in Russia's capital. Yesterday's cases up to midnight were 471 with 126 deaths, bringing the total up to 1,677 cases and 484 deaths since the outbreak. Prayers are being offered up in the churches in front of icons begging to be spared.

Manila, Sept. 15—Within the last 48 hours 210 cases of cholera in 29 towns resulted fatally. The total number of cases in the islands this year is 16,788, of which 10,681 died.

It is plain to be seen no God exists who cared for the lives of these victims. Then it is plain none exists to care for their religious belief or what church or government rules them. Life itself is of supreme value. What does all else amount to in comparison with it? No God could possibly exist that cared for the thoughts, words and acts of the people without caring for their lives which is of supreme importance. These thousands of victims are so many thousands of witnesses that no God exists in the universe who knew of their existence, and that means that Gods are creations of fiction like Santa Claus. Our attitude and relations to God should be the same as they are to Santa Claus, or any other fictitious character. You do not intend your children to grow to manhood and womanhood without learning that Santa Claus is only a creation of fiction. You would not want your children praying to that myth for rain and everything they want. You would feel humiliated and disgraced. But it is as much of a disgrace to have children praying to God for things. He is the same kind of a myth. If you have taught your children otherwise or allowed them to be taught otherwise you should correct it at once by teaching them the truth or employing some one else to do it.

The Church of Humanity is an association of those people who have learned the discoveries that no Gods exist in the universe and that death ends life forever. If you are not a member of this society you should apply at once for membership if you believe the two discoveries it teaches to be true. We want to create a demand for teachers of the truth about God and life to counteract the world-wide demand for teachers of error about those two subjects. The only way to do that is to find the people who know what the truth is and who want it taught in place of the error, and get them united to enable them to employ such teachers. The only possible way to overthrow idolatry and superstition is to create a demand for the teaching of the new discoveries about God and life. Truth must be taught the people before they can abandon the errors. Untruth cannot be driven out of the minds of the people except by driving truth in. We want to create a demand for hired truth drivers to counteract the demand for hired untruth drivers. All who know the truth should unite with the Church of Humanity at once to help to create a demand for truth teachers and the ability to employ them.

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THE PUSH COLUMN.

Push! Push! Everlastingly push! That is the only way to get things done.

I want to be able to report all your dues paid up next month. Then Hurry! Hurry and send them.

You see, comrades, the superstitious idolaters push continually and they are very successful in society building.

Yes, that's so; I had better hurry up some myself and get the paper out sooner and not miss the month entirely. Well, by gum, I'll do it next time.

I want to report your $1,000 donation to the propaganda fund completed, and it and mine placed in your national treasury next month. Hurry! Hurry up and send it in.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry and send in your dues, donations and $100 offers for the services of a competent orator and organizer a week to try to establish a local church in your town.

We, too, will be successful when we learn to push and pay as they do. Why not do it when we have truth on our side? Is it not worth working and paying for as much as idolaters are doing for untruths?

I am offering $100 a week for a competent orator and organizer to come here and try to teach our discoveries to the people of this town and organize a local church. I hope to get one at that price. Hurry! Hurry and send in an offer of the same amount for his services when he is through here.

The reading season with its long evenings is here again. Hurry up and order a bundle of 100 copies monthly to scatter all over your town and county. You can have them for 25 cents a hundred. That makes them so cheap you can afford a big bundle monthly to scatter everywhere. No difference if people only read the heading of the paper and see that our two discoveries are made, it will make them anxious to come out to hear your organizer when you have him come to organize a church for you.

Good Suggestions—Act On Them.

C. W. Mosher, general delivery, Wichita, Kan.—"I enclose 25 cents for a new subscriber. I think I shall soon send you $3 for the three books by Remsburg and Haeckel. Now, Brother Kerr, in regard to making our church useful I agree with you that we must use money; so to start the movement I propose and make this offer: I will be one of 100 to donate $10 each to make up the sum of $1,000 to match the $1,000 you so nobly offer. I am a poor man, but would be more than glad to give $10,000 if I were able to do so. I feel that such a work as is proposed by the Church of Humanity is the greatest ever proposed in any age. It is fraught with greater possibilities of good and more stupendous results to our race than any and all the other organizations and societies combined. After awhile we will have endowments and they will run into millions of dollars, but we must first prove our ability to stand alone. The world is full of wealthy, noble men and women only too glad to do good, but they must know that their gifts will not be wasted nor the enterprise wrecked because of lack of zeal in its membership."

[All good points. Now who will be the other 99 comrades to join this comrade in donating $10 each to make up that $1,000 and win my $1,000 for your treasury? Just send in your $10 bills as fast as you can and I will match each one with another $10, and place them in your national treasury for the propaganda work. Hurry up, comrades. My tens are waiting on yours. Let us get them yoked up and put to work. Two thousand dollars in our treasury ought to induce some orator to prepare to work for our church as lecturer and organizer.—Ed.]

G. A. Moosei, 1710 West Hays street, Little Rock, Ark.—"I received the booklets and church papers and distributed them. Some have told me they think it possible to organize a branch church here with 100 members. One thing is certain, if we had a competent lecturer and organizer to come here and help us we could organize a local church with about 30 or 40 members to start with. I wish we could get a man for this purpose. I will try to have a meeting with some comrades and then we will see what we can do, and then give you an account of it."

[Excellent plan. Call your meeting and talk over the proposition to raise $100 by subscription to employ a competent organizer to come there as a representative of our church and help you a week in getting a local church organized. I hope other comrades will do the same thing, or, in place of the meeting, just pass a subscription paper around and raise $100 for a week's services of a lecturer and organizer to establish a church for them. I want nine of you to join me in creating a demand for such services for ten weeks at a salary of $100 a week. I have made such an offer for a week's work in this town. Our comrades ought to be getting branch churches established in their towns, and this is a good plan to get them. If ten of us can join together and offer $1,000 for ten weeks work in establishing churches for us I believe some competent member will undertake this service. I request those wishing local churches to send me their offer at once so I can engage a competent person for the task.—Ed.]

$100 a Week.

Wanted—A competent orator and organizer who is a member of the Church of Humanity to teach its discoveries to the people and organize those who learn them into branch churches. A salary of $100 a week will be given the right party, man or woman. For particulars address W. H. Kerr, president.

"Nothing Doing."

My spiritualistic friend, Allie Lindsay Lynch, of Chicago, writes to me and some of my comrades to change our society name and teaching to suit her and some friends, so they can unite with us. Her letter, without the emphasis and extra capitalization, follows:

"Freethought Comrade: No longer 'In God we trust'! The 'Devil' we no longer fear! But let us not stand for an error worse! Know, and then declare, and then instruct the children. Therefore, O friends of truth! vote to wipe out the clause which is false—for life does not end with transition. 'Tis there begins a better opportunity for research. Then for intellect the pathway clears, but not for the fear-bound is this grandeur, 'till fear is cast away. This is why the masses of spirits return to teach religion. I am not a member of the Church of Humanity—no 'church' for me! Knock it out, and knock out the clause that is error, that I and others may affiliate with your efforts for the real uplift of Humanity. And know 'tis with kindly interest I have said this unto you, for in my appeal for truth in Freethought movements it is but as your 'Aunt Allie' that I intrude. Other comrades along with me would throw in their best of help to promote a Freethought move for truth. If you want us, vote down the error and choose a name to honor Humanity. Long ago I discovered that no God exists. —Allie Lindsay Lynch, S. O."

Thanks for your very kind offer. But there is "nothing doing" just now by the Church of Humanity in the direction you suggest. And there will not be so long as I have any influence to direct its course.

You see, Aunt Allie, if we discarded one of our discovered truths and taught a falsehood in its place to please you and others who have not learned that discovery our society would have only one good leg to stand on. But it might, as you say, gain more members thereby. Then, if it is good moral ethics to abandon truths to teach untruths in order to win numbers faster, we would accept the kind invitation of Christian friends and relatives to abandon the other discovered truth and teach the falsehood of the existence of Gods. Then our society would have only false legs to stand on, as other societies have, and instead of them joining our society we would join theirs and save all this trouble of building up another one. We will all do that when we get totally depraved, but not before. Of course, we all want to have the crowd on one side, and expect to have it some time. But the crowd must abandon error and come to us. We will not abandon truth to go to it. We are going to organize so we can support teachers to win the crowd over to us. You have made a very good start in our direction by discovering there are no Gods and I congratulate you. Now put your thinking apparatus to work again and discover that life ends forever at death, and we will then be glad to welcome you to our society. A number of people are trying to make the home run and we propose to stay right here to welcome them when they arrive. See?

Those "masses of spirits" that "return yet to teach religion" are simply creations of your imagination. Those that taught you that Gods existed "pulled their freight" when you discovered there are no such beings as Gods. They did not trouble you any more. The balance of them will "hike" when you discover that death ends conscious life forever. You see, Aunt Allie, that if those "masses of spirits" were realities they could do something besides "teach religion." They could have notified the janitor of the Collinwood, O., school of the fire in time to extinguish it and thereby saved the lives of the 170 children that perished. I don't take any stock in "masses of spirits" that would rather "teach religion" than do a little duty like that when there was so many little lives at stake. Then the spirits of the victims of Mrs. Guinness, at LaPorte, Ind., recently, could have notified their relatives of their fate and warned other prospective victims of danger had they been able to teach religion. Did such beings exist in reality they could have prevented most, if not all, disasters that cause loss of life, and, if they know coming events, they could warn people of them in advance. They could do all that as easily as "teach religion." You should know that spirits are simply creations of your mind, or of the minds of those who taught you about them. Gods and Christs are creatures of the minds of idolaters, created and perpetuated by organized societies for that purpose. When material people all learn and teach the discoveries that Gods are myths and life ended at death I guarantee "the masses of spirits" will cease "teaching religion."

From an Eighty-Four Year Old Comrade.

Joseph Haigh, of Kankakee, Ill., is a member of the Church of Humanity and has his certificate of membership framed and hanging up in his room, and has written the following verse on it:

I now have joined a useful church
And it is doing well;
It is much better than the rest,
And needs no God, nor heaven, nor hell.

On his 84th birthday, March 25, 1908, he wrote the following poem:

I'm eighty-four years old today,
How quick the time has passed away!
Life comes to us and it is just,
But when we die we turn to dust;
Life may bring joy and happiness,
Or with it comes pain and distress,
My father's family numbered ten,
Some of them women, some were men,
All these have died but Ed and I
And we shall follow by and by;
And after all this plan's the best
For it will give us perfect rest.
The rich oppress the humble poor,
And strive to do so more and more;
The poor turn out upon a strike
And try to run things as they like;
There is no god, no heaven, no hell
That preachers talk about so well;
That is the way that life began
And it will end on that same plan.

Comrade Haigh has published a book of his poems of considerable merit, entitled "A B C of Religion." It contains his portrait, has 106 poems and 106 pages. Price 25 cents. Address the author.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 15.

Dear Comrades: I am happy to report to you that you are beginning to create a demand for the services of a public teacher for the two great scientific discoveries in nature you have made—that there is no God in the universe and that death ends life forever. This is the beginning of the first demand ever made for the services of a teacher of those discoveries.

The following members have paid their annual membership dues of $1.00 for 1908: Emil Fredrich and wife, J. M. Herman and wife, J. J. Herman, Chas. A. Lee, Mrs. M. A. Lee, C. W. Robbins, H. O. Gaston, John Hirt, C. L. Westmoreland, E. A. Byrne, Dr. C. H. Mordoff, Franz Riedl, Belle Markel, T. V. White, Ella P. Hunt, T. C. Brassell, E. M. Thompson and Wm. Gerchow, making $20 in dues.

The following members have made donations to the propaganda funds: John Hirt $10, J. J. Herman $9, Dr. C. H. Mordoff $6, C. W. Robbins $4, H. O. Gaston $3.60, J. M. Herman $3, William Gerchow $2, Franz Riedl 50 cents, T. V. White 25 cents, making $39.35 in donations. I promised in my last letter to you that as soon as you donated $1,000 to the propaganda fund I would donate a like amount. But I will donate as much as all of you combined each month until January 1, 1909, until yours amounts to $1,000. Therefore, up to date, September 21, my donation to the propaganda fund is the same as yours, $39.35. The balance of my $1,000 is ready to be turned into the fund as soon as all of you can turn in an equal amount. That means two dollars for our propaganda fund for every dollar you donate to it, for I will match it with another dollar if you put it in before January 1, 1909. You should make a concerted effort to get a full $1,000 in your treasury at once so as to win my thousand. That will give your board of directors a propaganda fund to begin work with. They can then employ a field lecturer and organizer to begin our propaganda work. Of course you want your discoveries taught to the people, because you want the people freed from superstition and idolatry. And, of course, you cannot ask or expect the services of teachers without reasonable compensation. You should all learn to act together promptly so as to get the united power of all at once. That would make you a great power. In paying your dues all should pay them for the year on a certain date. Then they would be available at once for the propaganda work. I suggest that all of you who have not paid your membership dues do so within a week from your receipt of this letter. I also suggest that you send in your donation to the propaganda fund with it and make that as large as possible so as to win all of my $1,000, for your national treasury. Then your board of directors can proceed to engage field workers. Perhaps you understand the method of propaganda used by the Socialists. I think it is a good method and we should follow it. They have now 50,000 dues paying members and twenty-two national lecturers employed out of that fund. Besides that they are creating a demand for dozens of publications and local speakers where there was no demand a few years ago. They are raising, by donation, funds to send the "Red Special" with their presidential candidate and literature from ocean to ocean to propagate Socialism. How soon will you be able to send a "special" all over the country with good speakers and literature to proclaim your great discoveries to the people and free them from superstition and idolatry? I hope it will not be many years until you can do that. Wouldn't that be a grand scheme. Let us all try to push our church work with that plan in view as soon as we are able to adopt it. Let us try to get some lecturers in training for the "Grand Special" truth proclaimer to be sent out by our church in a few years.

Will nine of you join me in offering $100 each for the services of a competent teacher of our discoveries for ten weeks, one week for each of us? I will give that amount to a competent man or woman who will come to this town and hold a series of meetings for a week in the interest of our church. Will nine of you offer a like amount for the lecturer to hold a series of meetings in your towns and try to establish a local church for you? If you will I believe some one would try to fill this thousand-dollar demand for us. One thousand dollars for ten weeks' work teaching your two discoveries ought to be a big temptation for some one to prepare at once to do it. As soon as nine of you join me in this offer for a competent propagandist the dates can be arranged successively so that he or she can fill them one after another without the loss of any time. At this town I will furnish hall and board and the missionary can have all the public collections, which ought to be a good addition to my offer if he is "on to his job" like most evangelists are. Now I want nine of you to join me at once in creating this demand. Send me a notice by return mail that you will pay $100 for a week's services of a competent teacher and organizer to build up a local Church of Humanity in your town. Then I can employ some one to do the work wanted as soon as I can find a competent person, and advertise the dates. Then, if locals can be established, we will try to find competent instructors to keep them up and establish more locals. All idolatrous churches are making arrangements for greatly increased efforts in the near future to boom their superstition and idolatry with great vigor. In Kansas an inter-denominational movement is organized with nearly 100 pastors with evangelistic abilities, twelve professional evangelists and eight professional singers to win "Kansas for Christ" this year. They are organized into bands and will cover all parts of the state. They have begun and will keep at it until June 30 next, when they expect to have their work completed according to their plans as given to the press. All over the world the Protestants are uniting to make a concerted effort to force their brand of heathen superstition and idolatry on all people. The Catholics are no less active and determined to do the same thing for their brand. I quote the following from Paris: "The Rev. A. P. Doyle, rector of the Apostolic Mission House in Washington, D. C., arrived here a few days ago from Rome, where he went to confer with the pope regarding the mission's progress in America. He said: 'I had the privilege of conversing at considerable length with the Holy Father. Within a few years we hope to send out 1,000 specially trained missionaries to present the exact teaching of the Catholic church to the American public. We already have 100 missionaries at work, and they are obtaining glorious results. Last year, according to official reports, there were no fewer than 25,000 converts to Catholicism in America.'"

Are you, comrades, going to stand with idle, folded hands while a Dark Age is settling down on America as it did on Europe for a thousand years, when you alone have the only remedy to prevent it? Are you going to be indifferent to such a calamity to America and to all the world? On the first page I called attention to our betrayal by the administration to the Roman Hierarchy for votes as alleged and exposed by the *Appeal to Reason*. It seems from that exposure that the leading ministers of other denominations had sanctioned the betrayal. I ask each of you to send for No. 667 of the *Appeal to Reason*, Girard, Kan., and see how you are being sold out to the representatives of ancient heathenism by your supposed servants; then you will see the necessity for immediate action in making known your discoveries before the Protestants and Catholics unite to prohibit it by law. Now may be your only chance. Don't let it go by unimproved. Don't let history repeat itself by our race drifting again into Dark Ages on account of wilful neglect of duty on your part. Of all the people of earth you are the only ones who have a remedy in your discoveries to prevent it. But you can't do it with those discoveries unless you have them taught to the people. I urge you most earnestly to do that duty as I am informing you what it is and how to do it. The only object in organizing is to enable us all to work in unison and harmony and systematic order in making known our great discoveries and increasing our number thereby until we can all have branch churches for our families and neighbors to attend where they can be taught truth in place of error. We should all work and pay to secure those conditions. They cannot be secured without it. Those of you who have paid your dues and sent in your donation to the propaganda fund have done well and deserve the thanks of the church for your promptness. But how much nicer and how much more encouraging for us all were I able to report the paid up dues of every member and the full contribution of the $1,000 to the propaganda fund? Would not you all feel better and more hopeful? I am sure I would. All I can do is to ask you to do your duty and advise you how and when to do it. Then it is all a matter of choice with you as to doing it. Your board of directors can do nothing until you put the money in your treasury for them to do with. They cannot use it in the propaganda work until they get it to use. They cannot serve you until you place the means of serving you in your treasury. A thousand dollars would only be a trifle for you to place there if each of you will donate according to your ability. Would you have the Dark Ages come on the world again rather than do your duty while you can? Here are some of the duties you should do before 48 hours pass after you get this copy:

1. Pay membership dues unpaid.
2. Send in your donation for propaganda.
3. Nine of you send me an offer of $100 for services for a week of a competent teacher of your discoveries to build up a local church in your town if possible.
4. Apply for the enrollment of your children under 15 in our juvenile classes. I have 500 blank class certificates ready to be filled out for them.
5. Order a bundle of copies monthly to scatter over your neighborhood. They are only 25 cents a 100 in bundles. If nothing is read in them by your neighbors more than the announcement of our two discoveries they will be worth distributing because the seeds of truth will be sown and will bear fruit in time. And when your missionaries come the people will want to hear them. Now, comrades, take right

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A True Citizen?

"A True Citizen" in the *Chicago Daily Socialist* remarks: "I am too religious to commit suicide and Chicago is not able to support me or give me any employment. What will I do?"

He may be a "true citizen," but he is mistaken when he believes he would commit suicide were he unreligious. People need not believe that mistake any more. Our church furnishes them with daily proof that people will not commit suicide and crimes on account of learning the discoveries that Gods are myths and death the end of life. We have 262 enrolled members in 38 states and I have never heard of any of them committing suicide or any crimes on account of learning the truth about God and life. But some people do commit suicide on account of not having learned these truths. I have read of people committing suicide so they can go to see Jesus, or their loved ones who have died. Here is a case in point which happened recently in the same city where "a true citizen" thought his religion was the only thing that saved him from being a suicide. In a letter to her husband, before attempting suicide, Mrs. Roy Hendrix, 29 years old, said among other things: "You have been good to me. Life I cannot understand. I used to wonder what was in life. I leave this note to free you from all blame. I want to go to mamma." It was her heathen religion that made her believe she could go to her mother if she was dead. A knowledge of our discoveries would have prevented all thought of suicide in this case. People who have the good fortune to learn one or two more truths of nature need not be so elated as to even chop their fingers off, much less commit suicide over it.

The Prayers of the Superstitious Idolaters Availeth Nothing.

"Chicago, July 25—Peter Ross, 3, is dead today, and Mrs. Marie Ross is in the hospital seriously burned as the result of her carelessness in leaving lighted candles on a small alter in her badroom after she had finished praying. A gust of wind blew the lace curtain across the flames of the candle. The child was asleep."

Moral—Learn the new discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity that there is no God in the universe and that death ends life forever then cease the heathen practice of praying.

"New York—After five weeks of suffering which, doctors say, must have been intense, Mrs. William N. Belknap died at her home, in the Bronx, Sunday morning. During all those weeks, up to the very night before her death, Mrs. Belknap, who was only thirty-two years old, had no medical attendance, no medicine.

"Two women, Christian Science healers, prayed for her according to the ritual prescribed by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy; implored that Mrs. Belknap might recognize she was not afflicted with a bodily ailment but with a mental evil. The fact is, Coroner's Physician Riegelman asserts, after a post-mortem examination, Mrs. Balknap was suffering from empyema of the gall bladder. In plainer English, suppuration had taken place, pus had formed in the gall bladder.

"Dr. Riegelman asserts, too, that a surgical operation would almost certainly have saved Mrs. Belknap's life, that certainly would have been doubly sure if the operation had been done early in the five weeks before continued suppuration had enfeebled the patient. In a word, Dr. Riegelman insists that a surgeon's knife, not prayer, not Christian Science healing, was needed to let out the pus from Mrs. Belknap's gall bladder.

"William N. Belknap is manager of the John Hancock Life Insurance company in Bronx Borough. His home is No. 1013 Fox street. He was not Christian Scientist before his marriage. His wife, who believed sincerely in Mrs. Eddy's tenets, converted him to them. So when she fell ill her husband was complacent to her desire that two Christian Science healers be called."

It was the practitioners who were "afflicted" with a "mental evil" in believing God to be a real being instead of the myth he is discovered to be.

Moral No. 1—Do not employ a doctor afflicted with that "mental evil" if you can possibly get one who is a member of the Church of Humanity.

Moral No. 2—Do not let your better half "convert" you to superstition and idolatry, but have her taught the discovered truth that God is a creation of fiction like Santa Claus, and death the end of life forever, that her life may be prolonged in the land that has given you these marvelous discoveries.

"East Las Vegas, N. M., June 25.—Fully 500 men and women knelt before an altar on Zion Hill near the court house here and prayed for rain. Supplications offered by natives in relays lasted all night. Processions are marching through the fields carrying banners and shouting to heaven."

When children are taught the scientific causes of rain in the public schools and then sent to churches that teach them the heathen superstition that a God makes it rain they will believe the latter teaching.

Moral—Establish branch churches and Sunday schools where the children can be taught the new discoveries that God is a myth and life ends at death, and the same scientific causes for things that they are taught in schools. Then they will never engage in the heathen practice of praying for things.

"Constantine, Algeria, Aug. 10—The people of Constantine are still in a state of terror from the earthquake shocks of a few days ago, fearing a repetition, and there is in consequence a steady exodus to the country. The Mohammedans, who regard the continuation of the shocks as a divine warning to the wicked not to sleep in damaged dwellings, have assembled in the cemeteries, where they prostrate themselves and pray for hours at a time, until, overcome by weakness, they fall asleep."

The Christians call the Mohammedans heathens and idolaters. But since it has been definitely discovered that Jesus Christ is only a character of fiction the same titles will apply to them that apply to any other idol worshipers.

Moral—If they do not wish to be classed as such they must learn the two discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity and cease those practices.

"St. Louis, Sept. 14.—Southern Illinois is suffering from the worst drouth in years. In many East St. Louis churches the ministers prayed for rain. At St. Patrick's church Rev. Father Collins based his prayer on the danger of disease arising from unflushed sewers. Religious assemblies throughout Illinois are praying for rain."

How can there possibly be a God who knows anything about the needs of people when there is none who know of the existence of people? By the dying of people every moment from hundreds of causes it is demonstrated no God knows anything about their existence. There can be no God to care if people perish from drouth or floods when there is none to care if they perish from other causes. Were there a God to save people's lives by making it rain He would protect their lives from other dangers. Since people can now know the daily news from all parts of the world they ought to be able to see that the rains are not controlled by an intelligence. While people are perishing and property is being destroyed for want of rain in some parts of the world in other parts people are perishing and property is being destroyed from excessive rains. While people are praying for rain in parts of the United States in other parts there are excessive rains, and it is raining on the oceans where none is needed. A report from Hongkong, China, recently, stated that the floods in south China had destroyed 80 per cent of the crops and that 28,400 were homeless and 250,000 without food, and a property loss of $5,000,000. With this evidence given the people daily through the newspapers that there is no intelligent being controlling the rains why should anyone be so foolish as to pray for rain or anything else? It is a deep disgrace on the public schools of the country that people educated in them know no better than to pray for rain. But my own children are being taught in the schools of this city right now that there is a God, and are taught to pray to Him for what they want. I am compelled to send them to school. The patrons and teachers and school board believe this Christian mythology true. What recourse have I? If I appeal to any court for relief I will find only a superstitious idolater on the bench who will side with them and approve of the teaching. There is absolutely no remedy unless enough of the patrons of the schools can be taught the discoveries that no Gods exist and death ends life to influence the officers and teachers to cease idolatry in the schools. With that object in view I offer $100 a week with free hall and board for the services of an orator competent to teach these discoveries to the people.

Moral—If you do not want your children taught a heathen mythology for truth you must pay to have the truth taught to those who force the untruths on them.

Doctors Joining the Church of Humanity.

Doctors and surgeons have a greater representation in the Church of Humanity according to numbers than any other profession, I think. I received on one day recently the applications for membership of two doctors—Dr. J. W. Clark, of Carterville, Mo., and Dr. H. N. Waite, of Johnson, Vt. This is as it should be. Doctors ought to know that people are dead forever when they die. They ought to be required by law to learn these discoveries taught by our church before they are entitled to practice for the protection of the public. When a physician believes the religious superstition that people have souls and that a God wants them, I think he is more than half prepared to have no regrets at the release of a supposed soul. He has an erroneous idea of the meaning of death which I believe is fraught with grave danger to the public. He is liable to look upon death as the good old superstitious grandmother did when, on hearing of the death of a grandchild, smilingly exclaimed, "O, well, our loss is God's gain!" There is such a thing as falling in love with a creation of fiction like God and Jesus Christ, and that love may be so violent as to supercede the love for any and all real beings. I am sure I do not want the services of a doctor for myself or family who has not learned that God is a myth and life ends forever with death if I can get one who has learned those truths. No physician should hesitate to let it be known when he has learned these discoveries, and the public should feel safer under his care than under the care of those who have not.

Dr. Waite says: "I wish you abundant success in your new enterprise, the Church of Humanity, and am confident that you not only merit success, but will have success. I hereby enclose one dollar for my certificate of membership."

Dr. Clark says, among other things: "Success to your undertaking. Allow me to congratulate you on organizing a society. This movement, if pushed as it should be, will be a great stride toward the intellectual advancement of humanity and eventually secure the mental release of all civilized humanity from the superstitions, or religions, that very naturally arose out of ancient ignorance about the time the imagination began to play and before reason began to crawl. I heartily endorse this movement for the benefit of superstitious humanity who, in this age of enlightenment, still profess a belief in the supernatural. I believe evolution and education will eventually wipe out all religion, as it should. Organization will doubtless hasten the change, however, and is, therefore, a good thing. I send you $1 for certificate and life membership."

Dr. C. H. Mordoff, of Genoa, Ill., another comrade, writes: "Find enclosed $10. You may send me the three text books and a few extra copies of the papers monthly, credit me with one year's dues and place balance in treasury for the propaganda work. You may think by my inability to dispose of more papers that I am weak and afraid to work for the truth. I assure you that is not the case. In public life, at the bedside in Catholic families and Protestant homes, for the last two years I fearlessly taught the doctrine promulgated by the Church of Humanity, and the people who would have been horrified a few years ago now respect my ideas and believe in my honesty in stating them, for they know I have been an honest investigator along these lines for over twenty years."

That is perfectly right, doctors. Let the public know that you know the true meaning and result of death, that it is the permanent cessation of conscious life forever, and that on account of that knowledge you will do all in your power to prolong the lives of your patients. Then the public will soon put their trust in you in preference to those superstitious doctors who imagine they can do both their patient and a myth God a favor by releasing his imaginary soul.

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hold of this work and push it to success. You are the world's greatest discoverers. I want you to recognize that fact. Some of you prepare at once to devote your entire time to teaching your discoveries and the balance of you prepare to pay for the work. I shall pay my share and then some. I want the services right now of a competent teacher of your discoveries for this town and I have $100 ready to pay for the first week's work and if satisfactory will give steady employment here, but at less wages. The money I pay for local church work is not taken from our national treasury nor from my donations to it. That is to be used for general propaganda work. When we see idolaters all around us working so hard and paying so much to propagate untruth we should be inspired to do something for the promulgation of truth. Who will be the noble nine to join me in creating the first thousand-dollar demand for the services of a teacher of your discoveries? I hope to be able to announce in my next letter that you have all done your duty, and I know you would all feel proud and rejoice to see it.

W. H. Kerr,
President Church of Humanity.

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"The constant dripping of water wears away stone" is a proverb that illustrates the power to accomplish effects by a seemingly inadequate cause if persisted in long enough. Likewise these lessons, as simple as they are, would overthrow all religious mythologies of earth could they be given all people often and long enough. No truths of nature are so difficult for the people to learn and comprehend as those truths that conflict with their religious errors. That is because those errors are persistently and continually taught the people from the cradle to the grave, while the truths they conflict with are very poorly supported, defended and persisted in. Religious errors have been established and are perpetuated by the force of continuous teaching and they are never overthrown until a greater force is generated in opposition. Many religious errors have been overthrown and suppressed, but generally by a power generated in the interest of some other religious error equally as bad. People have always rallied to the aid, support and defense of a religious error advanced to supercede another religious error with much more enthusiasm than they do in aiding a truth to supplant a religious error. We must realize now that nothing is gained by substituting one object of worship for another, such as the worship of God and Christ for the aligator or sun. The false God idea prevails as strongly in one as the other. That idea remains yet to be substituted for the discoveries that no real Gods exist and that life ends at death forever. It will be very difficult to get the people to learn and accept these truths as they conflict with their religious errors. They can never supercede those errors until backed by a stronger power than the errors have. That power can only be generated by the constant, persistent, determined teaching of those discoveries, and as fast as people learn them they must be separated from the superstitious idolaters and organized into special societies to make their power and teaching more effective. That is why I continually urge our subscribers to join the Church of Humanity as soon as they are convinced our discoveries are true. Every one that does so weakens the forces of error and strengthens the forces of truth. Truths, like errors, can only be taught successfully by societies organized for that purpose. It is the paramount duty of all who learn these discoveries to at once join this organization to aid in their promulgation. Only by the machinery of organization can the steady, perpetual teaching of these truths be given that is necessary to wear away the superstition and idolatry of the people. The vitality of superstition and idolatry lies in the erroneous belief of the people that they are known, loved and cared for by an unseen being named God. When that delusion is dispelled the backbone of all religious mythologies will be broken forever. Hence all who wish to aid in overthrowing idolatry should strike continually at that vital spot with the fatal evidence that no one is known by a God. That evidence is most easily recognized in the destruction of the people themselves. And here are the records of the destruction of thousands who now furnish us with positive evidence that they were utterly mistaken when they believed and taught that they were known, loved and cared for by a being named God. They cannot themselves know they were mistaken, hence cannot warn the living to give up such a worthless delusion. But the Church of Humanity will do this labor of love for them.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 24.—The little daughter of David Chrisholm of Eagle's Nest, Alaska, was carried away by a huge American eagle the middle of last July and three weeks later its torn and mangled body was found in the eagle's nest.

Livingston, Mont., Sept. 25.—Twenty-five people were killed in a collision of trains at Young's Point owing to a heavy snow storm.

Tasmania.—Twenty of the crew of the ship Loch Finlas were drowned owing to a gale and high sea causing the vessel to strike a reef.

Paris.—Thirteen men were killed by the bursting of a gun on the French armored cruiser Latouche Treville.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Fourteen persons were killed by a train collision on the Berlin elevated railroad this afternoon.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The epidemic of cholera is still raging. For the preceding twenty-four hours 176 deaths are reported in the city, and four provinces report 281 deaths from the dread disease in the same time.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Cholera still raging. Mortuary trains which run to the cemetary twice daily conveying an average of 150 bodies for burial. In the cemetary chapel were the coffins of 130 victims and 70 more stacked on the outside, while in a shed awaiting burial were 150 more.

Wrangle, Alaska, Sept. 23.—The bark, Star of Bengal, was driven by a gale on Sunday on the rocks of Coronation Island and completely wrecked; 110 of those on board lost their lives.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29.—Accidents in coal mines of the United States during the last calendar year resulted in the death of 3,125 men. These figures do not represent the full extent of the disasters, as reports were not received from certain states having no mine inspectors.

Bombay, Sept. 29.—Thousands have been drowned, towns wiped out, an area many miles in extent turned into an inland sea and the bodies of flood victims found lodged in the branches of trees and lining the banks of the terribly swollen streams as the result of a flood that is now ravaging the Deccan region. Advices from Hairdarabad say the situation is the most serious known for many years. The inundated region is one of the most densely populated in all India and the deluge came with such suddenness that it was impossible for thousands to reach points of safety. The Musi and other rivers rose 75 feet in a short time and carried unprecedented destruction throughout the entire region. The frail houses, common in this region, were swept away like chips and whole towns were practically obliterated in the mad rush of the waters.

And this while idolaters in some parts of the world are praying to a myth God to make it rain for them. All this destruction of our fellow beings is positive evidence that the Gods of all people of earth are pure creations of fiction. The believers in each of the great religious mythologies will lay the calamities of the others to their wickedness in not worshiping their God by their methods while they rack their brains in finding excuses and apologies for their own calamities. Every idolater can think of many reasons why his God brings on or allows this slaughter of the people. But of all the hundreds of reasons proclaimed in all past ages why God allowed these calamities not one was correct. It remained for the Church of Humanity to find and proclaim the true reason, and that is that Gods are creations of fiction like Santa Claus, and know no more about our existence than he does. The truth having at last been found it remains only to be taught to all the people persistently until they learn it to overthrow all religious mythologies of earth. The object of the people uniting in the Church of Humanity as fast as they learn these discovered truths is to enable them to aid effectively in their teaching. It may be claimed by some that the people can all read these calamities and understand their meaning without the aid of teachers. They can read them, but owing to their false religious reasoning they cannot understand their true relation to the God idea without the aid of teachers who do. Nearly our entire race looked at the shadow of the earth on the moon from its beginning, but failed to recognize it. But in the course of time they evolved erroneous religious reasons for it. When at last a few discovered the true reason it was ages before the masses of the people could be taught it owing to their conflicting religious ideas and to the lack of adequate methods on the part of those who knew. The same can be said of the eclipse of the sun and many natural phenomena visible to all people. No, the masses of the people will never recognize the fact that this destruction of themselves is proof that their worshiped Gods are creations of fiction until that truth is forced on them by continuous teaching by competent teachers provided by our church in every neighborhood. Take the case of that little girl carried off by the eagle. That is as good proof that God and Christ and guardian angels are myths as that the shadow of the earth on the moon proves it to be spherical. But like in that case, people can see this proof continually and not recognize it until they are taught its meaning in relation to their idolatry. That case and God could not exist in the same universe. One or the other is fabulous. Which is it? Do you believe this account about the eagle taking that little girl? If you do then don't believe the story about there being a real God, for both cannot be true. I want 1,000 good people to join our church and go out as instructors to tell the children everywhere the story of this little girl and the eagle, and how it proves that there is no God nor Christ nor guardian angels in the universe, and that they are only myths like Santa Claus, and should not be worshipped nor believed in as realities. What would you think of a father who would stand idly by watching an eagle carry off his child and pick its eyes out and tear it to pieces while it was pleading to him for protection which he could instantly give if he wished to? Wouldn't he be a wicked criminal? Well, I guess yes, so do you. Now, if God and Jesus Christ were real beings it would require one million recording angels who were expert stenographers working day and night to record their crimes in this little world alone. In the light of this evidence, that proves clearly that God is a creation of fiction, I beg of you, Prof. Shirk, to cease teaching my children the superstition that he is a real being. Cease teaching them the idolatry of worshiping him in prayer and of asking favors of him. Can't you see that no God could exist who knew of the existence of my children and not know of the existence of that little child? Can't you see that no God knew of its existence? To know of its existence and peril with power to aid it and not do it would make a God infinitely wicked and criminal. How could a God care more for my children than for that child? Can't you see none cared for it? That is not evidence that God is cruel and wicked, but that he is non-existent, fabulous, mythical. Teach my children these truths about God in the public schools if you know them, if not, please refrain from teaching them untruths.

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Comrades, have your children enrolled in our juvenile classes so I can give them special lessons suitable for their age in our church paper.

A LETTER OF PROTEST.

Great Bend, Kan., Sept. 30, 1908. —Prof. Shirk, Superintendent City Schools—Dear Sir: My children attending school in the west ward report that their teachers have religious exercises in school consisting of Bible reading and repeating the "Lord's prayer," and that it is at your request. I write to ask you to please have such exercises discontinued, as I have discovered that God is a creation of fiction and death the end of conscious life forever. In the light of these discoveries such exercises promulgate errors and inculcate superstition and idolatry. Such teaching is extremely objectionable to me. I help to build and maintain schools and send my children to them to be taught truths, not untruths. As you have not learned the truth about God and life and are therefore unable to teach it in the schools I respectfully request that you do not have untruths about those subjects taught. I try to teach my discoveries to my children at home, but the continued, persistent teaching of errors at school tend to greatly counteract it. Our public schools should teach the truths of nature as they are discovered to be from time to time, and thus help to civilize and enlighten the people instead of being used as a means of perpetuating the errors, superstition and idolatry of our ancestors. The school laws and regulations do not require this religious teaching in the schools, and it is an arbitrary requirement of yours that does me an irreparable harm and injustice through teaching my children superstition and idolatry which I do not want them to believe or practice, and which I am devoting my time and money to prevent. I realize that you do not comprehend the enormity of the outrage you are perpetrating on me through lack of knowledge of the truth about God and life as I have discovered it to be. I shall therefore take pleasure in assisting you to learn it, if you will accept of my services, and the free use of my library is placed at your service for that purpose. But as it requires a great many years for people to learn these truths, and some never could, I cannot suspend my request for the cessation of religious teaching in the schools until you learn the truths I have. Were I the only person in the world who knew these truths my request of you should be respected and complied with, but I am happy to inform you that many intelligent, honorable men and women of the leading occupations and professions have now learned these facts and many more are learning them. Those who have learned them are uniting in a national organized, incorporated society, named "The Church of Humanity," for the promulgation of these two discoveries regarding God and life. I enclose some of its literature. Hoping for an early, favorable reply, I am yours respectfully, W.H. Kerr,

President of the Church of Humanity and editor of its official organ.

REPLY.

City Schools, D. F. Shirk, Superintendent, Great Bend, Kan., 10-2-1908. W. H. Kerr, City—My Dear Sir: Your kind favor of the 30th ult. at hand. In reply permit me to say that I respect every man's convictions and honor the man who thinks for himself. At the same time, I realize that thinking men like yourself honor other men who think and follow their convictions. As superintendent of schools it behooves me to have a definite policy, and to follow that impartially and unwaveringly. I teach history and gems of thought and find none better than those in the Bible. Psychologically, worship is wholesome, so I can not object to that. To me personally it is more than that. However, I am glad to recognize truth wherever I find it, so I enclose you 25 cents for a year's subscription to your paper and promise to read it. Hoping that you will understand my position and with kind regards, I am very respectfully.

D. F. Shirk, Supt.

REJOINDER.

Great Bend, Kan., Oct. 4, 1908. Prof. D. F. Shirk, Superintendent City Schools—Dear Sir: Yours of the 2d received. Accept thanks for the subscription for our church paper, and for your promise to read it, and that you are willing to accept truth wherever found. That is a more commendable disposition than many believers in errors have. There is hope for people with that disposition learning the truth in time if they have the evidence presented to them in such a way they can understand it. The only reason you have not learned the truth we have regarding God and life is that the evidence has been presented properly for your consideration. Our little church paper is devoted mostly to organization, and hence can give but very little space to presenting the proof of our discoveries. But as I am very anxious for you to learn them sooner than you could by reading our paper alone, that you may have religious exercises discontinued in the schools, I have ordered for you of the publishers "The Bible" by Remsburg and Ernst Haeckel's "Wonders of Life" and "The Riddle of the Universe" as supplement studies tending to prove our discoveries, although the authors themselves have not definitely made them. You are mistaken in your statement that "phychologically worship is wholesome," and I think you will admit it where objects and myths you do not believe to be real Gods are worshiped. You doubtless would prohibit any one teaching your children to worship Santa Claus. We who have discovered that God and Jesus Christ are nothing but creations of fiction like Santa Claus object to our children being taught to worship them as seriously as you would to yours being taught to worship anything you know to be a myth. You did not pass an examination in the knowledge of God nor the meaning of death and are not required to have anything taught about those subjects in the schools. I am certainly as much entitled to have my wishes respected as any other patron of the schools. To be strictly unpartial to your patrons you should not teach anything about subjects not required on which they are not agreed. Feeling is more intense on religious subjects than on political subjects, yet you will not require the teachers to impress your political opinions on the schools because the patrons are not all of the same opinion. Then why should you impose your religious views on them when not required, and there is the most serious objection on the part of patrons? Had you learned the discoveries I have, and required the teachers to teach them, every patron who did not believe them would have called on you with an imperative demand to cease it or resign. And yet they could all better afford to allow you to teach their children the truths of nature than I can afford to allow you to teach mine untruths of nature. Why should I not object as firmly to teaching my children errors as they do to teaching theirs truths? Why should I not defend truth with as much vigor as they defend error? Can truth ever win in the contest with error unless it is defended as manfully by its votaries as error? I mail you a bundle of back numbers of our paper to peruse at your leisure, and hope you will study the books when they come and try to learn the two new discoveries in nature that no immaterial intelligent beings exist in the universe and that conscious life ceases forever at death. Hoping you will soon recognize your duty to treat all your patrons impartially by having no religious exercises in the schools, I remain, yours respectfully, W. H. Kerr.

P. S.—I shall be more than glad to loan you the use of any or all of my books that will aid you in learning the discoveries I have. I offered our public library committee $100 worth of books on modern Biblical criticism and natural science for our city library, but they were so afraid people would learn the truth about God and life that they turned it down.

BRYAN'S PROOF OF IMMORTALITY.

Idolaters point with pride to great men who indorse their superstition as evidences of its truth. But men who are great in one line of thought and action may be very unreliable in others to which they have given little or no thought. I heard Mr. Bryan say he joined the church when fourteen years old, but that he did not understand theology nor had he time to study it. But in his famous lecture, "The Prince of Peace," he uses the same erroneous evidence to prove immortality the theologians do. The part he devotes to the proof of immortality is so full of mistakes that I reproduce it in full in order to point them out. Some are mistakes of facts while others are mistakes of his reason. I shall number his mistakes and my corrections to correspond and then point out his pernicious moralizing. His so-called proof of immortality is as follows:

And immortality! Who will estimate the peace which a belief in a future life has brought to the sorrowing? You may talk to the young about death ending all, for life is full, and hope is strong, but preach not this doctrine to the mother who stands by the death-bed of her babe or to one who is within the shadow of a great affliction.

(1) Christ gave us proof of immortality, and yet it would hardly seem necessary that one should rise from the dead to convince us that the grave is not the end. (2) To every created thing God has given a tongue that proclaims a resurrection.

(3) If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will he leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, made in the image of his Creator? (4) If he stoops to give to the rosebush whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze the sweet assurance of another springtime, will he refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come? (5) If matter mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will (6) the spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay? (7) No; I am as sure that there is another life as I am that I live today.

In Cairo I secured a few grains of wheat that had slumbered for more than three thousand years in an Egyptian tomb. As I looked at them this thought came into my mind: If one of those grains had been planted on the banks of the Nile the year after it grew and all its lineal descendants planted and replanted from that time until now, its progeny would today be sufficiently numerous to feed the teeming millions of the world. (8) If this invisible germ of life in the grain of wheat can thus pass unimpaired through three thousand resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has power to clothe itself with a body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust.

A belief in immortality not only consoles the individual, but it exerts a powerful influence in bringing peace between individuals. If one really thinks that man dies as the brute dies, he may yield to the temptation to do injustice to his neighbor when the circumstances are such as to promise security from detection. But if one really expects to meet again and live eternally with those whom he knows today he is restrained from evil deeds by the fear of endless remorse.

1. This is a mistake of fact. He here accepts a fable for truth with the innocent simplicity that a child accepts its mother's story about the stork bringing its little brother. For a man of Mr. Bryan's general intelligence and attainments to believe a dead man came to life again and fell into the sky as if the force of gravity had been reversed shows that the backbone of superstition and idolatry has not been cracked yet. He here tries to prove an impossibility by citing a fable about another impossibility as proof, just as the child would prove that its second brother would be brought by a stork by citing the case of the first.

2. Another mistake of fact. No God exists to create things. But the science of evolution explains how things originate and develop. He evidently does not believe that well established science to be true. I have never seen nor heard the tongue of any vegetable or animal except

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 16.

Dear Comrades: Owing to copy for the last issue being sent in late in the month and the printers unable to print it at once, I have not had time to hear from you on my suggestions. But I renew them all and hope you will have acted on them by the time you get this. If not, please do so at once. Remember, if you want the Church of Humanity to do anything you must do it because you are the church. I am only one member of it, and one member can't do much when he does all he can. But if each member does all he can the aggregate effort of all will amount to something.

Just read over again what I requested you to do in last issue and do the things you have not done yet that I suggested. Remember, your board of directors who have the supervision of the propaganda work is only a receiving and distributing agency for your funds. It can not distribute your funds in the employment of field lecturers and organizers until you send them in. It cannot, and has no desire if it could, force collections. They are all voluntary even to the subscription for the paper and your church dues. If you do not furnish the funds for the board to work with nothing can be done, and the paper will have to suspend if you do not pay your subscription. So it is squarely up to you members to have the work progress or stop. If you do not subscribe for your church paper and pay your dues promptly you say plainer than words can that you want the work to stop, and are doing all you can to stop it. If you are sending your children to idolatrous churches and Sunday schools you are aiding in the support and promulgation of superstition and idolatry when you should be getting your children enrolled in our juvenile classes and helping to build up churches and Sunday schools of your own where the truth can be taught instead of a heathen mythology. You must do this if you want them free from idolatry. Do not think for a moment your children can learn truth by having them taught untruth. Ingersoll was not half right when he advised us to keep our children out of Sunday schools and churches, because he never said a word about the other greater half of our duty to provide churches and Sunday schools to teach them the truth. But Mr. Ingersoll did not know the truth himself and is excusable for not telling us to do that part. But we have learned the truth and now must add this other part to our duties. If you are contemplating joining the Materialist Association don't do it, and if you have joined it you should withdraw, for it is only a scheme to break up your church and drive you back into heathenism. Hold your advanced ground in the Church of Humanity that you helped to found. Don't be led back into Agnosticism and Deism, no matter how cheap it is to get back. Stand manly by the discoveries you have made and the church you have founded to teach them. It is the first and only society that ever taught them, or knows them, or intends to teach them. Don't be fooled by anything under the name of Freethought because thought is free and always has been and always will be. It is absurd to talk about having a society of Freethinkers to make people free to think when all are perfectly free to think now. No Freethought society ever had a remedy for idolatry because they did not know the truth about God and like which is the only remedy. Your church is on the solid rock of scientific truth. The discoveries it teaches are final. Stand by them. Don't give up. Don't be coaxed back to idolatry. If any society wants you let it move up to your position. Don't go back to theirs. They will not let you come back again if they can help it. Let us all stand together and work together. Pay no attention to the M. A. or any other society. Let us build our own societies on truths we discovered. We can do it if we all work and pay as we should do. No society ever was or ever will be built up without both. The members of other churches supply themselves with buildings and teachers. Let us do likewise. Nine of you join me in offering $100 each for one week's services of a competent lecturer and organizer to give us each a week's work in our respective towns. I will give him three or four weeks work at the same rate if he can knock idolatry out of the schools here. To do that he must knock it out of the heads of the patrons, school board and teachers, and to do that he must knock truth into them. It will take some vigorous knocking to do that, but it will be worth the price if it can be done. You can see by reading Bryan's "proof of immortality" in this issue the very flimsy evidence by which idolaters are made, and 99 per cent of it is not that good. For $100 a week with hall and board furnished some orator ought to be found who could knock that kind of evidence out of the people's minds as fast as he could talk. If ten of us can raise $1,000 for ten weeks' services of a competent orator to teach our discoveries to the people from the rostrum I believe we can get one. That would start the ball and perhaps we could keep it going then. Let us try. Speak up, comrades, with the $100. Remember, "money talks." Let yours do some talking for you. If you do not your children will make it talk on the other side when they get it. I understand Mr. Bryan received from $300 to $500 a lecture on "The Prince of Peace" and it was delivered at many chautauquas and Y. M. C. A.'s and at Manila, Bombay, Cairo, Jerusalem and Tokyo. He strung this heathen idolatry around the world, but it was somebody's money talking through him who wanted it talked. Let us make our money talk through a competent orator. One hundred dollars a week ought to be enough to start on. Then he can work up to command $500 or $1,000 a lecture when he can knock truth into the people's minds as fast as Mr. Bryan can knock untruth into them. Come, let us give the orator a chance. Have the courage of your convictions. Stand out in the open field of intellectual battle. Don't be cowardly hypocrites sneaking around under cover like contemptible brush-whackers. Stand out openly and stand up manly in defense of the two greatest scientific discoveries in nature ever made by man, and the only ones through which the religious mythologies of our race can be overthrown. There is nothing to fear, nothing to be afraid of. If you are afraid of Gods or of consequences in a future life resign your membership instantly in the Church of Humanity. You don't belong here. You are in the wrong stall. Go over to the side of idolatry where you belong. We have no use for spies, traitors and know-nothings. If you are afraid of your fellowman you are contemptable. Idolaters are not afraid of you. Why should you be afraid of them? No one was afraid of Morse, or Stevenson, or Watts, or Curry, or Bell, or Edison, or Marconi, or the Wright brothers or any of the modern discoverers and inventors who are pushing the world along in material and intellectual progress. Neither were any of these men afraid to make their discoveries known. Why should you, who have made greater discoveries than all of those people combined, be afraid to make them known. What good would their discoveries have done the world had they not made them known? What good can yours do the world if you do not make them known and accepted? Just now all the world doffs its hat to the American Wright brothers, and their name will go down the ages among those of the world's great benefactors who helped to conquer the elements for man. Let America take the lead through you, as it has so far done, in proclaiming the great discoveries you have made and in using them to knock out the religious mythologies of our race. You have been ahead of the Wright brothers and cleared the sky of Gods and devils and angels and spirits and heavens and hells and golden thrones and heavenly mansions and gold paved streets. You have gotten all those old heathen snags and derelicts and imps and witches cleared out of their way. There is now no danger of their flying machines getting wrecked on them or having tricks played on them by those old heathen inhabitants of the sky. Your great discoveries prove they are not there nor never were, but that they are only myths in the minds of the people, put there by false education. You have found their lair and it is your duty to help to rout them by helping to drive truth into the minds where they are. They cannot dwell in the mind as realities where the light of truth is. That false education that drives these barbaric monstrosities into the children's minds as realities must be met on the intellectual battlefield and overthrown before we can justly claim to be a civilized and enlightened people. Right here in this town I am forced to send my children to school and hire a teacher to stuff their minds with the fantastic creations of primitive oriental minds as realities. I call for help to teach the people the truth that they may cease to pollute my children's minds with grotesque creations of fiction as realities perpetuated from ignorant, barbaric ancestors.

If one competent orator is not enough to accomplish the work I call for another to aid him at the same wages, $100 a week. If two is not enough I call for another, and another, and another until there is half a dozen on the job if necessary if they can be had. The people must be taught the truth before they will cease forcing a heathen mythology on my children in school. The people here are nearly all good citizens so far as I know, and are good neighbors, but they are that in spite of their superstition, not because of it. They will be just as good in every respect when they learn the discoveries we have. If they can be taught them here they can be other places. Let us make the experiment. If any of you have oratorical abilities and feel competent to present our discovered truths to the people so they can understand them please report for duty. And if this "call" falls into the hands of any competent to teach these discoveries who are not members of the Church of Humanity I invite them to apply for membership and apply for the job. Either men or women or both will be accepted if they have the necessary qualifications. This teaching must be done in the name and authority of our two modern scientific discoveries in nature, and not in the name of Freethought, Infidelity, Atheism, Materialism Rationalism or any other name susceptable of many definitions and conflicting applications. No abuse of individuals or societies should be thought of by the teachers, but the false evidence relied on to prove there is a God and a future life should be analyzed, shown to be false and the positive evidence that no God exists and that death ends life should be given. Comrades, wake up and get busy and push yourselves into the harness. There is work aplenty for you in doing the things I have asked you to. Order a bundle of copies monthly. Pass them around. Get four more to join the church and organize a local. Elect your officers. Send me a report and I shall send you a charter. Follow the Socialists' plan of organizing locals. We have now 263 enrolled members. We ought to have 200 chartered locals. Do as Comrade Case, of Philadelphia, is doing in preparing for a local by getting four more people to help him organize one. Then you will be in a position to secure field workers to come and help you build up your locals in membership. That would give steady employment for several such workers. That is the modern way of building up societies and of promulgating any new ideas the people wish. Those wishing to try to organize locals can write for blanks and literature.

OFFERS HIS SERVICES AT FUNERALS.

Comrade John Merton Case, of 912 N. 4th street, Philadelphia, Pa., kindly offers his services to conduct funerals of our church members. Those living in Pennsylvania and nearby states should correspond with him and make arrangements for his services when needed. Members of the Church of Humanity should never have funeral services over their dead unless conducted by members of our church. And those comrades who offer their services on such occasions must prepare themselves to conduct them in harmony and consistency with their knowledge of God and life as taught by the Church of Humanity.

Comrade Case says: "I appreciate your efforts to establish among men the truth concerning our existence. I am heartily in sympathy with the plan of the Church of Humanity to spread knowledge of the truth throughout the earth. I wish it phenominal success. I wish it was so I could devote all my time to teaching its discoveries. I realize that proper persons should be assigned the duty of conducting funeral services for the dead. I had some experience in that particular while in San Francisco, and feel that I am interested in our comrades to be considerate of their welfare in that respect. I therefore offer my services, and will be pleased to receive list of names and addresses of comrades who desire them."

Our members should correspond with Comrade Case and make arrangements for his services when needed, then send him a telegram.

Other comrades who have the ability to serve on such occasions should make it known through our church paper. I will then keep their addresses standing so long as they hold themselves in readiness to serve on short notice. There ought to be one or more in every state available for this service. Then the members could call the nearest one. Those offering their services should be prepared to tell the two discoveries in nature our church made and teaches in simple, plain language and give some of the direct evidence that proves them. The dead should be defended and praised for having learned them and aiding in their promulgation. His good example in doing so should be recommended to the living. His virtues and good citizenship should be commended. The living can be consoled with the knowledge that their loved one had been intelligent enough to learn the meaning of death and accept it with philosophical resignation when it could be prevented no longer; that he knew there was no leap in the dark and no going places after death, but that thought ceases forever then and the dying of his organism is the dying of him. It must be explained that this is what death is and that it is the same to all alike regardless of their belief, but what a wonderful advantage those who know it have over superstitious idolaters who fear they must take a leap in the dark and go somewhere to meet a fabulous God or a mythical hell. Funeral occasions must be used to spread these new discoveries in nature, and to praise the living and dead for learning them and for aiding in the civilization and enlightenment of the world by helping to make them known and accepted. Suitable songs should be selected to be sung or read. Orations and songs should be prepared and selected in advance as near as can be suitable for different ages. I hope a goodly number of the comrades will prepare themselves and report for duty when called on. Under no consideration should members allow non-members of our church to conduct funerals in their families. To do that would prove that you did not really know the discoveries you profess to or else are hypocrites. In either case you would be a disgrace to yourselves and the cause of truth. If no comrade can be had do not have any services at all. But we should all help to create a demand for able comrades to prepare for that service by engaging them, and their compensation should be such as to justify thorough preparation. I would have been glad to have given $100 and expenses for such service when I had occasion for it in my own family, but there were none to be had at any price, and I would not accept the services of idolaters, although two preachers kindly offered theirs. I thanked them for their kindness, but told them the truths in nature I learned when all was well with me and mine and that those truths were ever the same regardless of what happened to us. If you know those truths you must act in harmony and consistency with them under the most trying circumstances as I did or you will be contemptible hypocrites. We must all act so that that charge cannot be brought justly against us. We can soon have competent members to conduct suitable funeral services for our church if the members create a demand for them by employing them on all such occasions.

Bryan's Proof of Immortality.

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man's proclaim a resurrection, and now not all theirs do.

3. This is a mistake of his reasoning as well as a mistake of fact. The Creator is a creation of fiction, and so is the soul. The germinating of the acorn is not a parallel case to the one he wishes to prove by it. If Mr. Bryan can bury a dead oak tree and grow a spiritual oak tree therefrom he will have a parallel case that will tend to prove he can produce a spiritual man by planting a dead one. The dead tree and not the acorn corresponds to the dead man. The young oak from the acorn corresponds to the man's children. Neither one represents a continuous life or a spiritual or physical resurrection of its parent. If the heart or germ of the acorn is dead it will not sprout by the touching of all the fabulous Gods ever worshiped by superstitious man. Not one in millions of buried acorns ever sprout and not one in millions that do sprout can grow on account of unfavorable environments. What sense would there be in an intelligent being sprouting them only to see the sprouts die?

4. Another case of defective reasoning. He tries to prove by the blooming of a perennial plant that does not die that man who does die will revive again. The parallel case in plant life is the annual plants that do not survive winter to bloom again. But he ignores the true analogy between animal and plant life to prove his point by citing a case that is not analogous. Neither he nor anyone else ever saw a plant that died in the fall bloom the next year.

5. More incorrect reasoning, and a contradiction. What does he mean by saying inanimate matter can never die. If it is inanimate it is already dead. But when that matter is transformed into living organisms by the chemical processes of nature those organisms die. The reforming of the atoms of a dead organism into other organisms is not the resurrection or continuation of the old life and body, but the formation of new organisms.

6. He believes the world-wide error that man is a combination of two independent living entities. But it is the visable, material "tenement of clay" that thinks and writes and talks. Were it the invisible, internal "royal guest," who is only visiting, doing all that it could to tell us some of its accumulated wisdom and experience acquired before it took up its present abode. Man is the abode of many varieties of material living organisms, some permanent and others transcient, some necessary to his life and others destructive of it, but theirs are separate lives through which his own consciousness is not perpetuated at death, neither is that consciousness a self-existing entity separable from the "tenement of clay." The "soul" is a pure creation of fiction.

7. His assurance of another life is here seen to be based on traditional fables, misconceptions of fact, false analogy and defective reasoning. What can a conclusion based on such evidence be worth?

8. False analogy again. He mistakes the reproduction of wheat as being analogus to a resurrection of a dead man, when it is only analogus to man's reproduction in his children. Reproduction is not resurrection, nor the continuous life of ancestors. It is a succession of lives, not a continuation of one. He mistakes the life in wheat germs to represent a soul in man when it only represents the life in the germs of reproduction in man. It is the mature wheat plant that produces the grain that is analogus to the mature man. As sure as the wheat straw dies and is decomposed and never lives again so sure does man die and never lives again. The people who gathered and stored that Egyptian wheat three thousand years ago are as dead as the straw on which it grew and both exist now only as atoms in the general storehouse of nature. The people and the wheat of today are like the lineal decendants of people and wheat that lived in those distant ages through a succession of reproductions and not resurrections, as Mr. Bryan claims the wheat to be.

Now for his pernicious moralizing. Mr. Bryan is as defective in his theory of good morals as he is in his reasoning and logic proving a future life. He exclaims: "Who will estimate the peace which a belief in a future life has brought to the sorrowing?" But the historian can exclaim: "Who will estimate the sorrow brought to the peaceful on account of the religious wars, massacres, tortures and persecutions caused by a belief in a future life?" And the moralist can exclaim: "Who will estimate the sorrows brought to peaceful mothers, wives and children through the dreadful fear that they or loved ones would roast eternally in an endless hell caused by their belief in a future life?" I think when accounts are balanced it will be found that the truth that there is no future life will bring less sorrow than the error has done and is doing.

Mr. Bryan thinks the mother standing by her dying babe should at least be spared the truth. But who should be more interested in knowing the true meaning of death than the mothers of our race? They should be made competent to be the first to impart its meaning to the child. The religious theory of past ages, and still prevailing in many places, that women should not be educated in the truths of nature is erroneous. The mother, who with great joy, tosses her child to a crocodile in the religious belief she is feeding a God what he likes best has a peace and happiness that surpasses understanding. But Mr. Bryan would be willing to deprive her of that joy by helping to send missionaries to teach her the truth about the crocodile. Likewise, the mothers who are taught to fall in love with myth-Gods, and that their babes have souls those Gods want, may have a certain feeling of peace and even joy in those souls being yielded up in infancy when they are thought to be most acceptable to those Gods. Who will estimate the annual number of children who suffer and die for want of proper care owing to their mothers believing the superstition that a God wants them and that they would be better off with Jesus and the angels in heaven where they could be cared for and be happier than on earth? When a mother's peace and religious consolation takes that turn when she has little suffering ones to care for the sooner she is disillusioned the better.

Mr. Bryan says a belief in immortality "exerts a powerful influence in bringing peace between individuals." That is quite funny when taken in connection with his third effort now on to be elected president. Mr. John D. Rockefeller and the heads of all trusts are as firm believers in immortality as Mr. Bryan is. But he is very anxious just now to make the people believe there is no peace and harmony between him and them. He is afraid to call on them privately to inquire about their "soul's welfare" through fear the voters, who also believe in immortality, would be so unkind as to suspect him of arranging for future immunity for present campaign funds. The voters and candidates of all political parties believe in immortality, but there is not perfect peace and harmony between them. When one takes a general survey of a world of superstitious idolaters, who believe firmly in immortality, and notes the savage wars of the past and the stupendous preparations for wars at the present time, and the massacres on account of differences in superstition, one must believe that the world would be more peaceful if all knew the simple truth that life ends forever at death. Superstition causes a greater amount of "evil deeds" than it prevents.

The Truth About God and Life

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Announcing the Two Great Discoveries in Nature that no God exists and that Death ends Life forever. In the light of these discovered Truths, all people are superstitious Idolaters, and will remain so until they learn them. Tell all the people everywhere of these discoveries, and of the Church of Humanity, which is organized and incorporated to teach them. It has 265 enrolled members in 38 states. Everybody is invited to join this Church as soon as they learn the two new Discoveries it teaches. No one is committing suicide nor crimes on account of learning these discoveries, neither will you. Don't have such a poor opinion of yourself as to believe so.

THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES FOR THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

No. 5.

It is a shame, a disgrace and should be made a crime punishable by law to teach the Christian mythology to children for truth. It gives them such an erroneous conception of nature and its processes that works great harm to the child all through life. They often take the wrong course to protect themselves from the elements and want and dangers of all kinds owing to their Christian superstition that a God exists who is looking out for them and in whose care they are always.

This vicious superstition is taught all children by their parents, idolatrous churches and Sunday schools, public schools and story books and papers for children. A sample of one of those wicked, lying stories that teach children falsehoods to make them superstitious idolaters is before me in an illustrated "Boys' Book of Adventures." The story relates to the Johnsown flood of May 31, 1889. It tells of the rescue of a baby and its ten-year-old sister from a floating house by a seventeen-year-old boy. He heard the baby crying and went in to rescue it and then saw the little girl on her knees "praying to her Father in heaven to save her and her baby brother from the fury of the flood." When she saw the rescuer she exclaimed, "God has heard my prayer!" And this story is told to teach children the Christian superstition that there is a real God and that He can aid those who ask Him in prayer, and what children should do when in danger and needing help. There is none in all the world to challenge this story but the Church of Humanity, and tell the children that no God heard that child's prayer and that no child or anyone else should ever ask a God for aid at any time. That little girl did wrong in asking a God for aid because she had been taught to do so. Those who taught her were to blame. It was not her prayer that brought the rescurer. It was the baby's crying. No God made it cry. Instead of praying to a myth for aid she should have been at the door or window calling to human beings for aid and watching for a chance to save herself and brother. Her parents and teachers should have taught her to rely on herself and fellow beings instead of on a God. The most unwise thing she could do was to fool away her time in praying. That would probably have cost her and her baby brother their lives had he not had more sense and screamed instead of praying. It, and not she, saved their lives. The credit for attracting a rescurer should be given it instead of the praying sister to whom superstitious idolaters give the credit. But idolaters will ask me how I know that no God heard that prayer and caused the rescue. That is a very proper question and I shall be glad to answer it. I remember reading the terrible details of the appalling disaster at the time. After many days of raining the South Fork dam that held back the waters of the great Conemaugh Lake in Pennsylvania suddenly gave way and swept Johnstown down the valley. Thousands of people were drowned. Hundreds of men, women and children were seen floating on portions of wrecked buildings. Many were heard praying to their idol God for aid. Many more were heard singing religious hymns of praise to the same myth. Every minute scores of them were wrecked and went down to rise no more. At one place an obstruction caught many of the floating wrecks which then caught fire and burned with their occupants who preferred that to drowning. Perhaps the parents and other idolaters who taught this little girl to pray perished in the flood. Now I know that no God could care for these two children and not for their parents and the thousands of praying people who perished. There were certainly hundreds of children and infants who were as worthy of the care of a God as these two were. Had there been a God who cared for those children He would have cared for them before the flood came and would have prevented it. Had the child been praying to Santa Claus, the sun, an aligator, Jove, Allah, white elephant, or been asleep, the result would have been the same. She was doing nothing to help them to escape. To pray for something is doing nothing to obtain it. Had there been a God to hear her prayers now and answer them the same God would have heard her prayers for protection before the flood came to destroy her home and kill her parents, brothers and sisters and little playmates, and would have prevented it. He would have heard the prayers of the hundreds of other children and have saved them, too. Were they not as worthy as she? He would have heard your own prayers and would have saved your perished loved ones. Were they not as worthy as she? A God who had the power to know and protect that child would have been able to have saved your perished loved ones, and because he did not do it he would deserve your supreme hatred and contempt instead of your love and praise, until you learn the discovery that he is only a myth like Santa Claus. Then, of course, your hatred should cease and you should join the Church of Humanity and aid it in teaching the truth about God and Life. Would you love and praise a man who would have broken that dam intentionally and caused all that destruction of life and property even though he rescued two children of one family? Would he not have been a fiend, a madman? Could he have escaped mob violence had he been caught by the few survivers? Would he not have been a fit subject for the penitentiary or the lunatic asylum? But instead of placing him in either institution the survivors had gathered around him to worship him in prayers and hymns of love, praise and flattery, and taught the children that he was their savior, protector and provider, and loved them more than their parents did who perished in the flood. Would you not have questioned their sanity? Would they not have been fit subjects for a lunatic asylum? But they did that very thing to their idol God and Christ whom they believed directly responsible for the destruction of their city by sending the excessive rains that broke the dam, and who knew all the time the havoc it would cause. Why should idolaters excuse an act in their idol that they would adjudge a fellowman to be a criminal or a lunatic for doing? Why should idolaters treat their idol for doing a thing in a way that would appear to be idiotic when applied to a fellowman who would do the same thing? You would not love and praise a man for rescuing two children from a flood he had caused, but would condemn him for the destruction of those he did not rescue. Why not apply the same method of reasoning and dispensing justice when you believe your idol is the guilty party? Why have a double standard of justice that condemns and punishes a man and rewards an idol for the same act? Why not give the idol the greater degree of condemnation so long as it is believed to possess the greater power and knowledge? Is not an intelligent man held to stricter accountability for his acts than a half witted one? Is it not better to learn and believe the discovery that God is only a creation of fiction than to believe the Asiatic mythology that he is a real being, which would make him directly responsible for the Johnstown disaster? Is it not better to believe the truth that he is a myth and, therefore, knew nothing about the prayers of that little girl, than to believe he is a real being and so wicked as to cause that catastrophe and then ignore the prayers of all except one for aid? I submit the thousands of prayers that were not heard as evidence that this one was not heard either by a God. I reinforce that evidence by the following list of idolaters whose prayers and those of their children and relatives and friends were not heard by a God:

Shawnee, Okla., Oct. 21.—At least 100 lives have been lost in a cloudburst and attendant floods west of here last night.

Lamar, Colo., Oct. 21.—Five persons were drowned as a result of the floods.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 16.—A relief train carrying fire refugees from Metz was wrecked and burned by the forest fires and 17 people burned to death.

Amoy, China, Oct. 21. — In Thursday's typhoon 1,100 people were killed in Changchow, 1,200 in Lamcheng and 400 in three villages fifteen miles north of Changchow. Three years ago Lamcheng was flooded and 3,000 people drowned.

Toledo, O., Oct. 2.—Six people were killed in a train wreck at Sugar Ridge.

Cheyenne, Wyo.,—Nine men lost their lives in a train wreck at Borie.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 11.—Twenty-one hunters have been killed in the Wisconsin woods during the past few weeks.

Lone Tree, Wyo., Oct. 20.—Six men were killed by a train wreck near here.

Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 12.—Thirteen men were drowned as a result of a collision of two steamers in a fog off Scheveningen.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 12.—Nine people were killed in a train collision at Littlewoods.

Red Bluff, Cal., Nov. 11.—Four people were killed by the collision of a train and auto.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 25.—Forty people were killed in a train collision at Young's Point.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 21.—Five men were blown to atoms by the explosion of dynamite at the canal in Panama.

St. Pierre, Miq., Oct. 7.—Twenty-five men were drowned as the result of the foundering of a French fishing schooner.

Richford, Vt., Oct. 8.—Fourteen people perished in the fire at a grain elevator here.

Berlin, Germany, Sept. 26.—Fourteen people were killed in a train collision on the elevated railroad here.

Tokio, Japan, Nov. 9.—The steamer Taish Maru sank during a storm off Etoro island and 150 persons drowned.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11.—Cholera has caused about 12,000 deaths in the Philippines since January 1 of this year.

Denver, Oct. 19.—Six deaths have been caused by the snow-storm of the last two days.

Clayton, N. M., Oct. 19.—Four people were killed as a result of a tornado and cloudburst near Clayton last night.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 17.—An explosion in No. 3 coal mine here today buried scores of men. Six bodies have been recovered.

Nassau, N. P., Sept. 24.—Great loss of life was caused by the recent hurricane that wrought wide-

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The next issue may contain my plea to the school board to exclude religion from the schools. Comrades should order a bundle for distribution. They may have a like case in their schools.

S. P. Putnam wrote a history entitled "Four Hundred Years of Freethought," including the time from 1492 to 1892. In all that long time Freethought did not produce a man, including Mr. Putnam, competent to teach a child the true nature of God and the true nature of death.

If it is worth anything to you to have yourself and family and your country insured against the horrors of another Spanish inquisition and religious wars you will join the Church of Humanity and help to push the teaching of its discoveries. Their teaching and acceptance is the only thing that can possibly avert it.

THANKSGIVING.

Every day in the year is a thanksgiving day for all members of the Church of Humanity. Each one is thankful to all the others for all they have done to aid in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity in power and influence. They are thankful to all other members that they made the two grand discoveries in nature that saves them from idolatry and superstition, and that they united to found a society for the promulgation of those discoveries where all can aid in the task. Yes, indeed, we have causes to rejoice and be thankful. We have all the good things Christians have and these two great discoveries in nature besides to be thankful for, and we have the consolation that we know the right parties to be thankful to. We thank all the inventors and discoverers who have lightened our burdens, increased our comforts and expanded our knowledge, and above all we thank the Church of Humanity for all it has done to free people from idolatry of myths and the superstition of continuous life.

"SOMEBODY LIES."

Other churches say that matrimonial matches are made in heaven. The Church of Humanity says they are made by the contracting parties.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say that a God makes children. The Church of Humanity says they are produced by their parents.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say the Bible stories of creation, garden of Eden, the flood, Jonah and the whale, Mrs. Lott turning to salt, the plagues of Egypt, talking snakes and asses, the elements obeying commands, the suspension of time, and its turning backward, men falling upward, children without fathers, dead people coming to life and fire refusing to burn people, are all literally true. The Church of Humanity says they are all fables and untrue.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say God, Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost, Satan and angels are real beings. The Church of Humanity says they are only creations of fiction like Santa Claus and do not exist in reality.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say heaven and hell are real places. The church of Humanity says they are myths and have no real existence at all.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say all dead people will come to life again and get out of their graves and be as sound in body and mind as they were before the cause of death molested them. The Church of Humanity says they will not revive, but that all the dead will remain dead for eternity.

Somebody lies!

Other churches say man is of a dual nature, composed of soul and body, and at death the soul is separated from the body and continues to live as a conscious independent entity. The Church of Humanity says that man has no such a "soul," and that at death conscious life is extinguished forever.

Somebody lies! But it is not the Church of Humanity.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ALLAH?

For centuries the famine-stricken and plague-ridden people of India have worshipped Allah. The poor benighted heathen idolaters depend as much on Allah to feed and clothe and protect them from the elements as the Christians in this country do on God. When a famine destroys millions of them the survivors are sure they did something or neglected to do something that displeased Allah who brought it on as a punishment. By hard thinking they can remember what it was and by profound reasoning they can figure out the enormity of the sin and see the justice of Allah's punishment. Those with superior mental powers can easily see that Allah was very merciful and lenient in dealing with such wickedness or he would have punished those who starved to death much more than he did and would not have allowed any to escape with their lives. Then they all bow down and praise Allah for his goodness and mercy to them. When the bubonic plague sweeps the country and kills them by tens of thousands it stimulates the mental powers of the people to reason out excuses for Allah. When they take an inventory of their sins of omission and of commission and figure out the degree of punishment they deserve they can easily see how good and merciful Allah is, and proceed to thank him that it was no worse.

In the great destruction of life in the recent Hyderabad flood those who escaped have another evidence of the goodness and mercy of Allah for which they will be profoundly thankful to him. Here is a description of a scene for which the Moslems will thank Allah for many years because of his infinite goodness and divine love for them in not making it any worse:

> Fifty thousand bodies piled high in the reeking mud; fifty thousand festering corpses, sweltering in the deadly heat of the noonday sun of India: fifty thousand dead piled tier on tier in the black slime. That is the dreadful story of the recent flood which wiped out the most populous section of the city of Hyderabad in India.
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> Never in the known history of the world has there been such a disastrous flood as that which has just wiped out the city of the Nizam.
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> Everywhere the streets are piled high with corpses, caked in the hot and festering slime of the river. Everywhere death and desolation reign in the most picturesque city in India. All the efforts of the British government and the local authorities are taxed to the utmost to prevent a spread of the plague from the stricken city.
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> The rains in the Deccam hills this season have been unprecedented in the history of India. Everywhere villages have been destroyed by floods, whole communities wiped out to the last man, woman and child and great fertile areas of agricultural lands laid waste by the destroying waters. Even in the worst times of the plague and the famine, which are now household words in India, there has never been such widespread misery, death and destruction as that which now holds the realm of the Nizam in its grip.

If this don't prove to the idolaters of India the divine love of Allah for them, what would? I am sure they will now worship and praise Allah as never before. They can now recognize his wisdom and power and goodness more clearly than ever. It will not be safe for years for any one to hint to these people that Allah might possibly be a myth. The Christians may think those people cling to their idols closer in misfortunes because they are heathens. Well, perhaps that's the reason, but all Christians act the same way in like cases. Perhaps the same reason for doing so will apply to them also.

I have always observed that the greater the suffering and misfortune people have to endure the closer they cling to their idols and the more ferociously will they fight for them. No people are so sure that a God exists who loves them and takes care of them as mendicants, cripples and invalids. No people are so sure every statement in the Bible is true and the very words of a God as those who can not read nor write their own names. It is a lucky thing for the Church of Humanity that there are no such calamities in the United States like they have in India. If we had the idolaters would recognize it at once to be a punishment sent by their idol for allowing the teaching of our discoveries, and they would compel its discontinuance and promise their idol to not be so thoughtless and wicked as to allow it again. While we are comparatively free from great calamities it stands us in hand to make our discoveries known to as many as possible so that when disasters come they will know they are not caused by a God.

But what is Allah that he allowed that calamity? He is the same character the Christians worship under the name of God, and whom the Church of Humanity discovered to be nothing but a creation of fiction like Santa Claus. And that's what's the matter with Allah!

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 17.

DEAR COMRADES: We are making progress slowly. But that is so much better than none at all that we should all be encouraged to try to do more for the propaganda of our great discoveries in nature which will overthrow all religious mythologies of earth as fast as the Church of Humanity can make them known, understood and accepted. This duty devolves entirely on the members of our organization and we should all feel our responsibility and each one do his and her share in the work. Since last report the following comrades united with the Church of Humanity:

257. Joseph High, Kankakee, Ill.

258. W. H. Richards, 1020 Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md.

259. Dr. J. W. Clark, 113 E. Main street, Carterville, Mo.

160. Dr. H. N. Waite, Johnson, Vt.

161. Roy J. Raison, Bisbee, Ariz.

162. J. B. Underwood, Great Bend, Kan.

163. Dr. John Tomlinson, 607 N. 8th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

164. W. H. Cox, Marietta, Ohio.

165. C. R. Andruss, Alden, Kan.

The Church of Humanity welcomes these comrades to membership and fellowship. May they live many years and have a full measure of happiness and prosperity, and be worthy members and good citizens to the end of life. May they do all they reasonably can to aid in the upbuilding of the Church of Humanity by helping to promulgate its two grand discoveries in nature, that God is a myth and death the end of life forever. They should be proud of having the good fortune to learn these truths and of being members of a society to make them known to the world. They will not now be fooled nor scared as other people are by the religious mythologies. They know Gods and Devils are fabulous, and what becomes of them at death. It is a great consolation to know these truths. No more will raving evangelists scare them with fictitious Gods and Devils and hells. No more can they be bribed into doing wrong by fictitious heavens and saviors and immortality offered by the ignorant and superstitious. They know the truth about all these subjects. They know their origin and destiny—the beginning and end of their lives. This is a consolation that no idolaters ever had or can have. They are full of doubts and uncertainties and misgivings. Their minds are racked with hope and fear alternately. They dread the future as they can not know definitely if eternal torture will be their lot or not. With members of the Church of Humanity it is all so different. We have the calmness and serenity that definite knowledge of the processes of nature brings. No fears and false hopes torture our minds. We know as definitely what becomes of us at death as we know that the sun gives us the light of day. We know that no immaterial intelligent beings exist in the universe, and that excludes all Gods, Devils, Ghosts and Spirits. This knowledge is worth more to us than all other. It protects us from the religious mythologies that are being constantly urged on us to accept by the ignorant and superstitious. It is the only protection any one can have from them. We should all work diligently to make our discoveries known to our children and all others that they may have this protection. Every dollar given by the comrades to their treasury is so much aid to make their discoveries known. That is the object of uniting in this society.

The following comrades have sent in their annual dues of $1 since last report: Mrs. A. Lindal, A. A. Robertson, James Beeson, G. F. Green, P. C. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sanford, W. W. Hensley, A. Jonsson, Chas. R. Kimberly, A. Bernhard, David Sanders, H. M. Fiske. Total for the first year, so far, 33.

Comrades who have not sent in their dues yet should do so as soon as possible so I can use them in the propaganda work.

Donations to the propaganda fund by the comrades are:

Previously reported	$39.35
Mrs. A Lindal	1.00
G. F. Green	1.00
W. W. Hensley	10.00
Joe A. Kimble	10.00
A. Jonsson	5.00
J. W. Gilbert	10.00
Total to date	$76.35

As I will contribute an amount equal to all the other comrades up to $1,000, my contribution is now $76.35.

Comrades who have not contributed yet to the propaganda fund should send in their donations as soon as possible and make them as large as possible. Remember every dollar you contribute means two dollars for the fund, as I will match it with another. We have now 265 enrolled members and they should be able to raise $1,000 for the Church of Humanity treasury without any trouble. That many members in other churches raise perhaps double that amount on an average every year for building up and maintaining their churches to teach their idolatry and superstition. We should all learn to pay as liberally for the upbuilding and maintaining of our church to teach the great truths of nature we have discovered and which are necessary to win the world from idolatry. The balance of my $1,000 for our church fund is ready to be turned into our church treasury as fast as you comrades send in yours to go with it. We are now numerically and financially strong enough to raise at least $2,000 a year for our church treasury to be used in its propaganda work. When I am willing to donate half of it myself and do all the work I can for our church besides free of charge it seems to me that you should all feel ashamed of yourselves if you cannot donate the other half.

Another very important matter I wish to speak to you about is in relation to our attitude on religious teaching in the public schools. I am making an effort to have it discontinued in our schools here and I want the co-operation and support of every comrade in this effort. But I have been informed that some of our members are sending their children to idolatrous churches and Sunday schools. Such comrades are not in a logical position to protest against the teaching of idolatry in the schools. It shows they want their children taught idolatry and superstition instead of the discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity. Such comrades are a detriment and a disgrace to the Church of Humanity because it shows they are hypocrites who do not really believe the discoveries they have professed to know, and they will want the Christian mythology taught in the public schools instead of the truth about God and life taught by the Church of Humanity. All our comrades should be consistent and always act in harmony with their professed knowledge of the truths taught by the Church of Humanity or resign their membership. We do not want any members who do not really and honestly know that death ends life forever and that God is a myth. We do not want members whose actions belie their professions. No member of the Church of Humanity should contribute one penny to the building or support of idolatrous churches and Sunday schools nor allow their children to attend them. Then you will be in a consistent position to aid your own church in its efforts to free our public schools of religious mythologies. In this issue you will see more of my efforts in that line here, and I hope to be able to report success in next issue. I want our entire church strength on my side in this contest. I want all to stand firmly for the eradication of religious mythologies from the public schools of this country. Our contest must be based on our discoveries, and we must all act in such consistent harmony with that knowledge that we can convince Christians that we actually know what we profess to. Otherwise our protest will be weak and in vain. Let us all work and pay for the promulgation of our discoveries with such zeal that Christians will see that we are both honest and sincere. My plea for the elimination of religion in our schools may be in the next issue. Order a bundle to distribute in your neighborhood.

THE QUESTION BOX.

John S. Shirley, Lucas, Kansas, asks: 1. Does not "Thou shalt" equal any other "Thou shalt" when found in the Bible? 2. Must not a person to be a good Christian be a firm believer in dreams? 3. Was there more dependence to be put in dreams two or three thousand years ago than now?

Answer 1. The meaning of this question as stated is not clear. Perhaps he means equal in authority as a command to do or not do certain things. The Bible is not the law of this or any other country and its commands are equally of no force anywhere. When the Jews lived under the Mosaic law they were expected to obey all its requirements, but there were different degrees of punishment for its violations according to the crime.

2. To be a Christian, but not necessarily a *good* Chrstian, one must believe in one silly dream at least. That is the one Joseph is said to have had regarding the divinity of Jesus as it is the principal evidence they have of his divinity. And that is no evidence at all that would have any weight in any court on earth now, unless it be in the jungles of Africa.

3. It seems from the Bible and other history that the ancients attached more importance to dreams than people do now. But they were not justified in doing so. The people now attach more value to ancient dreams than to their own. But they are not justified in doing so. They were no more reliable than the modern product. As a general thing no significance or importance should be attached to dreams, except by psychologists who are studying the brain and its processes of thought production.

The question box is open for any one who wishes to ask questions on our discoveries or the Church of Humanity.

Address them to "The Question Box."

PUZZLED IDOLATERS.

A Christian idolater comments as follows on the puzzled Moslem idolaters of Hyderabad, India, when contemplating the ruin of that city by the recent flood:

> The cry, "Ya Il Allah illahim ullah," the Moslem call to prayer, rang over Hyderabad, a city stricken under the waters, and the hosts that should have turned toward Mecca at the call responded not, for under the flood waters they lay in heaps and serried ranks. And a great silence was over all save where floating timbers borne on the tossing waves battered against a wall and shattered it.
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> And as the timbers banged a wierd tattoo the dead lay quiet while the cry rang forth. For what care those before the judgment seat for the calls from the temples?
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> On the outskirts of the broken city sat men and women and little naked children, hollow-eyed all, and pinched with a great hunger, and they wondered long and seriously why Allah had visited them with this thing. And it puzzled the stricken people why Allah, on whom they called, did not tell them why the river rose in wrath and crushed them.

Poor, puzzled idolaters! Why didn't they wonder why Allah did not warn them of the floods in time to escape, or, better still, why he did not shut off the rain before it made a flood, instead of wondering why he destroyed their city, and then why he did not give them his reasons therefor?

Why didn't the survivers investigate the nature of Allah as the Church of Humanity did the nature of God? Then they would have made the discovery that Allah was only one of the many Asiatic myths as God was found to be on investigation by the Church of Humanity, and then they never again would have repeated their call to prayers or wondered why Allah allowed floods. It would be all clear to them then.

But Christians are as stupid in religious matters as the Moslems of India whom they say are heathens. It puzzles them as much why God sends calamities on them as the Moslems are why Allah does. Only the few who have joined the Church of Humanity had the intelligence to stop praying to God long enough to investigate what he really is. Then they discovered he is nothing and ceased praying. This is the course all Christians and Moslems and all other idolaters should take. Then they will know the true reason why their idols allow such great calamities and be puzzled no more about it. It gives such great satisfaction to know the truth about God and the true meaning of death that all the people of earth should try to learn it of the Church of Humanity, and all members of this church should take a great pleasure in helping to teach their discoveries to all people.

FREE THOUGHT FUNERALS NOT WANTED.

In the *Blue Grass Blade* a number of Freethinkers have offered their services on funeral occasions. Some of their funeral orations have been published in the *Blade*. So far none I have read would be appropriate for delivery at a funeral of members of the Church of Humanity. I have read funeral addresses of Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Closz and several others, but none would be appropriate at a funeral of any who had learned the truth about God and life. They are all Deists, Immortalists or Agnostics and therefore could not represent and defend the position of those who know the truth about God and the meaning of death. In the *Blade* of November 15 is a Freethought funeral address delivered by Mrs. Harriet M. Closz. I shall reproduce a few of the most conspicuous sentences that could not be used at our funerals on account of their Agnostic teaching. The sentences and my comments are numbered to correspond and are as follows:

1. "But after all, what do we know of this mysterious thing called death, or the equally inexplicable thing called life."

1. Neither life nor death are THINGS. They are only names of conditions of organic bodies.

2. "Life and death are the two mighty mysteries which centuries of thought have sought to solve."

2. They have been solved by the Church of Humanity and there is NO mystery whatever about them. Human embryology teaches how and when our life began, and death is found to be just as it appears to be—permanent cessation of life.

3. "Notwithstanding, we send our thoughts soaring into the realm of the unseen, seeking to sound the solemnity of silence, but its esoteric meaning escapes both the sage and the savant. We strain our eyes hoping to pierce the portals of the shining empyrean, but as yet its beauties are an undiscovered domain. With burning brain we bend o'er nature's book and strain to read the enternal riddle, but within the universal scroll, alas! is locked the secret key."

3. This is all Agnosticism with a strong leaning to the superstition that there is an undiscovered "shining empyrean" beyond the grave. The Church of Humanity has found that "secret key" and unlocked nature's book, and, behold! an eternal blank follows death, for it is the end of conscious existence forever.

4. "In our eager desire to search out our origin and discover our destiny we have underestimated the importance of the present."

4. She is evidently totally ignorant of the two great discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity and is therefore ineligible to membership in this organization and incompetent to represent them in a funeral oration.

5. "Life and death are inevitable. One is the concomitant of the other, and one as natural and as necessary as the other; and when we shall have discovered whence we came, we shall know whither we go after death."

5. This last statement reveals her superstitious belief that we came from somewhere and are going somewhere when we die, that man has a soul that lived an independent conscious life before the body existed and will survive it with consciousness in an independent life after the death of the body. That is one of the two primary errors on which all religious mythologies are based, and no one believing it could be allowed to deliver a funeral address over our dead. They would misrepresent the knowledge learned by members of the Church of Humanity.

6. "Will the spirit of our relative continue to live? I DO NOT KNOW. Will her body be resurrected? YES!"

6. Such ideas can only be produced and expressed by those who have not learned the true nature of man and the true meaning of death. She expresses many more ideas not in harmony with the truths discovered and taught by the Church of Humanity which would cause her rejection as a suitable person to deliver funeral orations for its members. Some of her statements contradict others, but that only shows the unsettled and unreliable state of her mind. Her's, like all other Freethought funeral orations, including those of Mrs. Henry, Dr. Wilson and Mr. Ingersoll and others I have read, shows clearly from their errors, contradictions and acknowledged ignorance that they were only floundering around mentally in subjects they knew absolutely nothing about. The members of the Church of Humanity should all make arrangements for some comrade to read or deliver an oration at their death who was able to state clearly and plainly the discoveries made by the deceased and give ample evidence to prove those discoveries to the congregation. But if such comrade cannot be had they should see to it in advance that no services whatever be allowed. They should not have the services of a Freethinker who had not learned the truths we have and who would therefore misrepresent us as badly as any superstitious idolater. It would be much better to have no funeral services than to have the deceased misrepresented. Freethought editors, writers and orators can not represent the Church of Humanity because they have not learned the two discoveries in nature it has. Of course, we do not hate them for their ignorance no more than we do the Christians, but we must recognize the fact that they do not know the truth about God and life and therefore are unable to teach it. We must not accept them as our teachers and leaders until they learn and teach the truth about those two subjects. Then they will unite with the Church of Humanity and aid in its propaganda work and we can accept them then as leaders and teachers and employ them on funeral occasions.

Thousands of Witnesses for the Church of Humanity.

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spread destruction over several islands.

Bombay, India, Oct. 5.—Advices from Hyderabad, the capital of the flooded district, report that it is estimated that 50,000 natives and many Europeans were drowned in the recent floods. Six hundred corpses were taken out of the mud at one spot. The funeral pyres are burning day and night to dispose of the dead.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 13.—An explosion of fire-damp in the Radbod mine this morning will result in great loss of life. Twenty-seven bodies have been taken out and 300 men are still entombed. One hundred and fifty men are in shaft No. 2, and it is believed they are all doomed.

The following is a list of some of the most important mine disasters since 1894 and the number of lives lost in each:

1894—Albion colliery, South Wales, 280.
1902—Fraterville, Tenn., 200.
1902—Rolling Mill mine, Pennsylvania, 105.
1903—Hanna, Wyoming, 175.
1904—Lackawanna mine, Pennsylvania, 10.
1904—Tercio, California, 21.
1905—Virginia City, Ala., 152.
1905—Ziegler, Ill., 35.
1905—Welsh coal mine, 120.
1905—Diamondville, Wyo., 18.
1905—Kurtsisk, Russia, 300.
1905—M., K. & T. Coal company, 13.
1905—Princeton, Ind., 13.
1905—Coal mine in Prussia, 55.
1905—Wilcox, W. Va., 35.
1906—Bluefields, W. Va., 21.
1906—Johnstown, Pa., 25.
1906—Century, W. Va., 15.
1906—Durham, England, 25.
1906—Dutchman mine, Blossburg, N. M., 15.
1906—Courriere mine, near Calais, France, 1,060.
1906—Japan, 250.
1906—Oak Hill, W. Va., 28.
1906—West Fork, Va., 75.
1906—Quarto, Colo., 22.
1907—Saarius, Prussia, 22.
1907—Primero, Colo., 20.
1907—Fayetteville, W. Va., 80.
1907—Saarbruck, Prussia, 200.
1907—Las Esperanzas, Mex., 123.
1907—Forbach, Germany, 75.
1907—Monongahela, Pa., 30.
1907—Toyoka, Japan, 470.
1907—Tsing, Tau, China, 112.
1907—Negaunee, Mich., 17.
1907—Monongah, W. Va., 550.
1907—Yolande, Ala., 81.
1907—Fayette City, Pa., 30.
1907—Jacobs Creek, Pa., 250.

Washington, Sept. 28.—From figures given by the United States it is estimated that since the year 1793 there have been approximately 100,000 deaths from yellow fever, whereas tuberculosis is estimated to have caused 160,000 deaths last year alone.

Now, remember that practically all these perished people the world over believed firmly in one or both of the religious superstitions that a God exists and that conscious life survives death. They were practically all praying people and had children, relatives or friends praying for them also. How can any person believe that there is a God who heard and answered that child's prayer in the Johnstown flood but who ignored the millions of prayers equally sincere offered by these perished thousands and their friends for aid and protection. I can not believe it. The preponderance of evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of my assertion that the child was simply mistaken when she exclaimed, "God has heard my prayer!" and that proves the discoveries of the Church of Humanity true. If you believe it does then join the Church of Humanity, if you are not a member, and help it in this great task of freeing our race from idolatry and superstition.

The Church of Humanity is the first and only organized and incorporated society in the world of people who have learned the modern scientific discoveries that God is only a creation of fiction, like Santa Claus, and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life. We want all people to unite with this church as soon as they learn these discoveries so we can know how fast they are being learned and accepted by the people, and so we can have their friendship, influence, power and aid in teaching these discoveries and overthrow all religious mythologies of earth. This is not a religious nor a Freethought society. It is a uniting of people who have learned these two great discoveries in nature to enable them all to help effectually in making them known and accepted.

Freethought No Antidote for Idolatry and Superstition.

The chloride of gold cure for religious mythologies is not found in Freethought publications, speeches or societies, because there is no antidote for them except in the knowledge of the truth about God and life as discovered and taught by the Church of Humanity. No Freethought publication or society knows those truths and hence cannot teach them.

A Freethought society of eight members organized at St. Ansgar, Iowa, says in its preamble: "We, the undersigned, associate ourselves together to secure equality, liberty and justice before the law from all men and systems of religion; to oppose the uniting of church and state in full or in part."

There is not a word said about them knowing the truth about God and life nor their intention of teaching it, and it is to be inferred from that silence they do not know it. Such societies can be of no practical good, since they leave the basis of idolatry and superstition untouched and the people must still look to idolatrous churches for their teaching about the subjects they are most interested in. Such Freethought societies would oppose the teaching of the discoveries of the Church of Humanity in the public schools because as they disbelieve them to be true they think them only a religious creed worse than the others. Because all people who do not know these truths really believe the opposite. The Church of Humanity should take no interest in such societies, but push their own with all the vigor they can, as it has the only truths that can check idolatry and superstition.

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Scientific Discoveries Suppressed, Children Compelled to Worship Idols and Property of their Parents Confiscated for the Support and Teaching of Idolatry and Superstition! A Powerful Protest which the Board of Education Refuses to Hear. The Outrage Continued.

A Protest to the Board of Education Against the Teaching of Religion in the Schools of Great Bend, December 7, 1908.

BY W. H. KERR.

Mr. President and Members of the Board of Education:

Being a citizen of Great Bend and a patron of its public schools I wish to protest to your honorable Board against having religious exercises in said schools, and request you to please have them discontinued. I have protested to your Superintendent in vain and now appeal to you as the highest authority in the matter for relief.

The objectionable exercises consist in reading the Bible, repeating prayers and singing religious hymns. I base my objection to that teaching on the ground that it constitutes religious teaching whereby children are taught that God is a real being, heaven a real place and our conscious life continuous.

I object to that teaching because it is untrue. I have positively discovered that no immaterial intelligent being exists in the universe and that death is the permanent cessation of conscious life. These are the two greatest scientific discoveries in nature ever made because they prove conclusively that all Gods, Devils and Holy Ghosts are creations of fiction, like Santa Claus, heaven and hell myths and the belief in immortality and a resurrection of the dead only superstitions.

In the light of these discoveries Christianity is seen to be only one of the many Asiatic religious mythologies. Its Gods are mere creations of the mind. Those who produce and those who perpetuate them as realities are God-makers. Those who worship them are idolaters. With all the earnestness and power at my command I protest against the creation and idolatry of Gods in our public schools.

Were these God-makers to make a God of wood or stone and set it up in our schools and teach the children to pray to it for their daily bread a large majority of this Board would join me in a protest against it.

By contemplating what your feelings would be in that case you can have some idea what mine are now. I object as seriously to the worship of Gods whittled out by the imagination as you would to the worship of Gods whittled out by hand.

They are no improvement on the hand-made varieties.

The latter varieties are assigned powers and attributes they do not possess and then loved, feared and worshiped as though they really possessed them.

The imaginary kind are assigned power and attributes no real being in the universe has and are then loved, feared and worshiped as though they were real beings and really had those powers and attributes.

Thus it is seen that all Gods are made by man instead of man being made by a God, as had been supposed. There being no real God to save man from the fixed processes of nature death is the same to him as to all other animal life, which is the permanent cessation of conscious life and the permanent dissolution of the body.

THE NATURE OF MY DISCOVERIES.

You will recognize the fact then that in making my discoveries I did not destroy a real God, but simply discovered that no real God exists in nature; and that I did not abolish immortality, but simply discovered that it is not a fact in nature. These discovered truths were always true and ever will be regardless of our belief or unbelief in them.

They are the scientific answers to the two questions—What is God and what becomes of us when we die?

These questions have agitated most all people of earth since the beginning of historic times.

Now that the truth about them has been discovered it should be taught to all children instead of the untruths taught them. All children are entitled to know the truth about these two most important subjects and it is our duty to see that it is taught them. I shall not ask you to have them taught in the public schools until more of the patrons recognize them, but I do ask that the teaching of untruths about these two subjects be discontinued.

The teaching of these discoveries in the schools would not constitute religious teaching.

THE EVIDENCES OF MY DISCOVERIES.

In this brief protest I cannot give much of the proof of my discoveries and I do not expect to convince you they are true. That might take many years to do if ever.

But I would like to convince you that I know them else you will refuse my request.

There are many things other people know that you do not, yet you know they know them and you give them credit for knowing them. Such as stenography, telegraphy, reading and speaking and writing other languages and an almost infinite variety of knowledge in the arts, sciences, industries and professions that you will admit you know very little or nothing about. Many thousands of people are pushing the outposts of knowledge farther and farther on nearly all subjects.

I have had the good fortune to plant the outpost of knowledge of these two subjects at their ultimate and final limit where they become scientific truths to be taught as such with all idolatry and superstition eliminated.

When the people recognize the truth of these discoveries they should be taught in the public schools the same as other truths of nature are taught. As fast as people learn these discoveries they must prohibit the teaching and practice of idolatry in their own homes and protest against it in the public schools.

I am willing to go before any officer in town qualified to administer the affirmation and affirm under pains and penalties of perjury that my discoveries that no real God exists in the universe and that death is the permanent cessation of individual conscious life are true.

I teach these truths to my children and prohibit the teaching and practice of idolatry and superstition in my home. I abandoned my well improved farm of 720 acres in this county where I could make thousands of dollars a year and I have ceased speculating in land where I could make thousands of dollars to devote my time free of charge to the teaching of these discoveries and organizing societies of those who learn them so they can aid in their promulgation. I expect to use a good part of my property in making these discoveries known. What more can I say or do to convince you that I know them and recognize their stupendous value as a civilizer of our entire race when they become generally known? A world-wide knowledge of them will prevent all wars, persecutions and hatred caused by conflicting religious mythologies. They will give the people that true knowledge of the world and of life all should know. They will dispel the religious delusion that we live on the second floor of a three-story world with a hell below and a heaven above. They will dispel that other religious delusion that we are in the grub state of life preparing for the butterfly state wherein we shall have wings. These discoveries prove we are in the mature, completed and final stage of life now.

We passed through the preparatory stages in cell and embryonic life. This is the finished stage of life in which we are to do our flying if ever. A few are beginning to fly now. If you live a few years more you may see people flying in all directions on any pleasant day. In making this protest in the name of these two discoveries in nature I ask you to not class me with Infidels, Atheists, Agnostics, Nonconformists, Freethinkers, Materialists or anti-clericals under any other name. None of these names represent people who know both of these discoveries.

Thomas Paine and Ingersoll did not know them.

I accept the teaching of all people impartially so far as they are in line and harmony with these discovered truths. The balance I reject.

I accept the truths of nature for authority. There can be none higher. All teaching misrepresenting the true state and processes of nature are untruths. There is no God in nature, no heaven, no hell, no resurrection of the dead, no soul to be separated at death to continue life. I ask that the teaching of the untruths that there are such beings, places and things in nature be discontinued in the public schools.

There have been questions asked me and reasons given for teaching these untruths in the public schools. I shall answer a few of the most important of them in support and defense of my protest.

First—How could you discover anything about non-existing things and places?

Answer—I do not claim to have made any such discoveries. I only discovered that creations of fiction represented and claimed to be real beings and places are not real beings and places. When all the world believes a creation of fiction really exists and then it is discovered that it does not it constitutes a true discovery.

Second—Why did not other people make the same discoveries hundreds or thousands of years ago if they are true?

Answer—Why were not all the discoveries in nature made thousands of years before they were? Why were they not made by someone else besides the real discoverers? Why didn't all the people make the discoveries instead of the few?

The same questions can be asked about the inventions.

And why don't the people now living make the inventions and discoveries that future generations will make?

Only the few have the ability to invent and discover things, and sometimes it is not the result of

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special ability, but of good luck, accident, environment or necessity.

Then those few must teach others how to know and use their inventions and discoveries if they are to be perpetuated and be of use to man.

The wisdom of our race is accumulative, evolutionary, expanding in all directions. Hence it is natural for each succeeding generation to make new discoveries and inventions as they have access to the world's ever growing store of knowledge to aid them.

Third—How did you make these two discoveries?

Answer—I made them through experience, investigation and observation of the processes of nature and by examining the written evidences relied on to prove the existence of a God and a future life.

Fourth—Can you suggest how and where others can find the evidence to prove there is no God and no future life?

Answer—Yes. Much of the evidence to prove these discoveries has been compiled in a fragmentary way, but some of it for other purposes.

The Bible is relied on principally by Christians to prove their religious mythology true. They believe it a message from their fabulous God. If you examine its history and contents in the light of modern scientific knowledge you will find its every word and thought is the product of man, and none of it that of a God, as you have been taught it is. This has been done in part by many people and their findings recorded in books.

The best of these books I know of is "The Bible," by Mr. J. E. Remsburg, of Oak Mills, Kan. He is a reliable Bible student and shows clearly by the history and contents of the Bible that it is the product of man in every particular.

I ask you to please read this book that you may know the true nature of the Bible before you permit religious teaching in the schools. I mark it exhibit (A).

These modern Biblical critics have proven positively that man never got a revelation or a message from a real God, never saw one nor talked with one. That disposes of the written and spoken evidence of a God and proves he is fabulous. But in their ignorance idolaters claim to see in the great book of nature evidences of the existence of a God and of immortality. They misread and misinterpret the book of nature.

Many people have read parts of that great book correctly and have placed their findings in books on the various sciences. The correct reading and interpreting of the great book of nature and its processes is not completed. But great progress is being made in the work.

Enough has been read correctly to prove there is no immaterial intelligent beings existing in the universe and no material being with the attributes necessary to the makeup of a God, and that conscious life ceases forever at death.

Two very good works on the origin, evolution and termination of organic life, and the beginning and end of its mental powers are the "Riddle of the Universe" and "The Wonders of Life," by Ernest Haeckel, of the University of Jena, Germany. I ask you to please study these books before you permit religious teaching in our schools.

I mark them exhibit (B).

Another source of evidence to prove there is no real God and no conscious life after death is the application of your five senses in observing nature and its processes.

You cannot detect a God with any one or all of these senses combined, even when the power of sight and hearing is increased many times by mechanical inventions. Neither can you detect the existence of a soul either in or out of a body. Observe what becomes of the people who claim to know there is a God who loves and cares for them and you will see they are mistaken.

They are destroyed in the most horrible manner, which proves they are not known by a God. That proves God to be a creation of fiction. Had people souls that could survive death with ability to go somewhere and converse with somebody a large majority of them would come to the home folks and converse with them. That proves the soul a creation of fiction.

I have collected accounts of the destruction of hundreds of thousands of people who had claimed they had a God and other unseen beings for care-takers. Their own destruction proved their mistake. I offer these accounts with my comments thereon as positive proof of my discoveries. I ask you to please read this world-wide evidence of the futility of idolatry and superstition and then prohibit their teaching in our public schools.

I shall mark this exhibit (C).

This concludes the nature of my discoveries and all the proof of them I shall take up your time to introduce now. The proof of them is unlimited. It only needs to be compiled into suitable text-books and competent teachers provided to teach it to all the people to make them known and accepted.

The many conflicting religious mythologies, the history of our race, all the natural sciences proves them true.

They should be learned by the teacher and taught in all public schools. What are the schools for if not to help to civilize and enlighten the growing generation? What can do that better than a true knowledge of their place in nature? A knowledge of these latest discoveries in nature is the only thing that can possibly save your children and mine from being made superstitious idolaters by the false teachers of nature—by the Mohammeds, the Jesuses, the Moses, the Confusians, the Buddahs, the Smiths, the Eddys and the Dowies.

The creation and worship of Gods is a vice, not a virtue.

I protest with all the power of my nature against teaching my children this vice in the public schools. Some teachers use tobacco and intoxicating drink. Some people call these habits vices.

Suppose such teachers would practice these vices in school and require all the children to do the same for ten or fifteen minutes each day, would not the children learn to practice these vices in spite of your home teaching and example? How could you prevent your children from contracting these bad habits? In such a case many of the patrons would join me in a protest to this Board against allowing the teacher to teach these habits to their children. The teacher would then defend his course by proving to you that all the great and civilized nations use tobacco and strong drink, that nearly all great and successful men use them, and that it was his method of perpetuating civilization and laying the foundation for the future success and greatness of the children. He would prove to you that it was absolutely necessary to teach the children these habits to prevent the nation from relapsing into the condition of the people in the jungles of Africa and some of the islands of the sea where they did not have these habits, and that all we have of progress in science and art and commerce and knowledge above those people are due to these habits.

But some of the patrons would reply by saying they never used tobacco and intoxicating drinks and that they were as civilized and progressive as those who did. Others who once used them, but had discontinued the habit would claim they were not retrograding into savagery, as the teacher claimed they would do, but were simply discarding bad and useless habits, and that while they had banished these vices from their homes all the good things of civilization remained. They would claim that our glorious achievements that mark our superiority to the people of the jungle are not due to these habits as claimed, but that we have progressed in spite of them, that they have been a handicap instead of an aid, and that their discontinuance would be an advancement instead of a retrogression in civilization. In such a case you would doubtless decide against the teacher and order him to not impose his personal vices on the school. But the teacher would have the backing and support of many who made their living in the production and sale of tobacco and intoxicants because he was creating a demand for their wares.

The creation and worship of Gods is a vice to be discarded instead of encouraged, and should be eliminated from the public schools.

Much greater objections can be brought against it than against both the other vices because its baneful influence is thousands of times more potent for evil to home, state and humanity than they are.

I teach my children by precept and example to use no tobacco and no intoxicants in any form. As much as I dislike the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks and would object to my children being taught these habits, I would rather a thousandfold they were taught them in school by our teachers than this dreadful vice of idolatry.

It has engendered more strife, hatred and persecution, wrecked more homes, slaughtered more people, destroyed more nations and retarded progress, knowledge and civilization more than all other vices of our race combined.

My children will never hate me for not using tobacco and intoxicating drink and teaching them not to use them. But if you allow our school teachers to teach them this horrible Christian mythology for truth they will then hate me as long as they live for making and teaching my discoveries. I want to prevent that by having this false teaching discontinued in the schools. I prohibit my children going to idolatrous churches and Sunday schools, and from contributing directly to their support, because I do not want them to believe the untruths taught there. But if you are going to make the public schools a propaganda institution for the teaching and practice of idolatry, where my children are compelled to attend, how can I save them from that vice? How can anybody's children be saved from it? How can the truth prevail over untruth with the public schools against it? What more effective way could idolatry be promulgated and perpetuated than by using the public schools to teach it daily to the children for ten or fifteen years of their early life? How many children could there be any hope for after that of ever learning the truth and freeing themselves from this dreadful mythology?

The teachers should have no right to teach this Asiatic religious mythology to the children in the public schools. It should be outlawed. It should be made a crime with a heavy penalty for its violation. It is a crime against truth, a crime against progress and civilization, a crime against humanity and should be made a crime in law.

Americans do not go to Arabia now for their wisdom and ideals. Why should we accept that of the Arabs of 2,000 years ago without investigation? Do not we modern Americans know more about nature and its processes than they did? Our school teachers should not be allowed to teach anything about subjects not required, and which they were not examined in by the proper school authorities. If they are required to teach the children anything about God and life they must be required to learn the truth about those subjects and pass an examination and be authorized to teach them by the proper school authorities the same as is required in other branches of knowledge taught.

I protest against irresponsible and incompetent parties being allowed to teach my children anything about these two most important of all subjects without such examination and authorization. It required twenty years of diligent study and investigation in the processes of nature for me to learn the truth about God and life that I might know it for my own satisfaction and know what to teach my children. It required twenty years more of hard work to get financially able to proclaim and teach the truths I found.

After all that labor must I now

see my children compelled to pray and sing idolatrous hymns to fabulous Gods by school teachers who do not know the truth, don't want to know it and absolutely refuse to try to learn it?

I appeal to this honorable Board of Education for relief from this intolerable situation by requiring the teachers to discontinue religious exercises in the schools. You are the highest power for me to appeal to, and the only power with authority to grant my request.

No judge in Kansas or anywhere else can compel you to allow the teachers to impose their vice of idolatry on my children.

You hold the purse strings and you can ask them to discontinue teaching religion, and teach only those branches of knowledge they have a certificate of competency and authority to teach, and for which alone you pay them my money.

I pay annually about $175 in school taxes, about $100 of it in this city.

There is nothing I pay taxes for more cheerfully than the support of our common schools. But if the teaching of religious mythologies cannot be eliminated from them it will force me and every loyal and consistent member of the Church of Humanity into the ranks of their bitter enemy. I do not make this as a threat to coerce you in the least, but that you may know my deep and earnest feeling on this matter.

The Church of Humanity is not strong enough yet to have much influence, but the Roman Hierarchy is. It is demanding its share of the public school funds for the support of its Parochial schools where it has control of the teaching of its millions of children.

The Church of Humanity will make the same demand in behalf of its children. We love our children as much as the Catholics do theirs. We claim as much right to have our children taught truths as they have to have theirs taught untruths. We have as much right to our share of the school funds for the education of our children under our control as they have to their share for that purpose. They have won their demand in England after a 40-year fight and they will win in this country.

In England they now get $13.68 annually from the public treasury for each of their 450,000 children, or about $7,500,000 for their Parochial schools.

Religion in the schools is disrupting the public schools in England and it is doing it in this country. The Catholics have orders from the pope to build and maintain their own schools and not send their children to the public schools if it can be avoided. This is breaking up many public schools in places. It has broken up some in this county. Are you people willing to see our glorious public school system wrecked by this contention over religion?

I for one am willing that every public school in the United States wherein the existence of a God and a future life is taught in any manner be closed tomorrow never to be reopened until an assurance is given that those superstitions will not be propagated therein. Those two errors are the seed germs from which have grown all the religious mythologies, including Christianity, that has cursed our race, and will continue to curse it until they are destroyed by the knowledge that no real Gods exist and that death ends life forever.

But I do not want our public school system wrecked on this problem or any other problem.

Neither do I want it solved as they did in England.

We Americans can make an improvement on most all things foreign and we can on that.

The Church of Humanity will propose a solution of the problem fair to all parties, and will ask any or all other churches to second it.

The Church of Humanity moves that all religious teaching and exercises be discontinued in the public schools, and that no book used in the schools except the dictionary contain the words God, Christ, Angels, Devil, Heaven, Hell or Immortality or any other word or sentence referring to those characters, places and conditions.

This plan ought to be satisfactory to the Catholics, Jews, Christian Scientists, Mormons, all Protestant denominations, citizens believing in other oriental religions, Agnostics and Freethinkers.

It would be satisfactory for the present to the Church of Humanity.

Adopt this plan and let the churches thresh out these great questions on the intellectual battlefield outside of the schools.

Let truth and untruth about God and life contend for supremacy without disrupting the common schools by making them the battle ground.

All factions want their children to have the rudiments of a practical and a business education.

There are plenty of branches of knowledge on which all agree to keep the schools busy without intruding those subjects on which they do not agree.

What fairer proposition could be proposed than this?

I ask all other churches to second it and this Board to grant it so far as they have authority to do so.

EXCUSES OF TEACHERS ANSWERED.

Some teachers say they read from the Bible passages and proverbs only to teach moral ethics.

That is only a subterfuge to allay objections.

With them a belief in and practice of the Christian idolatry is the highest moral ethics. I have heard hundreds of their readings, and they select those passages that are most adapted to teaching the God and immortality ideas and the duty of worshiping.

Their selection of songs are often made with the same object in view.

Many teachers are active church or Sunday school officers or teachers. They read the same scripture and sing the same hymns they do in their church work. Sometimes part of the school children are members of the teacher's Sunday school class and the religious exercises in school are simply a continuation or repetition of their church and Sunday school teaching. By this stratagem they circumvent me and bring to naught my efforts to protect my children from being taught to believe the Christian mythology and practice idolatry. I protest against this monstrous outrage and appeal to this Board for protection, which it has ample power to give me.

Who dare say an American citizen has no right to investigate the claims of these oriental religious mythologies and compare them with the great book of nature to see if they are true?

Who dare say an American citizen has no right to reject them when they are found to be untrue to nature in every essential?

Who dare say the state should force these Asiatic superstitions on the children of an American citizen for truth when he knows they are untrue and protests against it? I ask you to reject their excuse on moral grounds because teaching untruths is immoral.

Some make the excuse that they must have an example of a perfect man as a model or ideal to teach the children to emulate, and that Jesus is the best for that purpose. That is another subterfuge.

They do not teach that Jesus is simply a man, but that he is a God, and it is on that account they believe him perfect and worthy of emulation and worship. But their principal reason for selecting Jesus as a model is their superstition that he now hears their praise and flattery and has power to reward them for it in this world and in a fictitious world they believe comes after this.

As it is discovered there is no God, that disposes of Jesus as the son of one, and as it is discovered that death ends life forever that disposes of him as being present to hear what is said of him and of his ability to reward or punish any one. When we examine his teaching and acts without the sensation of love, hate or fear to warp our judgment we find he is not an ideal citizen, and that most of his teaching and acts should be condemned instead of praised. Whether this particular Jesus ever lived, or is only a creation of fiction, as many claim he is, is immaterial to us. All the impossible feats claimed for him by which people judge him to be a God are fictitious at least. We can judge a creation of fiction by the character its creator gave it as easily as we can a real person by reading his biography.

The only way we have of judging if Jesus is an ideal character is by reading his biography in the Bible, and especially that part claimed to be his own words.

Here are a few quotations of his from a Red Letter Testament that gives us an insight to his character and teaching:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace but a sword.

"For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. If any man come to me, and hate not his father and mother, and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

This teaching of hatred for the home folks is enough to cause the rejection of Jesus as a model and ideal man for our children to follow.

Why! Jesus would not allow a man to have enough respect for his father to bury him.

When one man offered to follow him if he would allow him to first go and bury his father he would not allow him to do so, but commanded him, saying: "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the Kingdom of God."

When another asked permission to go and bid the home folks farewell before going with him he refused the request, saying: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."

He deserted his own home, denied his father, mother and brothers and required all others to do the same. Does any parent want that kind of a character held up to their children daily as an ideal to follow? I do not. We will now see if he is a model of industry and thrift for our children to follow. I quote from him on these subjects:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, * * *

"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; * * *

"And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Therefore take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

That is enough to cause the rejection of Jesus as an ideal citizen. Would any of you parents want your children to follow this teaching? I do not want mine to. I do not want the teachers to teach my children that Jesus was an ideal citizen or that they should follow his teaching or example. What would become of them if they did? To follow such teaching would put them in the same undesirable condition it did Jesus, and I will let him tell you what it brought him to:

"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath no where to lay his head."

That was the result of following his own teaching and ideals. Was it a desirable result. Do you want your children to be tramps, hobos, vagrants and paupers through following the teaching and practice of this character held up by your teachers as a model for them to follow? I don't want my children to be taught to follow such teaching and example.

I heard an evangelist say in this town a few nights ago that had it not been for Christianity we would all be living in caves and dens subsisting on snakes and lizards. The fact is that had any people followed the teaching and example of Jesus they would have committed race suicide. He did not marry and raise a family nor build a home. He certainly is not President Roosevelt's ideal citizen. Jesus believed the world would come to an end in that

generation. That delusion in connection with his religious hallucinations is the key to his teaching and actions. He believed there was enough already produced to last the people until the world would be destroyed if it was divided up equally. Hence he ceased productive labor, if he ever did any, and advised others to do the same. He said: "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the son of man coming in his kingdom."

He said to his disciples: "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the son of man be come."

Can a man whose teaching and actions are based on the idea that the world will be destroyed within a few years at most be an ideal citizen? Who would want to labor and provide for the needs of old age if they were as sure as Jesus was that the world would come to an end in a few months? Jesus believed firmly in the existence of Gods, Devils, Ghosts, spirits, angels, souls, heaven and hell which are now discovered to be fabulous. He believed in the superstition of immortality and a resurrection of the dead and their consignment to hell or heaven for eternity.

As he believed the world was about to be destroyed he thought there was only a very short time in which to save the people from that dreadful imaginary hell. With these two primary false ideas dominating him he was in no condition to view the world and life in their true aspect.

What cared he for father, mother, home or property when he imagined the whole world was about to be dumped into a literal lake of fire where none could escape or be allowed the mercy of death? He advised people to hurry up and save themselves from hell, and if they didn't have time to save their entire body to pluck out their eyes and cut off their feet and hands and save what they could.

He said: "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire."

These commands indicate mental derangement.

Do you want such a character to be presented to your children in school daily as an ideal for them to pattern after? I do not, and I protest against it. Instead of presenting Jesus as a model to follow, he should be presented as a warning to others to escape his condition and fate by learning the truth about God and life in place of believing the superstitions that caused his sad condition and fate. He was so worried over the saving of fictitious souls that he lost his real life. He was so wrapped up in the contemplation of a fictitious world that he missed all the joy and comfort and happiness of the only real world he could ever know.

A knowledge of my discoveries would have saved him, and all the wreck and ruin of homes and states and empires caused by people believing his delusions and trying to make others believe them.

Who can estimate the number of slaughtered people in the last 5,000 years for want of a world-wide knowledge of these discoveries?

Who can foresee the number of people that will be slaughtered owing to the world's religious mythologies before these discoveries can be made known to all the world? I can foresee millions of them. Our own posterity may be among the number.

Who can blame me for doing all I can to aid in eradicating these dreadful superstitions? I would like to keep my own family free from them. How can I do that with the power of the state against me?

If the state continues to take my children out of my home and to take money out of my pocket to hire an idolater to teach them idolatry what show have I to save them from it? Then you will ridicule me for having made a discovery that I could not teach to my own children and for trying to save others from idolatry when I could not save them.

Is this Board of Education going to use the power of the state to place me in that position?

Is it going to use the power of the state to force my children to be idolaters? Is it going to use the power of the state to stamp out and suppress scientific discoveries when they conflict with religious mythologies? If it is, how far are we removed from the dark ages when idolaters used the power of the state to suppress the discoveries of the Galileos and the Brunos?

Did not our idolatrous ancestors make a grievous mistake in suppressing scientific discoveries?

Are you going to follow their example and suppress these scientific discoveries by state power applied through the public schools?

What more effective methods could you use in their suppression than to use state power to take the children from parents who know these discoveries, then take their money from them and hire teachers to teach the children the Christian religion for ten or fifteen years?

This is a direct violation of the fundamental laws of our state and nation.

The first clause of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

You are establishing the Christian religion in the schools and nation through state power and aid when you hire teachers to teach the children its requirements. That is the most effectual way of establishing a religion that could be devised. If teachers taught and required the children to learn and practice the Mohammedan or Confucian or Buddhist religion in the schools as they do the Christian religion every Christian would claim it was a violation of this constitutional law and demand their suppression.

If this law would apply in those cases, as I believe it would, it applies with equal force in this case.

Christians would invoke this law to protect their children from the teaching of a religion they believed untrue. I invoke it to protect my children from the teaching of a religion I know to be untrue.

The Constitution of Kansas specifically prohibits enforced attendance and support of any form of worship.

A clause in section 7 of the bill of rights says:

"Nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship." Reading the Bible as a religious duty, praying and singing hymns of love and praise to a supposed God are forms of worship.

Myself and children are persons. They are compelled to attend this worship. I am compelled to pay for it. This constitutes two violations of the plain words and meaning of the constitution of Kansas. I invoke the protection of that constitution.

The Board is the proper power to grant me this protection. It has ample power and authority to grant it. I am not asking you to violate any law or to require anyone else to. I am only asking you to require the teachers under your control to obey the fundamental law of our country and cease their violation of it. If they are good citizens they should not want to violate the laws of the land. If they want an example of an ideal citizen for the children to patter after they need not go back to the Arabs of 2,000 years ago to find one. Let them be ideal citizens themselves by obeying the fundamental law of the state and nation.

And if they do not obey it in this matter voluntary I request this Board of Education to compel them to do so.

I thank you, gentlemen, for your attention.

PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Great Bend, Kan., Nov. 10, 1908.—Mr. Porter Young, President Board of Education, City. Dear Sir: I write to call your attention to a great injustice being done me by the city school teachers and I appeal to the board of education for relief.

The injustice complained of is the teaching of religion, consisting of Bible reading, praying and singing religious hymns. This is done, I am informed, at the request of Prof. D. F. Shirk, the superintendent. I have protested to him in vain and I herewith enclose the correspondence between us on the subject. I stated to him the reasons for my objection to this religious teaching, and I refer you to them. I have always been an advocate and supporter, and for many years a patron, of the public schools. Through taxation I pay about $100 into the city school funds annually and about half as much more to other school districts in the county. I have three children in the city schools. They are good enough to respect my wishes and not attend idolatrous Sunday schools and churches. But if you continue to take the advantage of me by forcing on them this ancient Asiatic mythology, named Christianity, for truth against my protest you will force me into the ranks of the enemies of the public schools. I would rather a thousand times have no public schools than have my children taught to believe and practice that dreadful superstition and idolatory. Its teaching is not required by the school laws and I ask you to please have it discontinued. Hoping for favorable action on your part, and and early reply, I remain.—Yours truly, W. H. Kerr.

REPLY.

Great Bend, Kan., Nov. 16, 1908.—Mr. W. H. Kerr, Dear Sir: I have your communication of November 10th, addressed to me as president of the Board of Education. I will bring this matter before the board at their next meeting and herewith extend an invitation to you to attend our meeting if you care to present your side of the case further. In this matter, Mr. Kerr, the board of education is simply trying to do what is best for all the children of this community. There are, of course, a great many religious beliefs, and it is rather difficult for the board to say what shall and what shall not be taught when the law gives a teacher the right to instruct pupils in morality. The teacher may hold that Christian training is the best way to teach morality. However, there is little use of an extended argument along this line, but I will bring the matter before the board of education, and we will see what can be done. I prefer you to be there, for if you are not, the matter may be passed over lightly, and nothing done, and if you are there you will have an opportunity to know how the board feels on this subject.—Yours truly, Porter Young.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

Great Bend Kan., Nov. 17, 1908.—Mr. Porter Young, President of the Board of Education. Dear Sir: Your kind invitation of yesterday to attend the next regular meeting of the board of education and present my grievance to the board in person is received. I thank you for this cordial invitation and gladly accept it, and will ask for about thirty minutes of your time to present my case. I shall have it prepared in advance as well as I can to make it as clear to the board as possible in so short a time. As the city teachers will be interested in the decision of the board relating to religious teaching in the schools I suggest that you invite them to be present at the meeting, and also a committee of the patrons that they may know the reasons for having religious teaching discontinued in our schools if the board so requests it.—Yours truly, W. H. Kerr.

The Meeting.—After all other business was attended to the president handed the clerk my letter to be read. The president then asked if I had anything farther to say. I told him I had my protest more fully elaborated with reasons why my request should be granted and would read it or hand it to the clerk of the Board to be read.

One of the members asked how much time it would require to read it. I replied that it would take me about 45 minutes to read it.

Another of the members said all they could do in the matter would be to require the superintendent to abide by the law on the subject and offered a resolution to that effect, which carried after a short discussion. The motion was not recorded in the minutes to my knowledge. None of the members seemed to know what the law is on the subject, but some thought Bible reading in schools was required by the law.

The superintendent will not admit he is violating the constitutions or any law. He told me one of the Board requested him to have religious exercises daily in the schools. The Board will not order him to omit the objectionable exercises. That leaves the subject as it was. There seems to be no recourse but to appeal to the courts to determine what our rights are under the constitutions.

We should have the supreme court of the United States settle the questions involved. If the decision is favorable to us we will have a legal basis for the eradication of idolatry and superstition from the public schools. If it is against us then we must try to establish our own schools, as the Catholics do, and join them in a demand for a division of the school funds or an exemption from school taxes. It is intolerable to be forced to have our children taught idolatry and superstition.

I suggest a national federation of anti-idolatry societies to carry a test case through the courts to the supreme court. Here is a common basis for practical co-operation of the Materialist Association and the American Secular Union and the Church of Humanity and all other societies that wish religion eliminated from the public schools to form a national federation to fight for our rights in the courts.

One member from each society or the official head of each could form this national Federation for defensive work common to all the federated societies. That would give us power and influence no single society could have, and it would distribute the expense among all who are to be benefited by the success of a common cause. We could then employ the very best legal talent in sympathy with our cause.

The Church of Humanity moves that this National Federation be entered into at once for this specific purpose and calls on the heads of the other societies for their suggestions and second to the motion.

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The Great Earthquake Proves There Is no Intelligence Controlling the Elements, or that Knows of the Existence of Man and His Idols. The Teaching of Idolatry Should Be Penalized. Enlightened Humanity a Higher Morality than any Religious Teaching.

The earthquake in southern Italy Monday morning, December 28, will go down in history as one of the great calamities to human life. The exact number of lives lost will never be known. Conservatives place it at over 100,000, but some estimate it at over 200,000. Deaths will continue for weeks from injuries and privations among those who escaped with life. The densely populated country including many cities and villages extending over thousands of square miles in the estern part of Cicily and Calabria is laying in ruins with thousands of the dead still buried beneath them.

At 5:20 a. m., without a moment's warning to any one from their fabulous gods, the earth shook. The people were thrown from their beds, floors fell, walls of brick and stone fell on them. In an instant tens of thousands of people were pinioned, crushed, dying and dead in the most horrible catastrophe of modern times. The living prayed to their idols for mercy, aid and protection. A torrential rain with hail seemed to be the answer. Still they prayed to their idols for aid and mercy. Some who could extricate themselves from the debris groped their way in the dark through the storm and crumbling walls to churches and cathedrals to secure the services of their gods and saints to stay the forces of nature that were destroying them. But more quakes that buried them in ruins of those churches and cathedrals seemed to be the answer to their appeal to their Gods. Poor, deluded idolaters. They could not comprehend the truth that there was no intelligence in or above the forces that were destroying them that knew of their existence or of that of their idols and priests. They had always been taught and always believed the teaching that those Gods and saints were more powerful than all the forces of nature combined and could easily control them if they wished to. But with all this objective evidence before the survivors that their idols were simply so much old junk, utterly unknown to nature, yet they sought their surviving priests to get them to influence their imaginary Gods to use their power over nature and subdue it. The seeming answers were great tidal waves that overwhelmed them and hushed forever the pitiable appeal of many thousands to their idols for aid. No amount of evidence before the very eyes of stupid idolaters can convince them that their Gods are fabulous, so the survivors continued to waste time in trying to get their Gods to act instead of going to work themselves to rescue the entombed people. Fire broke out in many sections of the wrecked cities and gradually extinguished the lives of thousands of the entombed people who were shrieking for aid while able-bodied priests and people bore the images of saints in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of their fictitious God. The "body of St. Agatha" was in great demand for this purpose as the idolaters had been taught that she had special powers to deliver them from all scourges. They had a tradition that by simply extending the veil of St. Agatha toward it the lava from Mount Aetna in 1669 had been turned aside to save a Benedictine monastery. And so, for days the imprisoned people died by hundreds from their wounds and starvation while able-bodied idolaters fooled away the time imploring the Christian's God and Christ and Holy Mary and all the saints to have mercy on them and do something to stop the disaster and help the needy. Their belief in the Christian religion was a curse to them in this their greatest calamity instead of a blessing, as they had been taught it was in such cases. It had given them an untrue idea of nature and its processes. It taught them the falshood that nature and its processes were directed and controlled by an intelligent being, when they should have been taught that no such intelligent being existed, and that earthquakes, tidal waves and storms were caused by the natural, inherent powers and forces of matter that is without consciousness, and knows nothing about the existence of people and their Gods and saints and priests and cathedrals. The people were destroyed by earth, fire and water. There is no intelligence in those elements. There is no intelligent being directing their movements. Let us all teach our children these truths so they can act intelligently to protect themselves against these forces instead of teaching them the Christian mythology that causes them to rely on fabulous Gods and saviors for such protection.

The teaching of the Christian religion for truth should be penalized in all countries for the protection of life and property and the promotion of civilization. The reasoning faculties of hundreds gave way and they became raving maniacs because they could not account for the wreck and ruin they believed a Heavenly Father had brought on them. They had been taught an unnatural, unreal, inharmonious theory of life and nature and of the powers controlling them that could not be harmonized with the destruction all around them. No wonder their reason gave way when they contemplated such a contradiction nature gave to their religious teaching. Had they not always done what their priests told them God wanted them to do? Had they not been baptized, learned their catechism, confessed their sins, done penance, counted their beads and done all the foolish things the priests of their idols required? What terrible sin had they committed that caused their idol to punish them so severely? Why did not that idol tell its agent, the pope, what they were doing that vexed it so much? then the pope could have told the priests and they could have informed the people. They would have gladly committed any crime or done any number of foolish things their idol wished rather than had it displeased so much as to bring their destruction on them.

Thus many of them doubtless tried to reason. They believed their religious fables about their idol destroying the world once with a flood on account of its wickedness, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by a rain of fire and brimstone on account of the wickedness of those cities.

Their priests told them that their idol had destroyed San Francisco and other cities by earthquakes on account of their wickedness. They accepted the reasons without question. But what had they done to deserve a worse punishment?

Certainly they had never suspected they were so wicked. And what about the priests and nuns and "brides of Christ" who perished? What horrible thing had they done to deserve such a cruel fate? No wonder many of the poor, ignorant, superstitious idolaters went crazy trying to think of a reasonable excuse for their idol doing such a thing. Having failed to think of a reasonable excuse for their God acting, so they naturally concluded he had gone crazy and promptly followed suit.

The catastrophe effected the survivors in different ways. The morality of many gave way because it was based on a false foundation, and they became robbers and even murderers. They looted wrecked homes and robbed the dead and finished some who were not quite dead. They remembered their sacred fables how their Lord had ordered the total detruction of cities by commanding brutal soldiers to slay everything that breathed and then plunder the cities and give him part of it. So they reasoned logically that here was a case where their Lord wanted the cities of Messina and Reggio and many smaller towns utterly destroyed. That was plain to them. They had been taught the superstition that their God controlled the earth, sea and storms and directed all their movements. How could those elements do any harm unless their God commanded them to? So he waited as any assassin would do until the most opportune time to carry out his murder plot. They were practically all in bed and asleep. Then in the coldest and darkest time in the early morning he suddenly gave the earth a violent shake and nearly half a million people were entrapped by the Lord in their fallen homes. Some scrambled out in their night clothes, some naked, some maimed. But they were not to escape "the vengeance of the Lord." He "opened the gates of heaven" and threw a torrent of cold rain on them. Then he rolled a big sea wave ever them. But the survivors could not yet understand that their Lord was so mad at them that he could not be appeased. So they hastened to their temples of idolatry to get Jesus and Holy Mary and all the saints to intercede for them and placate their Lord. But he shook the earth and trapped them again in their houses of human debasement. Bedlam broke lose. Pandemonium reigned. Some idolaters thought they had woke up in hell. Others thought the end of the world had come. The heart-rending shrieks for aid of the pinioned, the maimed and the dying rose above the tumult of storm and falling walls their "Heavenly Father" was hurling against them. But no sign of pity or sympathy or love or aid did he give in answer to the dying appeals of mother, child, priest, nun and brides of Christ. Christian reasoning began to assert itself in many of those so far unharmed. They now saw plainly that their God was at his old tricks of destroying cities that he hated as of old. There was no use trying to thwart his will. It was useless and wicked to do it. So they concluded to do a meritorious work and help him to finish the work he evidently wanted done. He was always good and holy and just and always right. It was the people who were to blame for it all. Reasoning thus according to their life-long Christian training they proceeded to dispatch those the Lord had nearly finished and loot the cities as did the Lord's holy people of old, and in the purity of primitive Christian style. They collected in bands and overpowered those who tried to protect their demolished homes. The first day they were all powerful. When night came on they were seen everywhere at work when the searchlights from the ships in the harbor were played on the ruins. They were doing the will of God. Hadn't he slaughtered tens of thousands? Hadn't he refused to listen to their calls for pity? Surely he wanted them destroyed. Had not the cutthroats and city looters and despoilers of Bible fame always been held up to them by the teachers of the Christian religion as pure and holy men who were God's special pets? Didn't they, like their prototype of old, intend to give part of the swag to the Lord at their next confession? Here was pure "Christian morality" demonstrated. That morality is based on the will of a fictitious God represented as a real being. If an idolater believes this God wishes him to murder and loot, then, of course, he is morally bound to do it. Didn't his God tell him plainly by his acts that he wanted this destruction of life and property complete?

But there is a much higher moral nature in man than that taught by the Christian religion or any other religion. This higher moral humanity is ever trying to civilize Christianity. Christianity never civilized the people as has been claimed for it. On the contrary, the highest precepts of

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advancing humanity has ever struggled to civilize Christianity. The two forces came face to face in this case and fought for mastery. Martial law was declared and in the interest of a higher humanity soldiers were sent to stay the hand of Christians. Pitched battles were fought between them at many places until the representatives of Christian morality were put to rout. After that, when they were found doing their Christian duty of aiding their God to despoil a prostrate city, they were shot on sight.

But what about their God? Will they shoot him on sight? If he caused the destruction of a hundred thousand lives, is he not a hundred thousand times more guilty of murder than the man who destroys one life? Should he not be punished a hundred thousand times more if possible? And if he had power to prevent the disaster, or warn the people of its coming, is he not as guilty as if he actually caused it? It would be a cowardly act unworthy of a man to shoot a person for doing an act and let a God who duplicates the act thousands of times go free of punishment. It would add disgraceful, knavish, foolish, menial and several other adjectives to describe the character of a person who would praise and flatter and worship a God who did an act and shoot a man for doing the same thing. Will the Cecilians and Italians who lost some of their loved ones in this disaster ever worship a God again? Will they not be extremely foolish if they do? Would they honor and respect a man had he killed them and destroyed their home? The higher Humanity has no double standard of morals. All Gods must be judged by the same moral standard it judges man by. It will not condone in a God what it condemns in man. All Gods should be regarded as murderers and man's worst enemies until the truth is learned that they are fabulous. A God who would destroy those cities would destroy any others. A God who would slaughter those people would slaughter any other people. A God who would destroy their homes and loved ones would destroy yours and mine. A God who refuses to heed their prayers for pity, mercy and aid would refuse to heed yours and mine. A God who could not be moved to pity and action by the dying appeals of those people while on earth with their supposed soul could not be moved to pity and action were their appeals to come from the center of a hell in any other world or life. Their condition and suffering were equal to any imagined to be in any hell. Who but an ignoramus or a knave would worship any God or allow his children to do so after having read the full accounts about this fatal earthquake? In this small publication I am unable to give more than a faint idea of the appalling suffering endured by the victims of it. All people who are reading the daily news of the world as they should do have read about it in detail before now. My task is only to point out the lessons to be learned from it that proves my discoveries true and the reasons why all should recognize them and aid in their promulgation.

The lessons to be learned from it are of world-wide importance to our race for all time and are as follows:

First—That there is no anthropomorphic, personal, material, spiritual, impersonal, immaterial or any other kind of a God either inside of the elements or outside of them in the universe.

Second—That earth, water, storms, planets, suns and stars and all nature and its processes are controlled by inherent powers and attributes and properties of matter that are unintelligent.

Third—That conscious life in all animate organisms ceases forever at death and the decomposition of the organism returns it permanently to the elements of which it is composed. These are the three primary lessons to be learned. But based on this knowledge are some secondary lessons the people should heed in order to prevent as much as possible repetitions of such disasters:

1. All nations should prohibit the building of cities in known earthquake zones.

2. All nations should require such buildings as are necessary in or near such zones to be built earthquake proof. Enlightened humanity demands this precaution instead of depending on prayers to fabulous Gods for protection.

SOWING THE TRUTHS.

Our comrades ordered hundreds of copies of the December issue for free distribution among teachers and school boards. That's the way to do it, comrades. Our church paper can do no good unless you place it in the hands of the people. They will not subscribe for it. But millions will read about the great discoveries it teaches if placed in their hands free. It is up to you to place it in their hands. Either of these issues are worth $3 for a hundred copies to hand to your neighbors. But you can get 1,200 copies for $3 by ordering a bundle of 100 copies monthly for a year. Think of it! 1,200 lessons for only three dollars. One-fourth of a cent per lesson. Can't you afford to educate all your uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and neighbors in the truths of nature at such rates? Their education in these truths ought to be worth that much to you surely. You never can knock errors out of the schools and churches and other societies until you knock it out of the people's minds. This little leaflet can do it in many cases if you place it in their hands often enough. This is not like a Freethought publication where truths and errors are mixed up in a conglomerate mess. The teachers of idolatry and superstition will be strictly excluded from this publication and you can have full confidence that the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth relating to the subjects of God and life will be allowed in its pages. Every statement must line up with the straight-edge of truth we have discovered regarding those subjects. No child could ever learn the true answer to twice two if it were taught by a half dozen teachers, each giving a different answer, or one teacher giving a half dozen different answers. But editors of Freethought publications think the people can be taught the truth about God and life by that method. That method is a failure because it is fundamentally wrong.

I want at least 200 of you comrades to order at once a bundle of 100 copies monthly for this year. Make it 500 copies monthly if you can.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 18

Dear Comrades: I greet you in the dawn of the new year, 1909, with a wish for your continuous good health, cheerfulness and success in all good works. Above all things keep your mind young, cheerful, sunny, hopeful. Always keep in good nature. Forget your enemies and their slights and insults and wrongs. Forget your own mistakes only when necessary to remember them to prevent you making them again. Remember this is the only life you will ever have, and that it ends forever at death. Try to see all the beauty and grandeur in nature that gives you happy thoughts and inspires you to noble deeds and actions that make for good and useful citizenship. Remember the two scientific discoveries our church is based on and founded to teach. Always use them as a straight-edge to line up all your conversation and writing by. Never say or write anything in letters or for the press that does not line up with this straight-edge of truths. If you do it will prove you do not know them and discredit yourself and the Church of Humanity. If you find that you do not really know those truths, or believe them, then do the only honorable thing to do and that is resign your membership in the Church of Humanity by a request to me to check your name off the Roll Book. I do not want people enrolled there who believe in the existence of a God or a future life and who write letters to Freethought and other publications expressing a belief in those errors. No one should pretend to know or believe anything about these two subjects he does not actually know or believe. No one should try to be on both sides at the same time. That would indicate a vacilating mind and character of no reliance or stability. If a person knows these discovered truths once he should always know them so long as he knows anything, the same as he does that twice two are four. No financial or business or social reasons should cause you to repudiate them. That would prove you to be "totally depraved." If any of you should ever doubt these truths for a moment just remember the chapter on earthquakes in the Book of Nature, and what it said in the recent earthquake in Italy. Earth, sea and storm, joined in a chorus, proclaimed they did not know of the existence of the human race, nor did any power in control of them. For many decades the people were building their own death-traps. No God, Savior, Saint, Angel or Spirit exists or they would have warned the people of the coming quake. No spirits or souls were liberated by the disaster or they would have reported their fate to anxious relatives and friends there and in many foreign countries. Simply learn to read the Book of Nature correctly and then stand by the truths it teaches though they contradict the teaching of your own mother, friends and neighbors and all the Bibles and priests of all religious mythologies on earth. This advice and warning is called out by articles in publications from some of you who never knew or else have forgotten the discoveries our church is based on.

A comrade in the People's Press of January 16 says in one sentence of his article: "We have both heaven and hell in this world, and we will have both heaven and hell in the spirit world." That teaching does not line up with the straight-edge of truth, which is that death ends conscious life forever. That comrade belongs in the ranks of superstition and idolatry and will have to be checked off the Roll Book of the Church of Humanity. I have advised that we popularize truth by excluding publications teaching untruths from our homes. It would seem an odd situation to bar a publication on account of articles from members of the Church of Humanity teaching idolatry and superstition in them. But such teaching can no more be accepted from members of our church than from members of any other church or society or from those of no society. The line must be drawn with reference to truth and not societies. When people get on the wrong side of the line they should be sent back to where they belong. I am sure all idolatrous societies will expel a member who dares to teach the truth. We must be just as strict and expel any who dare to teach falsehoods. Let all get on the side where they belong, and all keep in a good humor about it. If any idolatrous church has a member who knows the truth about God and life I would be greatly pleased to exchange members with it. I can give ours a good recommendation as to his eligibility to membership in any church teaching superstition. There is no need of disagreeable church trials for heresy any more. When other churches have members who wish to teach the truth we will gladly exchange for them ours who wish to teach errors, and will give some boot. When any of you feel inspired to write articles, teaching idolatry and superstition, for publication, please let me know and I shall see if I can make a dicker to swap you off before it is published so the balance of our comrades will not be humiliated.

All this proves the necessity of placing the teaching of truth on a business basis the same as other churches have done with the teaching of errors. They place their teachers on a salary and keep strings on them to keep them in place. We must do the same thing if truth is to be given a square deal. We must offer salaries for our teachers of these truths that will justify people in learning them with the object of becoming teachers of them for the salary offered. We can never have competent teachers without doing so. No one would study for any profession were it not for the money there was in it when he became competent to fill the position. People may know things, but be utterly incompetent and unable to teach them. It will require special abilities and special study and training to be able to teach these discoveries. We, who want them taught, must put up the money prize great enough to induce people to prepare to fill the position. There can be no demand for it without this money consideration. We must create a greater demand for it by raising our bid. We have had no competent applicants for the job so far. That shows that the money prize is not great enough to justify the necessary preparation. How much will you raise your offer for such services? I raise mine fifty per cent and make it $1,500 a year for a teacher to teach these discoveries to the people and organize them into branch churches. I will take any one on a month's trial that pass a preliminary examination by me satisfactorily. I greatly desire that each of you aid me all you can in creating a demand for the services of truth teachers by raising the amount you are willing to pay for their services. I want you to aid me all you can to make the teaching of untruths in all publications unpopular by protesting against it and by prohibiting such as will not heed you coming to your homes. If they will not line up with the voice

of nature as proclaimed by the earthquake, then discard them.

Be of good cheer. Stand firmly for the truths you know, and aid in making them known and popular to the best of your ability.

CHRISTIANS IGNORE THE GOLDEN RULE.

When I presented my protest to the Board of Education against the teaching of religion in the schools the truant officer volunteered to say that he would see that the law was inforced if I dared to take my children out of school on account of the religious teaching therein, and suggested that if I did not like that teaching I could move on.

A few nights afterwards at a mass meeting to consider voting bonds for a sewer system this same gentleman made vigorous objections to being taxed for the benefit of others, as he lived outside of the proposed sewer district. I take pleasure in reminding him of his suggestion to me how to avoid objectionable conditions. He can move on.

In a local report of a sermon on "Religion and the Schools" the clergyman is reported to have said in favor of it:

"Where the majority of a community favor such things it would be better for people opposed to such measures to locate and pay taxes in a community where their sentiments would more nearly reflect the attitude of the people of that community."

Now, neighbor Sutherland, if you made the above statement as reported in the Daily Tribune of January 4, you have forgotten some things or overlooked them. The majority of the people of this town are not Congregationalists. Neither did the majority of the town give you a "call." Why did you come before a majority of our people wanted you? And, since you are here and see that the majority are not members of your church, why don't you go to a town where the majority are Congregationalists? Or, in a larger sense, why preach your doctrine until a majority in a state or nation or the entire world want it preached? What's the matter with the "golden rule"? Is it not in working condition any more except in special cases where it is favorable to idolatry and superstition? Why should you propose a plan for me to be guided by when not willing to follow it yourself?

Jesus and the apostles did not follow that plan. Neither did Luther, Calvin, Knox and the Wesleys, nor any other founders or propagators of religious mythologies. Of course, it would have been best for our race had they done so, as that course would have saved it from those world wide mischievous errors. But upon the other hand neither did the inventors and discoverers follow that plan. It would have been a calamity to our race had they done so. All we have and are above the beasts of the field we owe to those few who changed minorities into majorities in favor of their inventions and discovered truths of nature. You are helping to win a defeat for truth instead of helping as you should do to win a victory for it and civilization.

Minorities have been changed into majorities in millions of cases without either faction moving away and it can and will be done millions of times more. Where the majority is mistaken, as it is in this case, the sooner it is changed into the minority the better it will be for all concerned. The majority will be the gainers by joining the minority faction and thereby making it the majority faction. I neither advise nor wish you to move away as you did me and the other petitioners. But I do advise and wish you to learn the truth about God and life and then help to change the minority into the majority by teaching those truths to the people. I guarantee an increase of 25 per cent in your salary if you learn those truths and become a successful teacher of them. You are reported to have said:

"A teacher who is a Christian is better fitted to be a teacher of the young than one who is not, and generally the average parent would prefer that sort of a teacher to one who is not." Parents who are superstitious idolaters themselves of course want their brand of religious mythologies taught to their children and desire a teacher who believes it and will teach it. But parents who know the truth about God and life want those truths taught their children and a teacher who teaches untruths about those subjects is very objectionable to such parents.

BRYAN'S DEFEAT EXPLAINED.

Idolaters have such keen intellects they can understand the will and desires of a being that does not exist and see his guiding hand in all the affairs of a nation when no hand is there.

Mr. Bryan was doubtless sure a God wanted him to be president and his submission and resignation to the wish of a myth was expressed in the chorus of his favorite hymn which says:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Over mountain and land and sea.
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

After believing, apparently, that he had a divine call from a myth to occupy the White House he is greatly puzzled why he failed to make connection. He had always been taught, and believed the teaching without question, that one and God was a majority and could not be defeated. He can not yet see how it could be possible for Standard Oil to subsidize God if it did everybody else. He can not comprehend why God should take sides with imperialism, predatory wealth, plutocracy and all their train of evils, and he is sure they could not have won without his aid. The truth will never dawn on him that God is a myth like Santa Claus, and consequently could not care anything about elections. So he calls his defeat "the mystery of 1908" and calls on his followers to help him solve it. And so one Rev. F. E. Oliver, of Burlington, Kansas, who can understand the desires of a character of fiction, comes to his aid with the solution of the mystery. He says: "Who knows? Perhaps God has withheld the presidency from you in order that you may become more to your country than president," and predicts that Mr. Bryan as an evangelist would equal the Apostle Paul. "I am firmly convinced," he says, "that one ambassador of Christ of your caliber is worth more to this nation than 10,000 presidents."

One thing to be observed is that a myth that can have no mind of its own always agrees with the ideas and reasons of its idolaters because the idolaters endow it unconsciously with their own ideas and reasons. That accounts for them always being in accord. It also accounts for the unlimited variety and contradictions in the "will of God." Mr. Bryan may have another "will of God" on tap, and millions of Democrats may each know a different reason why a myth allowed it to happen. Members of the Church of Humanity know there was no God to interfere with the election in any way whatever, and that the only reason Mr. Bryan was not elected is that he did not get votes enough.

THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT.

The following letter explains itself. Those who know the truth and wish to aid in making the teaching of idolatry and superstition unpopular should follow suit by dropping every publication making that false teaching a feature:

"Editor ——— ———:

"Dear Sir—Please discontinue the Daily to my address regardless of when my subscription expires.

"Reason: I do not want any papers coming to my home with Sunday school lessons in them teaching the Christian idolatry and superstition or that of any other religious mythology. You recently 'barred religious subjects' in the 'People's Forum' and then you began publishing the 'International Sunday School Lessons.' That means that you only want to 'bar' the other side. That is right from your viewpoint of ignorance. I now bar your false teaching, and it is right from the viewpoint of enlightened knowledge. There is only one way to overthrow idolatry and superstition and that is by making them unpopular by prohibiting the teaching of them coming into the homes of those who know the truth, and by patronizing the teaching of truths instead of untruths. W. H. Kerr."

Idolaters make the teaching of the truth about God and life unpopular by this method. Let all who know the truth now make the teaching of idolatry and superstition unpopular by the same method. Like causes produce like effects. We must prove that we have a conscience in this way or idolaters will always believe we have none. If a few thousand readers of daily papers that carry the Sunday school lesson as an attraction would write their editors such letters they would not believe they are so popular as they do now.

THE SCHOOL CASE.

I circulated the following petition and gave it to the Board of Education:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of Great Bend, respectfully request the Board of Education to require all the public school teachers in this city to cease all religious exercises consisting of Bible-reading, repeating prayers and singing religious hymns in school on and after January 1, 1909."

There were 20 signers to it. I had the following explanations and reasons written out in support of the petition when it came up for discussion, but a motion to lay it on the table precluded discussion and it could not be given:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board:

In asking you to grant the request of the petitioners to have religious exercises discontinued in the schools, I wish to explain that only a very few citizens and patrons of the schools had an opportunity of signing this petition and that a much larger per cent of those who had were in favor of it, but did not sign it, owing to business and social reasons.

These petitioners want the protection of their constitutional rights and hence they are more entitled to your consideration than those who are violating those rights.

No law can enforce itself. Laws are for the protection of individuals from the acts of other individuals that they deem harmful or objectionable. Those aggrieved must invoke the protection of those laws through the proper officials if they are to be protected.

The constitutional law we ask you to enforce for our protection is a clause in the first amendment to the United States constitution which reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," and a clause in section 7 of the Bill of Rights in the constitution of Kansas which reads as follows: "Nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship."

Reading the Bible, repeating prayers and singing religious hymns as a religious duty in school is a form of worship and therefore a direct violation of this constitutional law of Kansas, as our children are compelled to attend it and we are compelled to pay for it. It also establishes the Christian religion by teaching its requirements through state power and aid and is virtually a violation of the United States constitution quoted above.

Therefore, this Board should grant the request of these petitioners upon the ground that this religious teaching and practice in the public schools is a violation of the rights guaranteed to them by the constitutions of the state and nation.

The petition should also be granted upon moral grounds because this religious teaching is untrue and it is immoral to teach untruths for truth. It is immoral to teach the children to worship idols.

The great loss of life caused by the earthquake in Italy we are now reading about should convince any intelligent person that the Gods of the Christians are fabulous, and that those people would have fared much better had they been taught that truth instead of the untruths. Hundreds of them rushed into their cathedrals to implore the protection and mercy of their Gods and saints only to be crushed to death by the falling of those cathedrals. I ask the Board of Education to grant the request of these petitioners upon legal and moral grounds.—W. H. Kerr.

The Board may think they won an easy victory. But they did not win a victory at all. They won a defeat for themselves as well as for me by continuing the teaching of idolatry and superstition in the schools. The scientific truths of nature are impersonal. Those who fight against them injure themselves and their posterity as much as they injure anyone else.

But it is the same old fight over again—the world wide and age long fight of idolatry and superstition against scientific discoveries in nature and its processes. We can have the consolation that this will be the last fight between these forces. When it is eventually won the seed germs—the God and immortality ideas—that produce religious mythologies will be destroyed forever.

All who know the discoveries that God is a myth and that life ends forever at death should take courage and join the Church of Humanity to aid in making this final contest with idolatry and superstition. These discoveries can win by being made popular, and they will be made popular as fast as people learn them and join in their defense and promulgation. The effort to free the public schools from the teaching of idolatry and superstition should be kept up until the task is fully accomplished.

I wish you all another happy, safe and prosperous voyage around the sun on this old air ship named Earth.

Subscribe for the Truth About God and Life. It is the only publication on earth that is in perfect accord and harmony with the voice of nature as proclaimed by the earthquake, and that will allow no one to contradict nature in its columns only to use the contradiction as a text to point out its absurdity.

FREETHOUGHT SUPERSTITION

Idolatry and superstition, when taught in the name of Freethought, Materialism, Rationalism, Liberalism or Agnosticism, are as objectionable to those who know the truth as when they are taught in the name of Christianity or any religious sect.

Some people imagine they are progressing when they accept the teaching of errors under the former names instead of the latter, but they have made no progress at all. For years I pleaded with the editors of Freethought publications to advance and proclaim and teach the discoveries that all Gods are fabulous and death the end of life forever, and then unite to form a great battery of truth teachers, extending from ocean to ocean. Then all work in unison and harmony to teach those truths to the readers of their respective publications and all work to unite the readers who accept those truths into one international society so all could aid in their promulgation and the establishment of local societies for the teaching of those truths to their children and neighbors. I thought if any people could understand and accept those truths and recognize the great importance of their promulgation it would be those editors. But to my great sorrow and disappointment I must abandon hope of them ever being able to fulfill their part of this good program. Some of them have written to me that they know and teach these discoveries, and then they proceed to sow the seed germs of idolatry and superstition through their publications and allow others to use their publications for the same purpose. Then I know they have not learned the truth about God and life and consequently are not competent to teach it to their readers.

A case in point is the editor of the People's Press of Chicago. It is a Freethought publication and the official organ of the Materialist Association. In an unsigned article, presumably that of the editor, entitled "The 'Hell' of the Christian," of January 9, is this sentence:

"In old age, as the physical body becomes worn out, the spirit has but little fear in making the change from this to the other life." That "other life" idea is one of the two false seed germs of all religious mythologies. That editor is a member of the Materialist Association which requires its members on joining it to affirm "there is no God nor future life." No matter how many times a person signs that statement I know he does not believe it when he expresses such belief as the above. How can the M. A. make any headway teaching the truth that there is no future life when the editor of its official organ teaches that there is? I notice that he allows other contributors space to teach both errors in contradition to the supposed basic teaching of the M. A., which proves that he really believes both errors himself, or else he is base enough to aid and abet the teaching of falsehoods.

A case in point is one contributor named A. E. Wade, of Urbana, Ill. He believes firmly in both the existence of a God and a future life and has the right of way to teach those errors. In the December P. P., under "Weed out the false Gods," he says: "This is the work I am trying to do—weed out the false gods of the heathens and Old Testament writers, but not to destroy all hope of a superior power working for our good and final blessedness.

"The positive or working idea of the Materialist Association is all right—I mean the 'Universal Brotherhood of Man' and 'Humanitarianism.' But brotherhood means children of a common father. The logical conclusion is plain."

Here you have the same old heathen idolatry and superstition about the "fatherhood of God" and the "final blessedness of man" taught in the name of Freethought and Materialism that is taught by idolatrous churches. Is anything gained by changing the name of the teachers of errors?

Mrs. Bliven coaxed some of the members of the Church of Humanity to join her Materialist Association and induce them to help her try to break up the Church of Humanity by trying to persuade all its members to join the M. A. Then she turns them over to be won back to the ranks of idolaters by these teachers of untruths. It is simply a return to the "flesh pots" of idolatry and superstition from which I thought they had permanently escaped when they joined the Church of Humanity. I can tell them what the truth is and cite them to the evidence to prove it, but I can't give them the intelligence to comprehend that evidence nor the manhood to stand firmly by the truth when they do recognize it. I am very glad that no more of my comrades joined that society than did, and I hope those who did will resign membership in it when they see how they are imposed on and their confidence betrayed. Some may have been lured by the inducement that there were "no membership fees or dues" to pay in it. But they can get that same false teaching in most any Protestant church without paying for it if they simply wish to beat their way on the road of superstition.

The editor of the Blue Grass Blade is a member of the Materialist Association and he allows that same Mr. Wade to teach in the Blade the very errors that the M. A. is supposed to be opposed to. In the Blade of January 3, under "Humanitarianism," Mr. Wade says in part: "How much so ever we may speculate or theorize about the non-existence of spirit, our conscious sense of existence asserts itself, and no amount of reasoning can convince us that this body is all there is of man. We cannot believe that this is the only life we shall live. It is against all reason and common sense.

"I may pass through a season of unconsciousness at death as when sound asleep, but I shall doubtless wake again to another life of usefulness and activity."

Here he allows an ignoramus to have free access to his columns to teach that the truths the members of the M. A. subscribed to are "against all reason and common sense."

Any cunning idolater can pay a subscription or give a dollar to such publications and say a few words against the clergy or churches and then proceed to teach superstition and ridicule those who know the truth until they abandon the field in disgust.

Then he will claim a "victory for God" and never pay another cent to the publication. It is a huge mistake for those who know the truth to aid and abet the teachers of untruth. I am protesting against the teaching of religious mythologies in the schools and refusing to admit to my home newspapers that make that teaching a feature, and I advise all members of the Church of Humanity to do the same in order to make such teaching unpopular to the extent of their ability. To be strictly consistent we must also bar Freethought publications that admit to their columns such teaching. I certainly will not accept the false teaching that there is a God and a future life under the name of Freethought, Materialism, Rationalism or any other ism when I reject it under the name of Christianity. If such publications do not bar these teachers of idolatry and superstition I shall bar them coming to my home. If the Church of Humanity is not strong enough to pull these publications up to the aid of these truths of nature we must not allow them pull us down to the aid of the untruths again. We must be consistent, and when we ask the school teachers to please discontinue teaching our children idolatry and superstition we must require the publications coming to our homes to discontinue it also or else bar them. In financial and political matters there can be compromises, but there can be none on these truths of nature, because they are facts we cannot change or modify. It might have some influence for good on those editors if each member of the Church of Humanity, who are readers of their publications, would write a request to them to please bar the God makers and propagators of the immortality superstition or discontinue the paper to their address. Then make your word good if they ignore the request. You have a perfect right to demand that the truths you know be taught by those publications and the untruths excluded. False teaching can be made unpopular most effectively by refusing to patronize it.

Hating the Wrong Party.

Cowardly idolaters often hate each other for misfortunes that could not be foreseen by man and then bow down in idolatrous praise of their idol God whom they believe did foresee them and could have prevented them. A case in point is one Mr. Barker, of Chicago, whose wife is now suing for divorce on account of the hatred and unbearable abuse of her husband who blames her for the death of their only daughter in the Iroquois theatre fire. Ethel Barker had asked her mother's consent to go with a girl chum to the Iroquois to see "Mr. Blue Beard" that fatal Thursday in 1903. The permission was given. When Ethel was found among the dead Mr. Barker charged his grief-stricken wife with being responsible for it. The Barkers were married in 1882 and their domestic life had went smoothly until this fatal Thursday. His love then turned to bitter hatred. Three neighbors testified that on one occasion he kicked his wife downstairs, then beat and kicked her as she lay on the sidewalk.

But this cowardly heathen idolater will never dare blame his idol God for not protecting his child, though he believes he had advance knowledge of the catastrophe and of the suffering and ruined homes it would cause, and ample power to prevent it. He believes his idol has power to resurrect him after death and send him to a place of suffering is the reason why he finds no fault in him while he kicks the poor mother out of house and home though she suffers as much sorrow as he does for a misfortune she would have given her life to prevent. If a father knew his house was on fire and would refuse to save his children, which he could easily do, he would justly be accused of their murder and punished accordingly. But idolaters believe in the existence of a "Heavenly Father" with ample knowledge and power to protect lives, but who refuses sometimes, and they have no censure for him owing to their fear of exciting his wrath. So it is and always will be the nature of idolaters to blame poor humanity for calamities they can not guard against by not being able to foresee them, but their idol God whom they believe could prevent them through his power and foreknowledge goes free of blame. That poor mother did perfectly right in allowing her child to go to the theatre and no shadow of blame should be given her for the bad results. But people who believe that God and Jesus Christ are real beings should charge them with all their misfortunes and hate them as they would hate a fellowman for causing them until they learn the discovery that they are only fictitious characters like Santa Claus. Then all hatred should cease and likewise all love and worship and they should be regarded as all other creations of fiction are. They should then join the Church of Humanity and help to rescue the people from superstition and idolatry through teaching them the truth about God and life.

Both Mistaken.

President Roosevelt says "Mr. Taft's religion is his own affair," and the Appeal to Reason says: "We recognize the fact that your religious faith is a private matter that may be of concern to you, but is none of our business" as representing the Socialist position on the religious belief of candidates for public office. Now the fact is that an officer's religious belief is a part of his political belief and generally the strongest factor of it. In the discharge of his official duties an officer cannot differentiate between his religious and his political views, so closely are they blended and identical. Where there would be a conflict between them the religious views would predominate. A candidate's religion is as much of public concern as his politics, because they are a part of them and often the strongest part. Every government official will favor his religion at public expense and power whenever he can, and it is the public's business and duty to keep a man out of office whose religion they do not want fostered at public expense.

I have a similar case right here in our schools. Since the teaching of religion is not required in the public schools one might say that a teacher's religious belief was a private affair of his own and nobody else's business. But I find our superintendent forcing his private religion on my children publicly, against my protest. Is it not some of my concern what a teacher's religion is who is employed to teach my children?

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Many subscribers have not joined the Church of Humanity yet. I wish to say a word to you specially. Our object and desire is to get all subscribers to unite in the Church of Humanity so they can help to form local churches of its readers who know the truths it teaches. I want you to unite with us the moment you are convinced of those truths. Now if I am unable to do that the account of the great earthquake disaster in Italy ought to convince you that God is a creation of fiction and death the end of life forever. You should need no more evidence, no more argument, no more coaxing or persuading. You should recognize these truths of nature and do your duty by uniting with us for their defense and promulgation.

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THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOD AND SOUL MYTHS.

NO. 1.

Before our race can be fully civilized it will be necessary to overthrow its God and soul myths. This can be done by teaching the people the simple meaning of dying as nature teaches it to us.

The world recognizes its true meaning and result in the entire vegetable and animal kingdom except in the case of man. There is no strife, contention, persecutions, divisions and wars over its meaning except in his case. All those uncivilizing conditions and effects will be eliminated when our race is taught to recognize and accept the truth that the dying of man is identical with that of other organisms. All could easily be taught that truth were it not for the prodigious amount of false teaching the people provide themselves with from the cradle to the grave as though they could exempt themselves from the result of death thereby.

The people must learn and accept the truth that all the clergy, and all the Bibles, and all the religions, and all the metaphysical speculations of all the ages can never modify the natural meaning of death to a single human being that ever lived, lives now or ever will live on this planet. Death for man is a condition as unchangeable and irrevokably fixed by unintelligent nature as it is for all other animals. We must learn to accept it and teach it to our children and incorporate it in our thoughts, teaching, publications, books, schools and all literature. We must cease to go to the clergy or Bibles or Christianity or any other system of religious mythologies to seek the true meaning of dying for man. We must go direct to nature to find it.

Then we will learn the truth that it is the same for man as for other animals—total and permanent cessation of conscious life. Let us take a look at the dying and its cause and we will learn what dying means, and will see there is a total absence of Gods, devils, ghosts, souls, spirits, angels and saviors which prove they are purely imaginary characters like Santa Claus.

Here is a condensed report from the daily news from which we can learn the simple fate of mankind. With your imagination you can fill in the details of the horrible suffering of the dying and the heart-rending sorrow of their living relatives:

Place and Date.	Cause.	No. killed.
Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 16,	mine explosion	136
Zeigler, Ill., Jan 10,	mine explosion	25
Butte, Mont., Nov. 22,	mine explosion	70
Switchback, W. Va., Jan. 13,	mine explosion	200
Marianna, Pa., Nov. 28,	mine explosion	200
New York, Nov. 22,	gas explosion	15
Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 10,	mine explosion	50
Phocacea, Turkey, Jan. 19,	earthquake	8
Acapulco, Mex., Sept. 25,	earthquake	4
Teheran, Persia, Jan. 23,	earthquake	5,000
Kennebec, S. D., Nov. 25,	wolves	1
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25,	tornado	50
Hinsdale, Ill., Nov. 20,	by train	7
Dotsero, Colo., Jan. 16,	train wreck	100
Toledo, O., Nov. 22,	train wreck	3
Johanesburg, Africa, Jan. 22,	rain, floods	160
Naples, Italy, Nov. 20,	storm and floods	300
Leopoldville, Africa, Jan. 15,	steamer sank	15
Manila, P. I., Oct. 28,	typhoon, floods	800
Chefoo, China, Dec. 1,	ship collision	700
Manila, P. I., Nov. 30,	ship sank	100
Newark, N. J., Jan. 20,	dynamite explode	5
Valetta, Is'd of Malta, Nov. 25,	steam burns	100
Swan Lake, Manitoba, Nov. 8,	home burns	7
Chicago, Jan. 20,	crib burns	53
Acapulco, Mex., Feb. 15,	theater fire	300

This destruction of life teaches us that all religions are simply systems of falsehoods that should not be believed in or supported or perpetuated. It proves to us that there is no intelligence in the elements that destroy man, and that no intelligent being controls those elements or knows of man's existence. Hence all those immaterial characters supposed to exist are only imaginary characters. Here are objective, material facts regarding man's fate that we can all know to be true and we must base our knowledge and teaching on them, and in accord with them. We must make our teaching fit the facts instead of trying to make the facts fit a false teaching. A thorough study and remembrance of the destruction of these human organisms would overthrow Christianity and all other systems of religious mythologies. There must be a relation between all religions and this destruction of man. If that relation is not in harmony and accord then the religions must of necessity be false because we know that this destruction is true. Religions are based on the theory that a God exists who created, knows and cares for man. This destruction of life gives the lie direct to all such theories.

In defense of the truths this destruction of life proves to us we are amply justified in using the strongest language in condemning the religious teaching that contradict them. Hence it is a lie to say there is a God who created man in the face of this proof that there is no God who cares for man or wants him to exist. It is a lie to say there is a God who cures the aches and pains of people in the face of this proof that there is no God who cares for the most intense suffering man can feel. It is a lie to say there is a God who cares for the sorrows of people in the face of this proof that there is no God who cares for the most intense sorrows of the relatives of these perished people. It is a lie to say there is a God who wants man to be immortal in the face of this proof that there is no God who wants him to live. It is a lie to say there is a God who will resurrect these dead people in the face of this proof that there is no God who wanted them to be live people. It is a lie to say there is a God who has love, pity, sympathy and aid for man in the face of this proof that there is not. It is a lie to say man has a "soul" that a God loves and cares for, and would save from the tortures of a "hell" in another life, in the face of this proof that there is no God to care anything about that "soul" when it is in a place as bad as any hell could be. It is a lie to say man has a soul in the face of this proof that no souls were separated from these victims at death else they would have reported the details of the disasters and the location and condition of their bodies, consoled their sorrowing relatives, been witnesses against the parties responsible for the disasters and made themselves useful. But so long as people are so foolish as to teach their children these lies instead of truths they will believe them true. So long as people are so foolish as to hire other people to tell them these lies there will always be people to do it. So long as people are so foolish as to think they are destroying a God by learning the truth that no God ever existed they will remain superstitious idolaters. So long as people are so foolish as to believe they are depriving themselves of immortality by learning the truth in nature that no one can survive death with consciousness they will be superstitious idolaters regardless of their progress in all other directions. Hence the people can never be civilized until they learn these two discoveries in nature and cease the perpetuation of their religious mythologies. I know they claim that it is a comforting and pleasing delusion to believe they have souls that will survive death with consciousness and will live eternally, and that their corpses will be revived to life again and be reunited with them. But if it is simply pleasing lies they wish to hire taught them they can have several more at the same price or less.

Most people envy the very rich and wish they were millionaires. For a salary as large as they pay people to tell them they have souls they can induce people to tell them every week that they have one billion dollars in gold in their pocket. That teaching would be nearer true than that they have souls in their bodies, and as comforting and pleasing a belief to many people. Another comforting and pleasing lie to most people would be the belief that they would live forever in this life and world as they are now doing. For a salary as large as people get to teach the soul-lie they can employ people to teach this lie. It would be as true as the other. And since it is not of any consequence with most people whether the teaching be true or false so it be comforting and pleasing here seems to be a chance for people to make themselves happy in a delusion. Mrs Wilmans taught this delusion a while and made many people happy and herself a good income until her mail was held up by the postal authorities under a fraud order. It was no more a fraud than the soul and God delusions. Mrs. Wilmans died. But, of course, her dupes will never see any inconsistency between that little incident and her prescription for eternal life on earth. Their faith in it will not be shaken by a little matter like that. They are getting their money's worth in a comforting and pleasing delusion until they die. It seems to be a parallel case to the soul and God delusions. The thousands of people whose sad fates are here recorded had paid out tens of thousands of dollars to be taught the delusions that they had souls and were immortal, and that there are Gods and saviors who loved them and guarded them continually from all harm. Many of them gave daily thanks to their dear "Heavenly Father" for being "an ever present aid in time of need." Of course, a world of religious dupes will never see any inconsistency in that ever-present-aid-in-time-of-need-God and the horrible death of these people who thoroughly believed it. Could their fate have been any worse had they learned and believed my discoveries in natural science that Gods and souls are fabulous?

Some people have such a horror of "dying like a dog" that they dare not give up their God and soul superstitions through fear of it. But did anyone ever know of so many dogs dying such horrible deaths as most of these people did? Do you know of so many dogs being killed in mine explosions, train wrecks, ship wrecks, earthquakes, floods and theater fires? Would these people have fared any worse if they had been dogs? Can't you see that no God aided these people any more than if they had been dogs? How long will idolaters continue to worship a God in the face of this proof that they get no more consideration from that God than dogs do? The idolaters of old resented shabby treatment from their Gods of wood and stone. When they lost out in battle with enemies or had a famine or an epidemic or any great calamity they held their Gods responsible for it and charged them with neglect of duty. Instead of continuing their sacrifices and supplications to them they took up their war clubs and mauled the face off them. They figuratively jumped onto them with both feet and stamped the "stuffen" out of them. They had the keen intellects to comprehend the truth that their Gods had not aided them a bit in time of need, and that they did not deserve the sacrifices, praise and flattery bestowed on them.

But idolaters have so degenerated in acumen and manly bearing in their attitude to their Gods that they can see this daily news of the destruction of their numbers without resenting the insult or demanding an explanation for their refusal of aid in time of need. They now jump onto the man who calls their attention to the fact that they are getting no aid from their Gods and abuse him as though he was responsible for it, and in the false hope that this will please them so much that they will try to do better in their cases at least. I wish to assure them that no amount of abuse of me can induce their Gods to do any more for them than they did for these perished people, and all ought to see that nothing was done for them. Gods created by the imagination are as powerless to aid their creators as those made by hand.

Let us all accept the fate of these perished people as positive proof that there are no such things as Gods and souls in nature and give up all religious mythologies of our ancestors and be civilized, then these people will not have died in vain. If you believe the truths of nature so fully proven by this destruction of our fellow beings fill out this blank and return it to me.

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UNFOUNDED CRITICISM.

I have been criticised in some Free Thought publications and also in personal letters on my claim to being the discoverer that conscious life ends forever at death and that all Gods are creations of fiction. They say the claim is egotism or ignorance on my part, as other publications and authors have been teaching the same things for many years. But when I ask them for proof of their claims they are not given in most cases, and those that are cited are found to be erroneous. Instead of teaching these discovered truths they are found to be teaching Deism or immortality or else that these discoveries are unknown.

My critics mistake those who are fighting the clergy, churches, Christianity, Jesus, Bible and Bible Gods to be teaching these discovered truths. Nothing is farther from the truth. Editors, lecturers and authors can do all these things and still be firm believers and teachers of the existence of a God and a future life as Thomas Paine did.

The Truth Seeker, of New York, is the oldest and strongest Freethought publication in the United States, and an importer and dealer in scientific Freethought and anti-Christian books. It is now in its thirty-seventh year. It is supposed by many of its readers to be in the vanguard of progress in overthrowing idolatry and superstition. But listen what it says in an editorial of February 6: "To begin with, not a human being has ever lived or lives now, who knows whether man is to live again in this world or in some other, after he closes his eyes in death."

You see the Truth Seeker is not yet in sight of these discoveries nor believes that any one else is. It is still seeking for them. As it deals in the works of the most advanced authors in the English language, and those of other languages that are translated into the English, it would seem that it would not make the above statement if any of its books taught these discoveries, for in that case the editor ought to be able to learn them and then acknowledge that they are known by some people at least. The editorial contributor who signed this statement was formerly the editor of the Boston Investigator and is about 63 years old. It is here demonstrated that "investigators" and "truth seekers," are not necessarily truth finders. He does not follow his own injunction carried on the first page, which says: "Believe everything that is true and nothing more." There is at least one human being living who does know that man will never live again either in this world or in any other after he closes his eyes in death, but this editor does not believe this truth. The Truth Seeker says it is "A Freethought and Agnostic Newspaper." So Freethought and Agnosticism do not lead to the truth about God and life, but to the untruth that no one knows the truth about those subjects. Through these false statements such publications become stumbling blocks in the path of progress, and, instead of being leaders of progress they bring it to a dead stop before it reaches the goal of truthseeking.

The Truth Seeker has a page entitled "Children's Corner," edited by Miss Wixon, which one would naturally suppose was intended to teach children the truth about God and life. But it does nothing of the kind. It often contains articles inculcating untruths about those subjects. Most of it would not be out of place in a religious Sunday school paper for children. Any child could read that "Children's Corner" until it was baldheaded from age and never suspect the truth about God and life.

The editor once said that children should not be taught anything about those subjects until they arrived at the age of discretion. But the children who began reading that page when it was first established must now be 30 or 40 years old. How old does the Truth Seeker think a child must be before it arrives at the age of discretion when they should begin teaching it the truth about God and life in the "Children's Corner?" The editors are 54 and 63 years old respectively. They may think they have not arrived yet at the age of discretion when they should begin to study these subjects, but I most emphatically resent their claim that no one else has. It is an unpardonable assumption on their part to affirm that no one else has learned the truth about God and life because they have not done so. Do they not know that millions of people know millions of things that they do not, and that they are not justified on that account in denying that those things are known? Such false assertions in Freethought publications tend to discredit the discoveries I have made and all members of the C. O. H. who have learned them. It tends to discourage and prevent their subscribers from accepting, teaching and defending these discoveries.

In quotations in this issue from the Catholic Advance, Wichita, Kansas, you will see a sample of the abuse I receive from teachers of idolatry and superstition. The Advance can call The Truth Seeker as a witness and prove by it that I do not know the discoveries I have made and am teaching and that no member of the Church of Humanity knows them. Thus Freethought publications become the allies, witnesses, aids and abettors of superstitious idolaters instead of being, as some had erroneously believed, the leaders for truth, progress and civilization. Disbelief of my discoveries accounts for such publications refusing to aid me in their teaching and in organizing those who learn them into societies to make them known.

I am deeply grieved that the editors of the Truth Seeker are unable to learn these discoveries so they could aid me in teaching them, but I have no moral right to affirm that they know them when they say they do not; neither has anyone else that right in order to make it appear that I am egotistical. Likewise they have no moral right to say I do not know that death ends life forever when I say I do know that fact.

They want credit for honesty and truthfulness when they say they do not know certain things and I promptly grant it, but I insist that they reciprocate when I affirm that I do know certain things. I know God is a myth and death the permanent cessation of life as well and thoroughly as I do that the sun is shining here now. No one is justified in denying my knowledge in one case any more than in the other simply because he himself does not know either fact. There is no process in nature so plain and its meaning so clear and easily understood as dying were it not for the false teaching regarding it. When we wish to know its true and simple meaning we must take a look at nature direct and note the dying of vegetable and animal organisms. There is where I learned its true meaning and all can learn the same truth I did. The dying of man is the same simple process it is with other organisms, but in his case it has been turned into all kinds of fantastic mysteries by priests, Bibles and millions of tons of metaphysical nonsense.

Do not consult any of them, nor a Freethought publication when you wish to know the true meaning of dying and what will become of you when you close your eyes in death. Learn to read your fate correctly direct from the book of nature and all the priests and "sacred" writings and metaphysical speculations in the world cannot change the answer you get one iota.

FOLLOWING INGERSOLL'S MISTAKES.

At times the great Ingersoll had a commendable dread of following the mistakes of others. But as he did not know the truth about God and life he had no infallible straight-edge, level or compass by which to detect those mistakes. He, therefore, often followed the greatest mistakes of others unwittingly, and now people are following his mistakes and calling them "words of comfort." In the first verse of his "declaration of the free," he says:

"We have no falsehoods to defend—
We want the facts;
Our force, our thought, we do not spend
In vain attacks.
And we will never meanly try
To save some fair and pleasing lie."

But, unknowingly, he did defend the "falsehoods" of others and saved their "fair and pleasing lie." Superstitious idolaters are now quoting Ingersoll in support of their delusion that they can survive death with consciousness. Mr. Ingersoll made many statements in funeral orations and on other occasions to encourage the belief and hope in immortality. The Arkansas Traveler believes in a future life, and quotes at length from Ingersoll's oration at a child's grave in support of that belief and calls them "words of comfort." This demonstrates how eagerly people grasp the errors of others to support their fond delusion of immortality like, they say, a drowning man will grasp a straw. A drowning man is reasonable when he grabs a straw in the hope of a little support, but no one is reasonable when he grabs ignorance, even of an Ingersoll, to support his delusion in the face of inexorable and infallible nature which has fixed his fate at permanent cessation of consciousness at death.

Had Mr. Ingersoll delivered a thousand orations and written a thousand volumes proving the cessation of life at death and then uttered one sentence expressing belief in immortality that one sentence would have nullified all he did for truth. It would have been quoted everywhere in all languages in support of superstition, while all else he said would have been overlooked, neglected and refused admittance to publications and libraries.

This proves that all our race prefer a "fair and pleasing lie" to a nature-truth that contradicts it. That disposition in our race has built up and maintained all its religious mythologies including Christianity. These systems of organized falsehood could not last a year were it not that people prefer a "fair and pleasing lie" to truth. These systems of lies can never be overthrown until the people are more willing to accept a nature-truth than a hoary lie regardless of which they would rather have true.

Knowing this trait of the people to grasp at supports to their delusions is the reason I warn all members of the Church of Humanity to be extremely careful to make all their talks and writings line up with the straight-edge of nature-truths our church is based on. I know well that if they make even one false statement it will nullify their church membership and graduation certificate as proof that they know the truth.

If a school teacher would give untrue answers to problems he could not prove he was right by producing his certificate of graduation.

If I have ever said or written a sentence that anyone thinks can be construed into a hope or belief of a future life, I hereby withdraw it and repudiate it as being a mistake unintended by me, since I discovered that Gods and souls are fabulous.

KNOCK-OUT DROPS FOR NATURE FAKIRS.

All who teach that a God exists are nature fakirs. All who teach that people have souls are nature fakirs. All who teach that dead people will ever come to life again are nature fakirs. All who teach that people can survive death with consciousness are nature fakirs. **The Truth About God and Life** is the only original, genuine, simon-pure Knock-out Drops on the market warranted to cure these nature fakirs if directions are followed carefully long enough.

Directions: Read a copy every morning, noon and night. Double the dose on Sundays. Keeps away from Sunday schools and churches teaching religious mythologies. Keep your head incased in ice when revivalists are in the neighborhood to keep down religious fever, and from being scared by threats of hot places. Do not consult doctors of divinity. They would make your trouble worse and delay a permanent cure.

A sample copy is an invitation to subscribe.

If the evidence given on first page convinces you there is no God and no future life, join the C. O. H. at once.

The C. O. H. has 269 enrolled members in thirty-eight states, and is bound to grow as fast as the people can learn its nature-truths.

Some people go to pope and some to the Bible to look for infallible truths, but the Church of Humanity goes direct to nature to look for them, and we are the only people who find them.

Comrades: Idolaters are paying out thousands of dollars to have nature fakirs pull the wool over your eyes so you can't see the nature-truths we teach. I want you to invest a few dollars in distributing this paper among them to pull the wool off their eyes so they can see them also. Try a hundred monthly, only 25 cents.

Comrades: Push our church work right along as hopefully and manfully as you possibly can. Take and distribute one hundred copies monthly. Never mind the insults and ridicule of idolaters. Remember we would know nothing of the scientific discoveries we are so proud of had their discoverers and first teachers been turned from the path of duty by ridicule from ignoramuses, neither would we have the great labor saving inventions. Neither will future generations know our discovered nature-truths if you and I are driven from our duty by ridicule. Hold your ground. Stand firmly in defense of our discoveries against all opposition.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 19

Dear Comrades: Are you all doing your full duty in making known the discovered truths of nature that Gods and souls are fabulous? Are you buying and distributing all the copies of our church paper you can afford to? Are you teaching these discoveries to your children? Are you offering any salary for the services of people to come and teach these discoveries in your neighborhood? Are you as enthusiastic for the teaching of these truths as idolaters are for the teaching of lies? Are you paying out as much money and doing as much personal work in the cause of truths as they are doing in the cause of untruths? If you are not doing all these things then the lies of religious mythologies will ever prevail over the truths of nature. This is the way to test which will prevail. Neither the lies or the truths can do anything to make the people accept them. Their strength depends entirely on the energy of those who believe them. In lieu of this lesson leaf coming to you oftener you can reread it daily for a month. Read it to your families and friends. This repetition will impress them on your mind and consciousness more deeply. Things are learned thoroughly only through many repetitions. Every time you read these lessons you will recognize more and more clearly their meaning and strength and truthfulness. You who write for publication must have a clear knowledge and understanding of the two discoveries that Gods and souls are myths so you can use those truths as a straight-edge to go by in all your conversation and writings. I wish to warn you to be very particular in this regard. No matter how well you know these truths or how many volumes you would write in their support and defense if you make a slip of one sentence or even one word that can be construed as a belief in the existence of a God and a future life it will make null and void all you can do for truth. Superstitious idolaters would be quick to grasp that one word or sentence to give them aid and comfort in their delusions, and as proof that you do not really know or believe the discoveries taught by your church. This admonition is brought out on account of some few of you who wrote and published pamphlets before you fully learned these discoveries containing errors, and which you are still selling. I ask you to please take them off the market until you can rewrite and correct them by the straight-edge of truth. You must not be engaged in teaching the God and immortality errors while members of the Church of Humanity. You must not be hypocrites who pretend to believe truths but teach errors. You must not be a Hyde and Jekyl. I have samples of some of these pamphlets sent to me for review and sale or free distribution. They all contain many good and true statements, but I can neither offer them for sale or give them away on account of some errors in them, some of which contradict the truths of nature our church is based on. I shall only mention one and give some quotations from it to emphasize my warning to you to use the straight-edge on all your writings. The pamphlet is entitled "The Simple Truth" and was published before its author united with the Church of Humanity. In the preface are these statements:

"I believe in God, the Creator and Supreme Ruler of the universe, and in real, sincere, heartfelt religion. . . . I believe in a judgment to come, and eternal life for those who prove worthy and fit punishment for the wicked."

The pamphlet is in accord with these fundamental errors. Of course, we were all superstitious idolaters once, but no censure is due us on that account. But all our comrades are supposed to have learned the truth before joining the C. O. H., and to have repudiated their former belief in errors. But this comrade has advertised this pamphlet for sale in Freethought publications since uniting with the C. O. H., which places him in a false position, and brings discredit on our society. The Truth Seeker, New York, declared editorially recently that "not a human being has ever lived, or lives now, who knows whether man is to live again in this world, or in some other, after he closes his eyes in death." The Truth Seeker has been advertising and selling this pamphlet, and judging from it, one is justified in claiming that our church members do not know that death ends life forever. I would like to convince the editor of the Truth Seeker and all others that our members do know that truth. But if they make such statements as this comrade does after joining the C. O. H., it proves that they do not know that discovery and I would have no right or desire to make a false claim for them. There is only one of two courses to take for all our comrades who had previously written books teaching errors, either acknowledge you were mistaken and withdraw them from circulation or else resign membership in the Church of Humanity. You must decide whether you do or do not know the discoveries that no real Gods exist and that life ends forever at death, and then act and write in harmony with your convictions. If you find that you do not really know the discoveries we teach to be true then resign you membership in the C. O. H. until you can learn them and then apply for membership again. The strongest proof possible to be given you that our discoveries are true you will find in the first article of this paper. If you cannot believe the evidence it gives there is none that can convince you. But I hope you can believe it, and then call in your false teaching and go to writing books teaching those truths, and I will be greatly pleased to advertise them and aid in their circulation if they are otherwise suitable for propaganda literature. I am anxious that you all engage in teaching these discoveries so that people will be convinced that they are known by you. Those of you who were able to write and publish pamphlets teaching errors when you believe them ought to be able to write and publish pamphlets teaching truth when you believe it. There is every reason why you should work as diligently for truths when you know them as you did formerly for untruths when you believed them. When you believed untruths you helped to teach them, paid others for teaching them, sent your children to Sunday school and churches to be taught them, helped to build churches and raise money to employ preachers and helped in every way you could.

Now be as energetic, optimistic and enthusiastic in doing as much for these truths as you were for the untruths. They never can be made to win in any other way. I am still offering $1,500 a year for some one to teach these discoveries from the rostrum. Would it not pay some of you who have oratorical abilities to try to prepare for this position? Have any of you the time and ability to prepare catechisms teaching these discoveries? Have any of you time and ability to compile a small songbook suitable for our church? Have any of you time and ability to prepare a series of text books teaching these discoveries suitable for class work? Our literature is yet to be produced. No Freethought works will do on account of the errors they contain. No scientific works will do on account of their mixture with untruths to make them acceptable to idolaters. There is work for all of you to do and plenty of it. Get busy and help. Never mind the abuse of idolaters. Do your duty honestly and manfully. Some of you can aid in one way and some another way. All try to give some aid every month. One of the best ways to help at this stage is the distribution of our church paper. Let the people know in this way that these discoveries are made. The most of you could take and distribute at least 100 copies monthly. That would cost you only $3 a year. Do any of you wish the Board of Directors to call the annual convention of our church this year? If so, when and where do you want it?

THE CURSE OF IDOLATRY AND SUPERSTITION.

The evil effects of idolatry and superstition on the survivors of the Italian earthquake manifested itself in many ways to their detriment. One of the greatest errors they made on account of not knowing the truth about God and life was the neglect of the entombed living for days while able bodied people led by priests were performing their superstitious rites over the dead.

One archbishop led a large gathering of survivors over the ruins to hold religious services at the graves of the dead and at the wrecked military hospital, the military college, the barracks and the archbishop's house because he considered them cemeteries, as beneath them were dead soldiers, students, policemen, priests and monks. Think of the stupidity of a people who leave the living to suffer and starve to death while they fool away the time asking pardon, pity, sympathy and blessings for the dead from a fabulous God whom they believe destroyed the city intentionally. One grave was 100 feet wide and thirty feet deep and contained 1,300 of the dead piled in tiers and all covered with quick lime. Think of the debased and totally depraved character of a people who are so void of decent manhood qualities that they would ask any one whom they believed deliberately killed these people to do any act of kindness for them now. They should apply the same reasoning and action towards their "heavenly father" they would apply to an earthly father in a parallel case.

How would they have treated an earthly father who had blown up the city with dynamite when they were all in it and asleep, killing the most of them? Would they ever trust that father again or expect him to do any good deed for the dead or living? Would they sing his praises, worship him, and brag continually about his love, pity, mercy, goodness and aid bestowed on them? Would they want to live with him any more, and try to compel their neighbors to do so, too? Would not the neighbors think them crazy if they acted as foolish over an earthly father as they do over their fabulous heavenly father when they think he has blown them up?

Why should they have a double standard of morals that requires praise and love for an imaginary father for slaughtering his children and hatred for a real father for doing the same thing? Why should they want to go to live with one and put the other in an asylum or the penitentiary or hang him to prevent him living with them? A real father might be forgiven on the ground of temporary insanity, but can this fictitious father be forgiven on that or any other ground?

Instead of man asking forgiveness of his Gods he should require them to explain their conduct in destroying members of his race by earthquakes, storms, floods and many other causes they are supposed to manipulate for that purpose. Man should become race conscious and make the concern of one the concern of all when it comes to their destruction by their supposed Gods. Whenever any part of our race in any country is destroyed the balance of the race should insist on their Gods giving a satisfactory excuse for the destruction, and all go on a strike and quit the idolatry of all Gods until it is forthcoming. No excuses offered by idolaters should be accepted. Neither should more earthquakes, storms, floods, lightning or any other phenomena of nature be accepted as the answer. Insist on them giving their excuse to you in person in your native tongue. A God who cannot fill those simple requirements is no God at all and never will be. By that simple test you can learn the discoveries that no real God exists, and that death ends life forever.

Another great mistake those people made for want of a knowledge of the truth about God and life was burying the dead instead of cremating them. I mentioned a grave 100 feet wide by 30 feet deep. There must have been many such pits to hold all the dead. It required hundreds of able bodied men to dig them when they should have been engaged in rescuing the living who were beneath the ruins, many of whom died owing to this lost time. It would be showing more respect to the memory of the dead in such cases to cremate them than to bury them in such a way. But their superstition about a resurrection day prevents them from acting sensibly towards the dead and the living.

If to compel attendance and support of the form of worship in the schools of this city is not a violation of the Kansas constitution, which says, "Nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship," I would like to know what would constitute a violation of this clause of the constitution and I want the supreme court of the United States to inform me. Members of the Materialist Association and the American Secular Union and some other societies who do not want religion taught in the schools should want to know their rights in this matter, and should form the proposed American Federation of Anti-Idolatrous Societies to eradicate religious mythologies from our public schools. Let the good work begin.

If to compel one to send his children to be taught the belief and practice of the Christian religion is not "an establishment of religion," and in direct conflict with the first amendment to the United States constitution, I would like to know what it is, and I want the supreme court to inform me.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Many subscribers have not joined the Church of Humanity yet. I wish to say a word to you specially. Our object and desire is to get all subscribers to unite in the Church of Humanity so they can help to form local churches of its readers who know the truths it teaches. I want you to unite with us the moment you are convinced of those truths. Now if I am unable to do that the account of the great earthquake disaster in Italy ought to convince you that God is a creation of fiction and death the end of life forever. You should need no more evidence, no more argument, no more coaxing or persuading. You should recognize these truths of nature and do your duty by uniting with us for their defense and promulgation.

MONEY MAKING AS A CIVILIZER.

On some one presenting the Catholic Advance with a copy of our church paper it was moved to emit the following editorial:

> There is a Kansas farmer, the possessor of 720 acres of land and extremely limited amount of normal brain, who has settled himself in Great Bend and devotes his life largely to the impossible task of convincing the world that there is no God. He is awfully blasphemous and manifestly luney, but otherwise not dangerous to life or limb. He publishes a small paper at his own expense, which nobody reads and in which he discloses a paranoic kink. He claims that everybody but himself is a victim of deception. The saddest part of his dimentia is his settled belief that he has abundant proof for his atheistic aberration. He sent us his paper and we found it useful for cleaning lamp chimneys.

I am very grateful indeed to this superstitious idolater for limiting his punishment for a "blasphemous" discoverer of scientific truths to vituperation, and the cleaning of lamp chimneys with a publication containing the proof of his discoveries in physical science. His prototypes of a short time ago would have used the discoverer and teacher of these truths for a torch light in place of the lamp.

I congratulate the idolaters on their advance in civilization since the days of Giordano Bruno. But what is the real cause of this commendable advancement? Ah! here it is. He tells it himself unwittingly in his first editorial as follows:

> If money making people would try to serve God with zeal, fervor and anxiety which they devote to money and transfer to money the kind of zeal and anxiety with which they serve God, what a beautiful and consistent Christian world would be ours!

There is the kernel in a nut shell to our modern civilization. It is money making. Yet this stupid idolater deplores the very agency that has civilized idolaters to the extent they are. Just in proportion that the people have transfered their "zeal, fervor and anxiety" for God and heavenly mansions to money making have they become civilized.

Zeal, fervor and anxiety for money making means plenty of food, clothing and shelter. It means comfortable homes with all the necessaries and luxuries of modern life.

It means the invention and adoption of labor saving machinery and of modern methods of transportation and communication. It means leisure, travel and education. But the Catholic Advance deplores these results of "zeal, fervor and anxiety" for money making and would have idolaters transfer it to the service of a creation of fiction named God. Then it would mean hanging witches, burning heretics, massacreing dissenters, slaughtering heathens, torturing discoverers, religous inquisitions, illiteracy, poverty and race suicide. For pity sake, idolaters, stick to money making. "Adam God" gave an exhibition recently at Kansas City of what zeal for God led to, though on a small scale. It led him and his band into a scrap with the police in which some on both sides were killed and himself wounded. But that may not cure his zeal for God. Would it not have been much better had his zeal been confined to money making in order to provide a home for himself and family?

But it would have been "awfully blasphemous and manifestly luney" for any one to tell him the truths that he needed to know to save him from his God-zeal. He had been arrested and fined previously in an Oklahoma town for appearing on the streets nude. He was neither "luney" nor afflicted with "atheistic aberrations," or a "paranoic kink" or "dementia." He had something more dangerous than all of these combined. It was "zeal, fervor and anxiety" to "serve God" so that this would be "a beautiful and consistent Christian world" wherein people would live as they had been taught a God created them to do. But it would be "awfully blasphemous" to tell this dupe of a religious mythology the truth that the Bible stories of creation and the Garden of Eden are fables. Yes, it does seem at times that it will be an "impossible task" to convince the world of the discovered truths in nature that there is no God and that life ceases forever at death.

But there are some considerations that justify an optimistic view. The best of these are that there is a slow but general tendency towards civilization, and since the people cannot be fully civilized until they learn and teach these discoveries there is hope of them eventually doing so. Then, again, these great discoveries in nature have only recently been made and proclaimed, and it has not been a year since the first society in all the world was organized to teach them. Our literature is yet to be written and placed in text book and catechisms. Our teachers are yet to be taught. A task that will require hundreds if not thousands of years to accomplish will take many years to make a beginning. I fully recognize the magnitude of the task. The most I can hope for is to see the task begun in my lifetime. There are nearly two thousand million superstitious idolaters to be taught these scientific discoveries. There may be nearly twice that number before a good start is made in teaching them. They are thoroughly intrenched in their idolatry of myth Gods and the superstition of continuous life by custom, habit, prejudice, fear, hope, policy, style, law, commercialism and education. All are voluntary God-makers, and teachers of superstition. Millions are specially educated and trained and then employed for life for that purpose. Billions of dollars are invested in the perpetuation of these errors. They are incorporated in all literature of all languages not excepting that produced by agnostics, freethinkers, infidels and so-called atheists. The entire human race, both individually and collectively, will fight against the propagation of my discoveries and try in every way to suppress them as though their Gods and continuous life were facts in nature and I was abolishing them. They cannot grasp the idea that I simply discovered that to die is just what it appears to be—a total and permanent cessation of conscious life, and the beginning of a permanent dissolution of the organism—and that there are no such beings as real Gods in nature. These facts have always been true and ever will be.

People can no more create real Gods and continue their consciousness, through and beyond death by believing they can than they can make of the moon a cheese by believing it to be such. By world-wide, persistent and continuous teaching our race could be made to believe the moon is a cheese, but that would not change an atom of the moon. By suppressing my discoveries the race can be continued in the delusion of continuous life indefinitely through its world-wide teaching of that superstition, but the fact will remain as it always has been that individual conscious life ceases forever at death.

Nothing is gained to the race by refusing to learn and accept these discoveries, but its period of idolatry and superstition is prolonged thereby, while their recognition and teaching by all our race will terminate that period of its existence. I fully recognize my weakness, and inability to convince the world of these discoveries. But who is so foolish as to expect me to accomplish a task that will require millions of first class orators, authors and teachers for centuries to do?

To begin the task fairly will require a large number of helpers who have themselves thoroughly learned the evidences that prove these discoveries true and who are impervious to abuse and can no more be turned from their course of duty by it than a comet from its course by a papal bull. The vilest epithets of all languages will be hurled at them by the lowest classes of superstitious idolaters as the Catholic Advance is doing. I am glad my critic admits that I am "not dangerous to life or limb," but sorry though that history forbids me to say that of those who have "zeal, fervor and anxiety" to "serve God."

MIRACLE MONGERS AT WORK.

As usual with superstitious idolaters in disasters the Italian earthquake produces its quota of "authentic miracles."

One that is going the rounds as a "sweet morsel" under their tongue is to the effect that a five-year-old boy who was rescued from the ruins of Reggio seventeen days after the earthquake had been kept alive by his mother feeding him on bread and oranges, although she was killed on the day of the earthquake. "The whole neighborhood," says the report, "is proclaiming that this is the first authentic miracle."

The only miracle I see in the case is that people who claim to be civilized and enlightened believe it true. Such stories do not prove to me that conscious life survives death, but it does prove to me that people who believe them true have not learned the truth about God and life.

It is the persistent propagation of such absurd stories for truth that helps to make human beings a race of superstitious idolaters who believe in the existence of Gods and of the continuity of life. Many more "authentic miracles" will be hawked about by the survivors to discredit the evidence nature gives of the non-existence of Gods and souls. Poor ignoramuses. They are as stupid as the ostrich that believes itself saved by poking its head in the sand so it cannot see its enemies. They imagine they can survive death through the power of their God by closing all their senses to the evidence nature gives that their God is a myth and death the end of life. There will be millions of willing tongues and publications to aid them in spreading this miracle over all the world, but no tongue or publication willing to tell them how to use there reasoning faculties to find out that it is not true. No one will tell them that if that boy's mother could survive death with consciousness all people could do so; that if she could feed her son they could and would have fed theirs and all others who were starving to death; that had she that power she and others would have had ample power to inform rescuers and friends where all the living were pinioned and where their own bodies lay and could have aided greatly in clearing away the debris that covered them; that were that story true all who perish at sea could tow their bodies to shore and notify the undertaker where they are. Those who read the papers know that some lawyers and detectives and other interested parties will bribe witnesses to swear to lies to win a case. If a child told such a story some cunning idolater told it to do so. The child could have lived on bread and oranges, but if it did they were not put in its reach by a mother or any other dead person after death.

Every one who knows the truth about God and life knows that fact.

But the board of education refuses to learn that truth and hires an idolater with my money to teach my children that such authentic miracles are literally true. How can our race ever free itself from such horrible superstitions when a great state like Kansas perpetrates such an outrage on its citizens who know the truth?

If Bible reading, hymn singing and praying is not a form of worship I would like to know what constitutes a form of worship, and I want the supreme court to inform me.

Let us have a National Federation of anti-idolatry societies to free the public schools from religious mythologies by due process of law. Very little headway can be made in teaching the people the truth with the public schools teaching the children untruths.

THE QUESTION BOX.

As questions of general interest regarding our discoveries are received they will be placed in the question box and answered briefly.

Mr. P. W. Gifford, Illinois, asks:

1. What is the power that produces the kaleidoscopic changes of the universe?
2. Why is it that man cannot express himself in any way without this power?
3. Why is there no absolute inactivity of anything in the universe?
4. How do you account for the differentiation of manifestation of physical existence—man, animal, tree, rock, fire air, ether, etc?
5. Are these different forms necessary?
6. Why should human beings live for a short time and then be eternally dead?
7. What is the sense of bringing into life beings for so short a period of usefulness and then to lie as useless "hulks" throughout the eternities?

As it is now definitely discovered that there is no God and that all life ceases forever at death all theories and answers to these questions and all others must harmonize with these discoveries or they are not true answers. A theory or answer may not conflict with this straight-edge and still not be correct. But if it conflicts with them then we know it is untrue. I make no claim whatever to being able to answer all questions correctly that can be asked. It is as much your duty as mine to seek for the true answer to such questions. With the God and immortality myths out of the way you ought to be able with the application of a little reasoning to arrive at pretty good answers to your own questions without aid. But here are my answers in brief with corresponding numbers to the questions answered.

1. The powers that cause all changes in matter are its own inherent properties or attributes such as heat, cold, electricity, magnetism, gravity, etc. Those are only properties and conditions of matter like life and death, and are not intelligent expressions of it. The rotation of the earth on its axis and its revolution around the sun causes the apparent "kaleidoscopic changes of the universe."

2. Man does not use these powers to express himself. Man expresses himself principally by oral and written language, both being artificial.

3. The attributes of matter acting and reacting on other matter cause the activity observed.

4. The elements of matter in different combinations and conditions accounts for all these things.

5. Necessary for what? for whom? When conditions and environments are favorable the elements of matter will from necessity take these forms.

6. It is simply the nature of all organisms, including man, to disintegrate when conditions are no longer favorable for integration, and for life to begin and cease as conditions and environments are favorable.

7. There is no sense in it because there was no intelligence that caused the origin of life in the first place. Both vegetable and animal life begins spontaneously on this planet when conditions are favorable, and then pass away when conditions become unfavorable for their existence.

Many species of plants and animals have become extinct. No purpose or object was served by their production or destruction. In the next 10,000 years many more species will become extinct and eventually all will be. It is therefore easily seen that there is no object to be accomplished in nature by the human race and that no intelligent being brought it into existence.

The elimination of religious mythologies as truth from our public schools are of supreme importance. Hence this entire issue is devoted to the subject.

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My Great Discoveries In Physical Science

A Lecture by W. H. Kerr, Before the World's University, March 1909.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—As previously announced, my lecture this evening is entitled "My Great Discoveries in Physical Science," and for convenience I shall subdivide it into four parts. First, what the discoveries are; second, their immutability; third, their desirability, and, fourth, their influence on society. After discussing each division briefly I shall read any questions you may wish to ask on the subject.

First, What the Discoveries Are. They are two extremely important discoveries in the domain of physical science. One is the true nature of God and the other the true nature of death. God is discovered to be simply a creation of fiction, a myth, fabulous. In other words, there is no real God in the universe. Death is discovered to be a total and permanent suspension of consciousness, and the beginning of the permanent disolution of the organism into its separate primal elements.

Second, The Immutability of These Discoveries. These great discovered facts are immutable, and are beyond the power of man to change. Matter produces all phenomena in the universe. It produces all things by its inherent properties, conditions and attributes. I define matter, as here used, to mean all substance in all its forms and elements. It produces all living organism, but its powers are limited. It cannot produce an immaterial being, nor can it produce a material being with the powers necessary for a God, nor can it restore a dead organism to life. Hence the production of Gods and souls and the reanimation of dead organisms are impossibilities for matter to do, and nothing can happen or be produced in the universe unless matter does it. Matter is not intelligent, but under favorable conditions it produces life and through living organisms produces mind. Hence mind is a product of matter that can be generated only under special conditions. But it cannot exist apart from and independent of matter. Therefore, immaterial characters and places thought to exist, such as God, Christ, soul, ghosts, devils, angels, spirits, hell and heaven do not exist. Neither are there such material characters or places in the universe.

Third, The Desirability of the Discoveries. Of late years discoveries in physical science are growing more and more popular since it is being recognized that man's true knowledge of the universe and his position in it are ascertained only in that way. These great discoveries should be doubly popular since they correct previously false theories. Owing to the many conflicting false theories of what becomes of man at death, these discoveries should be welcomed by all as the true knowledge of man's destiny, which is the most important knowledge to man. When these discoveries become generally known and accepted they will unify our race on these subjects and that will eliminate the discord, strife and hatred caused by the conflicting religious mythologies. A general knowledge of these discoveries will increase the value of life many fold; make the earth appear more beautiful and increase the happiness of man.

Fourth, Their Influence on Society. As these discovered truths conflict with the errors taught by all religious societies there will necessarily be some discord during the transitional period of those societies from a false to a true basis. But that discord will cease when the transition is completed, and while it lasts, it will not be as great as that between societies where both are based on conflicting errors. When society is readjusted to conform its teaching to the requirements of these discoveries its moral teaching regarding the duty of individuals to each other and to society will be practically the same as now, but it will not be based on the fear of punishment or hope of reward in a fictitious world, but on the requirements of this real and only world they can ever live in, and all religion and worship will cease forever.

I shall now number and read the questions you desire answered:

1. How can a knowledge of your discoveries increase the value of life?
2. How can learning your discoveries increase man's happiness and make the earth appear more beautiful?
3. Would not crimes of all kinds be more common were the people to know there is no God to punish them?
4. Would you deprive the old of their hope of heaven?
5. Is not a belief in the untruths of religion more to be desired than a knowledge of your discoveries?

These questions will be answered in my April lecture. The subject then will be: "How to Popularize My Discoveries." I hope you will all be present on that occasion. There is only one way of making discoveries known and that is by teaching them. That can only be done through an organization of those who know them. If any in this audience know these discoveries to be true to nature, please fill out these blanks and hand them in to be reported and recorded at the next meeting. We will now arise and be dismissed. I hope you will all try earnestly and diligently to learn these great discoveries and truths of nature that will free you from the idolatry of fabulous Gods and the superstition of continuous life, taught by those who have not learned the truth, and that you will then unite with the Church of Humanity and help to free others.

Putting the Cart Before the Horse.

Prof. E. L. Larkin, of the Lowe Observatory on Echo Mountain, California, sometimes gets lost in his metaphysical speculations on mind and matter, as all scientists and philosophers who believe in the errors of religious mythologies do. In The Nautilus for April he affirms that mind and thought created matter, whereas both are produced by organic matter in certain conditions or states. I quote a few of his ideas and make corrections as follows:

"Positively the entity whose name in human speech is Mind was in existence before the second entity to appear, namely, Life. Mind was the first entity in all that part of cosmic space now occupied by what we call the universe. Thus mind is alive; so is its first expression, the beginning of a series of expressions, leading to the appearance of matter—the electron. Thought, thinking, mind in state of activity preceded the first motion of any kind whatever. The act of thinking caused the external universe. The base of the universe rests in mind. This assertion that matter is an expression of mind is difficult of comprehension, yet it is a rock-hewn truth. He who believes in it with the most intense earnestness is the very one to whom it is incomprehensible."

This is the same old erroneous God-idea dressed up in new language which some call "new thought." If one substitute the word God for mind it would read too much like old thought for a new thought magazine, hence the change. The reason Mr. Larken's ideas are incomprehensible to himself or anyone else is that they are false. He places the cart before the horse by reversing cause and effect. He mistakes an effect for the cause. Matter is not the product of mind and thought as he believes, but mind and thought are the products of organic matter in certain states and conditions. Mind is not a self-existing entity nor is it an element of matter. Certain chemical combinations of the elements of matter produce the condition called organic life. In certain conditions matter in this state generates mind, and mind develops into thoughts, but thoughts are only ideas of things and they may be true or false. How could "the act of thinking" be accomplished without a material organism to perform it? The professor might as well tell us that the flame preceded and formed the candle, that the noise of a threshing machine preceded and formed the machine and that the sound of a steam whistle created the steam engine as to tell us that the act of thinking created the organism that alone can do it. The moon is composed of matter, but if it contains no living organism there is no mind or thoughts there. The same can be said of the sun and all the stars and all the universe. When organic life ceases on this planet the production of mind and thoughts will also cease. By analysis the chemist can find the elements of matter, but he cannot find mind or thoughts in it. Hence the elements of matter form the base of the material universe and produce all its phenomena, including life, mind and thought. Life and mind can no more exist apart from matter than feeling, seeing, hearing or any other of our senses. None of these manifestations of animal life can exist or survive the death of the organism.

Returning Favors.

By their active thought ignorant imagination the Asiatics manufactured the fabulous Gods worshiped by the Americans of today. But the Americans are now returning the favor by manufacturing Gods for the Asiatics. A recent news item says: "It appears that American enterprise has won from the British factories the industry of making idols for the Oriental heathen." The Oriental and Occidental heathens ought to be very friendly, since they supply each other with Gods to worship. There is no difference in the degrees of heathenism between the worshipers of God and Christ and the worshipers of tin Gods manufactured by American enterprise. Both are equally mistaken in the true nature of their idols. It is yet to be determined which has the intelligence to learn the true nature of their Gods and cease idolatry first. Patriotism would suggest that the Church of Humanity help the Occidentals to win in this contest.

The Church of Humanity wants a field agent to establish missions in all large cities of the United States to teach its discoveries. Who wants the position?

Help the world along by learning our discoveries and helping to make them known to others.

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"The fool says in his heart there is no God," but the wise man proclaims that truth with tongue and pen so all can know it and learn it.

Some time ago a man, giving the name of Harry Howard, shot four men while resisting arrest for trying to burn the town of Smithfield, W. Va. He had fired several buildings and claimed that God had instructed him to burn the town. When all people learn my discoveries they will not feel under any obligations to carry out their crazy ideas under the impression that they are those of a God.

The pope guessed the truth when he told Bishop Burke, of St. Joseph, Mo., that the "present indications were that the world will soon receive its ideals of civilization from the United States." Now that is correct with the exception that it will not be done *soon*. It will take quite a while for the Church of Humanity to make its discoveries known to all the people of the United States and then introduce them to the balance of the world.

Thomas F. Ryan gave $350,000 to build a Catholic cathedral in Richmond, Va. It is one of the four notable cathedrals of the United States. He established it as a monument to the Catholic church. When members of the Church of Humanity begin to dig up that way to establish educational institutions for the teaching of our discoveries in physical science as monuments to them the superstitious idolaters will begin to sit up and take notice.

Many have erroneously believed that the trouble between France and the pope was due to the people learning the truth and trying to free themselves from idolatry. There is nothing of the kind in France or any other country. No people on earth have learned my discoveries except the Church of Humanity, and no people can free themselves from idolatry until they learn them. The revolt in France was only aimed at the authority and infalibility of the pope. It did not touch the vitals of the Christian superstition. The new Catholic sect in France, known as the French Apostolic Catholic church, retains the Roman dogma and ritual, but denies the authority and infalibility of the pope. Nothing at all is gained for civilization by the rumpus except a slight weakening of the power of idolaters through division.

Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 20

Dear Comrades:—My excuse for being late with this issue is that I took a vacation and went with my wife and a party of friends to southern Texas. We had such a pleasant and interesting trip that I am sure you would excuse this delay had you been with us. We were away three weeks, and the following are some of the towns and cities we stopped in a while to look around: Beeville, Green, Brownsville, Matamoras, Mexico, Chapin, Corpus Christi, Falfurrias, Rock Island, Columbus, Houston and Galveston. I saw two of our comrades, Mr. Miller, of Falfurrias and Mr. Johnson, of Corpus Christi. We had a boat ride on the bay at Corpus Christi and on the bay and gulf at Galveston. As many of you live in the south land I shall not undertake to describe its attractiveness in the winter season when the north land is mantled in snow and ice. I enjoyed the trip so well that had I the ability of a good lecturer I would do field work myself for our church. I believe I would like it. Some one ought to be doing that work. A salary of $1,500 a year awaits the party who can fill the bill. There ought to be a dozen young men devoting their entire time to learning these discoveries to enable them to fill positions as teachers of them. If a few of you would join me in offering them positions as teachers of these discoveries on a yearly salary perhaps it would induce some to begin learning them. The great demand for teachers of idolatry and superstitions on good salaries induces hundreds of fathers to have their sons educated to supply it. I know fathers who have supported their sons many years while preparing for the ministry. Why can't some fathers in our church have their sons educated for instructors in our church? Could you prepare your sons for a nobler usefulness in life? Could you put your property to a better use? I see no show for truth to ever prevail over untruth unless those who know it do as much for its propagation as is done to propagate untruth by those who believe it. Your knowing it does nothing whatever for it. To do anything for it one must aid in some way to make it known to others. I know of no better way than to hire some competent person to devote his or her time exclusively to the work of teaching these discoveries to others. Do you? People are hired to teach untruths. Will any of you join me in offering to hire people to teach truths? We cannot stop the teaching of untruths anywhere except by teaching the truth to the people until they understand it and accept it. Then they will voluntarily cease teaching untruths. There are some things we should all be proud of. We should feel proud of the ability we had to learn the two discoveries in physical science that saves us from idolatry and superstition; that we know in advance what becomes of us when we die; that we organized the first society on earth to teach the truth about God and life; that we are publishing the first and only paper on earth teaching those truths. But we must not be satisfied with these great achievements. We should be the first society on earth to hire lecturers to teach these great discoveries to the people from the rostrum. We should be the first to establish churches in towns and cities to teach these discoveries. We should be enthusiastic in the establishment of branch churches and see how many cities we can organize branch churches in. We can all aid in that work by helping to hire a competent person to do it. The great evangelists could not get one person to join a church or contribute a dollar to propagating untruths were they to print their sermons and mail them to the people. But by personal appeals from the rostrum they can get tens of thousands to join the churches and many thousands of dollars to pay for their falsehoods. We should learn from their methods how we should do to propagate truths. When people can be made to believe and support untruths by certain methods we should feel confident that they can be made to believe and support truths by the same methods. We should take the cue from evangelists and proceed on the same plans so far as we can to win people to the cause of truth. There are not enough of our members in any one town to hire a lecturer and organizer to come and teach our discoveries to the people and organize those who learn them into a church, but by all of us contributing we can hire one such field worker to devote his entire time to the work of establishing churches for all of us. I would gladly give $500 for the services of such a field worker to come and put in a month's work here in teaching these discoveries and organizing a local church. Then the local would try to get a local instructor established on a permanent salary. How many of you want a branch church in your town or neighborhood? How many dollars would you give for the services of a field worker to come and hold a series of meetings and try to organize one? We should all have a great ambition to get branch churches established not only in our own town but in any town and every town. These discovered truths can never be made known and accepted in any other way. I am sure you would all feel proud if we had branch churches organized with large membership enrollments in all large cities. You would not begrudge large sums of money to have such results accomplished. I believe it can be done if we will all do our duty in helping financially to do it. Let me know how much you will pay on the first year's salary of a lecturer and organizer to do field work, if I can find a person competent to fill the bill. I cannot go to see you to get your subscription to the salary, but you can send it to me on a card. Then I will know how much to offer for such services. Of course, he would have to make good by increasing the church membership and organizing churches or his salary would cease at the end of any month. It is simply a business proposition wherein we pay some one to make our discoveries known and organize societies of those who learn them to perpetuate that knowledge. These discoveries should be taught in all public schools and colleges, but that will be an impossibility until our church has established branches everywhere and made them known and accepted. You will recognize the importance of the task we are engaged in and do your full duty without urging. If we all lived in one town we could easily organize a branch church and pay an instructor a yearly salary as other churches do. Then we would all get the benefit of his services for our children. But as it is we can hire a field worker at very little more cost and he can teach our discoveries to many more people than a local instructor could do. We should plan to reach the most people, secure the most members and organize the most churches for the money we use, no matter where it is done. The main thing is to get the work done somewhere. My lectures before "The World's University will be continued for several months and all possible questions that an audience would be likely to ask will be answered. You would do well to order a monthly bundle of 100 copies to distribute among your neighbors.

A False Theory Exposed

It has been a belief very generally held that all who are not members of some idolatrous church are disbelievers in their fundamental teaching. Statistics of all churches have been given and it is found that not half of the population of the United States is enrolled as church members. It has been affirmed in Freethought publications as well as others that the balance of the people are not believers in their teachings, and great efforts are being made by all those churches to "convert" them. The success of Billy Sunday, Gipsy Smith and other noted evangelists in making "converts" is regarded by all as successful efforts to convince people that Christianity is true. The fact is that practically all people are taught in childhood the God and immortality superstitions and, never being taught any better, always believe them. Therefore, so-called conversions are simply public acknowledgments of what they have always believed. The efforts to find and enroll people in the Church of Humanity who know the discoveries that there is no God and no future life demonstrates the fact that not 300 people have yet learned them. All who do not know these discoveries to be true should be classed as believers in the God and soul superstition which forms the base of religious mythologies. Freethought editors who will not presume to say there is no God and no future life must be classed with those who presume to say there is a God and a future life. No such editors can aid anyone in freeing himself from those delusions by teaching him the truth. For a man to class himself as a Liberal, Rationalist, Freethinker, Infidel or Atheist is no evidence that he has learned these two discoveries. The only reliable evidence that he has done so is when he unites with the Church of Humanity and aids financially or personally to make them known.

Teach your children our discoveries that they may know the limitations of life and recognize its value.

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have seen the same statements from many of the members of the Church of Humanity. You would have seen the number of members we have and the account of our organization and incorporation to teach the discovery that there is no God and that life ends at death forever. None are so blind as those who will not see. You are so thoroughly convinced that there is a God that you take no interest in our teaching or society, and even refuse pay to advertise either in The Searchlight. What The Searchlight needs is more brilliancy so it can see our discovered truths and see people who know them and say right out so all can hear who wants to that there is no God and no immortality for man. Mr. Shaw says he knows nothing about God and that he is not ashamed of his ignorance. He should be. Any man of his age and experience should be ashamed to not know that God is fabulous, a myth like Santa Claus. When he knows that he knows the truth about him and all that can be known or that is necessary to know about him. That is all one can know about Santa Clause or any other creation of fiction. The origin of a myth is not essential to know. A child that believes a real Santa Claus exists, but has doubts about his abode being at the north pole, and about him having some of the abilities ascribed to him, and about some of his reported achievements, does not know as much about him as the child who has learned that he is a myth. Mr. Shaw and all Agnostics, Infidels, Freethinkers and so-called Atheists are in the same state of mind regarding God as the former child is regarding Santa Claus, while members of the Church of Humanity are in the same state of mind regarding God as the latter child is regarding Santa Claus. The mistaken child can be convinced of its errors much quicker and easier than the mistake man. The slurs in Freethought papers that only children believe certain superstitions are baseless insults to them. No child believes a superstition that has not been first taught by grown-ups. Grown-ups teach them the lies about Santa Claus, Gods, devils, ghosts, heavens, hells, resurrections of the dead and many other deliberate, wilful lies. Why should the children continue to be insulted in all Freethought papers for believing them instead of telling them the truth in plain, simple words that there is no God and no life after death? Freethought papers like The Searchlight that refuses to say these simple truths are of no value in freeing the people from idolatry and superstition. They are a positive deteriment to the cause of truth when they affirm that no one knows it. They are no more justified in making such a statement, when it is self-evident that some do know it, than a child would be in saying that no one knows if Santa Claus is a real being or not because he did not know the truth about him. No class of people are more domatic than Agnostics in their assertion that religious myths are unknowable. Speaking of preachers as teachers The Searchlight says: "And pray, what do they teach? They teach only what they do not know about unknowable things, such as Gods, devils, hells and heavens." Except the false teaching that these are real beings and places the next most pernicious teaching is that these are unknowable. Agnostics generally believe that these names represent real beings and places, but their agnosticism consists in not knowing the precise location of them or their true nature. They cannot comprehend the truth that they are not real "things" at all, but only myths that exist only in the imagination of superstitious idolaters. Not knowing the truth themselves nor believing anyone else does, Agnostics will fight the truth-teachers as viciously as they do the untruth-teachers. Hence the Church of Humanity cannot allow them membership in it nor regard them as allies in its propaganda work of making known its discoveries. The Church of Humanity provides all, not with a "theory regarding God," but with a scientific discovery regarding him, and Agnostics can consider themselves "a laughing stock" for "the world of intelligence" until they learn it.

dolatry Befuddles Its Teachers

Thousands of minds have been wrecked under the befuddling influence of idoatry and superstition. When the teachers of these false ideas try to harmonize conflicting facts with them they are all at sea and their puzzled minds cannot straighten out the tangle. Some of the clergy have "locked horns" over the cause of calamities. In a discussion of "Sessions of great calamities" one Rev. Lewis held that "calamities are not sent by God to punish humanity. They are caused by nature," he said, "and serve to awaken sympathy and benevolence, as was shown in the San Francisco disaster when people all over the country aided the sufferers."

One Rev. Welty took exceptions to his conclusions and declared that "God does send disasters as punishment. Why the innocent have to suffer with the guilty is beyond human understanding," he said. When "human understanding" learns my discoveries in physical science that no God exists and that death ends life forever it will all be perfectly clear and harmonious. No one ever did or ever will harmonize such calamities with the false God-idea, but anyone can do it with my discoveries.

A World of Superstitious Idolaters.

The scientific discoveries that God is a creation of fiction like Santa Claus and that conscious life ends forever at death reveals the fact that the human race is at present a race of superstitious idolaters, and that it has been so as far back as the beginning of written history at least. The changing from a belief in one God to another or of one form of worship to another or from belief in one religious mythology to another is no advancement whatever. The worship of God and Jesus Christ is as idolatrous as the worship of Baal and Jove. All alike are myths. The changing of the name "God" to Creator, Heavenly Father, Supreme Being, Nature or Universal Intelligence or any other name does not relieve it of its mythical nature so long as the attributes of omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence are assigned the imagined being, for no being exists in the universe with those three attributes.

The Inconsistency of Idolaters.

So anxious are Christians to get the Asiatics to share with them a blissful abode in "Abraham's bosom" in a fictitious world that they donate millions of dollars to have them taught their brand of superstition so they will be sure to meet them there. But in this world where they have much more room than in "Abraham's bosom" they put up more millions to build and maintain a fleet of battle ships to keep those same Asiatics as far off as possible. Christians put on their sanctimonious robes and shed crocodile tears through fear of not meeting the Asiatics in a fictitious little flat in a fictitious little city in an imaginary life and then put on their robes of state and order four more battle ships constructed for their navy through fear of meeting those same Asiatics on the great Pacific ocean in this real life. In their religious assemblies they pass resolutions to send missionaries to inform the Asiatic races that all are brothers, and children of one common "Heavenly Father" who wants all to meet and live with him as one family in another life, and to teach them the right direction to take so they will not miss getting there. Then they go to their legislative assemblies and put up resolutions like the following:

"Resolved, By the Senate and by the Assembly of the State of California, Jointly, That we are unalterably opposed to further Japanese immigration, and urge our representatives in congress to extend the provisions of the Geary exclusion act so as to include Japanese, Koreans, Hindus and all other Asiatic races; be it further

"Resolved, That we condemn the proposition to naturalize the Japanese and extend the elective franchise to the alien born of that race as being inimical to the welfare of the American people."

The United States is a great big place compared to the size of the little one-horse village of the "New Jerusalem" that exists nowhere but in the imagination of idolaters.

Query: "Would it not be inimical to the welfare of the American people" to have a few billion resurrected Japanese quartered in that "New Jerusalem" when there is not room in the United States for a few thousands of them? Hadn't Christians better reconsider the matter and call off their missionaries to Japan and the other "Asiatic races"?

If they should get a foothold in that "heavenly mansion" they might capture the thing and then where would the Americans go? Remember the fable about a war once before in heaven when some of the angles had to skidoo. History might repeat itself, you know. Instead of sending missionaries to run them in, hadn't the Christians better be mining the approaches to the "Pearly Gates" to keep them out?

Remember the Russian Christians tried to keep the Japs out of Manchuria, but failed. Christians need lose no sleep worrying over the Japs not getting into their fictitious heaven. If there is anything there they want they can't be kept out.

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dation fables of Christianity become the state religion to be promulgated through the public schools at public expense.

The state accepts the duty of enforcing the teaching and acceptance of the Christian mythology through the schools instead of through a church organization. The divorcement of religion and state which our constitutions were thought to guarantee forever in this country are hereby annulled by the supreme court of Kansas and their formal union re-established. Under this decision all examining committees can require an examination in the religious beliefs of applicants for teachers' certificates and refuse certificates to those who would refuse to hold religious exercises in school. All school boards can require the holding of these religious exercises in school. All county and city superintendents can compel the teachers to teach the Christian superstition. Any idolater can compel the school officials to require teachers to teach the Christian idolatry and superstition every day in school. Idolatrous teachers can hold these religious exercises four times a day if they wish to. There is no longer any necessity for Salvation Army workers and Sunday school teachers going to foreign lands as missionaries on small pay to spread a heathen religion. Kansas will give them employment at home on a good salary teaching it to the school children of the state.

Here is a religious outrage perpetrated by the state of Kansas unexcelled by any church in any age. The citizens who are intelligent enough to learn my discoveries in physical science are compelled by the state to have their children taught to believe and practice a heathen idolatry imported from Asia. This false decision serves notice on the world for intelligent people who know the truth to keep out of Kansas and for those now in it to seek homes in states that have not adopted a state religion. Kansas has no use for a civilized man or woman in its confines. It has no use for a citizen who will not worship a fabulous God and support a state religion, and no civilized man or woman will do either without a protest, which must be organized now to be effective. The school teachers and school boards are intrenched behind a state religion fastened on us by this monstrous decision that excels in infamy a thousandfold the infamous Dred Scott decision by the United States supreme court in 1856. That decision consigned to slavery for life Dred Scott, his wife and two children, though they were on the free soil of Missouri. But this decision overrules our constitutional guarantee of religious liberty and consigns every child in Kansas to the fear and worship of a fictitious character named God who is represented to be a monstrous fiend whose wickedness and cruelty is incomparably greater than that of the worst slave driver, and who, with fiendish delight, revives his slaves after death for the joy of torturing them in a lake of fire throughout eternity. The fear Dred Scott and his family had of slave masters was nothing compared to the fear of this savage monster of fiction inculcated in the minds of every child by state power. There is only one remedy that offers the least ray of hope that the black cloud of superstitions that has settled over sunny Kansas can ever be dispelled. That remedy is not in Freethought, for it can give no light on the subjects causing the darkness. It is not found in general education, for the darkness is as dense to the educated as to the illiterate. It is not found in any of the sciences, for they are all known and taught in the very center of this darkness without sheding one ray of light on the causes of it. The scientists themselves are in the dark as much as other people. The false ideas as to the nature of God and death cause all the darkness of idolatry and superstition that envelops Kansas. My two discoveries in nature floods these subjects with light that dispels the darkness surrounding them and reveals their true nature to all who can learn the discoveries. This is the only remedy that can ever free Kansas from the evils of a state religion. The only ray of hope that it can ever be done is the hope that enough citizens can be taught my discoveries—that no real God exists and that death ends life forever—to force a reversal of this supreme court decision and free us from a state inforced idolatry and superstition. None will want that done until they learn these two discoveries in physical science, and they cannot learn it without the services of teachers who know them. To provide Kansas with such a teacher I hereby offer a yearly salary of $2,000 to any suitable, competent person who will learn these discoveries and teach them successfully to the people of Kansas and organize them into local branches of the Church of Humanity.

I want the comrades to give me an audience of 100,000 people at each lecture. For this purpose copies in monthly bundles will be sent at the rate of 25 cents per 100 copies.

Next issue will contain an account of my efforts at Topeka last week to induce the State Text Book commission to refuse to adopt school books containing teaching that inculcates the belief in the existence of a God or a future life. It will be interesting. Be sure to get your bundle orders placed in time to include that issue.

If you wish to attend a course of twelve lectures at the World's University on my great discoveries in physical science send the following request with 25 cents enclosed and I will do the rest:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.: Find enclosed 25 cents for which send me the Truth About God and Life one year containing your lectures at the World's University on your discoveries in physical science.

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I want all who wish to help in making our great discoveries in nature known to the people to fill out the following blank with big numbers and return same to me at once:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.: I wish to treat ..... hundred people in my county to your course of lectures at the World's University and enclose ..... dollars to pay for a monthly bundle of ..... copies of the Truth About God and Life containing your lectures.

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Circular Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 21

Dear Comrades: I write you these monthly letters to advise and encourage you to do your duty. This method saves the great expense it would be to our church of writing a letter to each of you. But each of you can consider these personal letters to you and act on them accordingly.

Have you sent me your annual dues of $1? Is your subscription paid in advance? Have you given all you can to the propaganda fund of our church? Do you take and distribute all the copies of the church paper you can? Are you doing more and paying more for your church than any one of your neighbors for theirs? Answer all these questions with acts and cash. Don't let any of your neighbors do more for their church than you do for yours, not by preventing them doing all they can for their church, but by doing more for yours. The first year as an organized society will be up June 1. Don't let the first of the next year find you in debt for dues or subscription or a neglect of your duty as an active member. Working and paying for your church means working and paying for the teaching of our great discoveries that alone can free the people from idolatry and superstition. Don't you want them made known? Don't you want the people to accept them?

Well, it will take constant work and pay on your part to make them known and accepted. You see on the first page what we are up against in Kansas—a state religion with inforced attendance and support by state power operating through the school system. You will soon have it in all state and national laws. Without immediate action by our church to make our discoveries known to more people it will be everlastingly too late to save ourselves from the horrors of religious warfare. I warn you to pay no attention to the untruths in all freethought papers saying that the people are being educated out of beliefs on religious mythologies. There is nothing of the kind. On the contrary the people are sinking lower and lower in idolatry and superstition all the time. One after another of our liberties to free ourselves and posterity from it is being denied us. Soon the liberty to teach the truth will be taken from us and we will be compelled to practice idolatry of fabulous Gods as our children are now in school. Do you want that time to come? How would you like to be driven to an idolatrous church every Sunday and compelled to worship a dead Jew under penalities of torture and confiscation of your home? Our children are practically in that horrible situation now in Kansas, and under penalty of confiscation all property owners are compelled to pay for that heathen, barbaric idolatry. From state power to compel children to attend, learn and practice idolatry five days in a week it is only a short step to compel adults to attend and practice idolatry on Sunday and pay the preacher. Doubtless ninety-nine per cent of the people of Kansas would favor such a law right now.

It does not seem reasonable that a people of a state will force the learning and practice of an idolatry on their children that they would not do on themselves. Parents would be worse than beasts to do such a thing. You who live in Kansas may think the state could not make you attend idolatrous churches and practice idolatry. But if you submit tamely to this outrage the state is practicing on your children and grand children I know you would submit tamely to it being practiced on you. A parent who will not fight for his children will not do it for himself. The only possible hope we have now of preventing the state from becoming a theocracy is in making known to more people our discoveries in physical science that God is fabulous and life ended at death. With this object in view I am offering a yearly salary of $2,000 for a competent lecturer and organizer to teach these discoveries to the people and organize them into branch churches. I am depending on all of you to help me pay that salary because I believe you would rather do that than to see your children driven by state force to learn and practice idolatry of dead Jews and other idol Gods, and to be forced to do so yourselves in the near future.

Will you stand by me, indorse my course and help me pay for this necessary educational work in behalf of yourselves and children?

Our national convention adjourned last year subject to call by the board of directors. I have written to all of the directors asking them if they want a national convention this year, and if so where and when do they want it. There ought to be at least twenty-five members who desire it and who will attend it to justify the calling of a convention.

We should by all means hold an annual convention and I ask all who want one held and who will attend it to notify me at once when and where they want it held. It will not be called unless enough of you want it to justify calling it. I had hoped the first year would bring out conspicuously our best active workers so they could be put at the helm of the society. But unfortunately it seems we have no such members yet, or else they have not gotten down to business as they should do. It requires active workers to build up societies as it does anything else. You see what the other churches are doing everywhere to build themselves up in membership, wealth and power. You cannot stop them nor prevent their false teaching. But you can build up a society in opposition to teach the people the truth and get them to join and support it instead of societies teaching untruths. That is all we can do and that course is still open to us. Let us be wise enough to use it before it is closed to us forever. That course is the only one to take to prevent the teaching of truth about God and life being outlawed as it surely will be in a few years unless we get competent field workers engaged in teaching the people the truth and organizing them into societies to perpetuate it.

Rally all along the line and do your duty before it is too late.

Send me any questions you wish me to answer in my lectures at the World's University. I wish you to give me an audience of 100,000 each month at these lectures by ordering large bundles of the paper for free distribution. At least 100 of you should order 1,000 copies each, delivered monthly to you. The balance of you could take 100 or more copies monthly for free distribution. In that way you could make our great discoveries widely known by the people, and especially your neighbors. Give them a chance to learn them. I will buy 1,000 copies myself monthly for free distribution and hire bill distributers to distribute them in cities to dwelling houses. You can hire them distributed for $2 to $3 per thousand by bill posters and distributers in any town. You could make quarterly deliveries of three copies folded together for little more than the price of single copies. This would be very effective missionary work at very slight cost. In this way each of you could establish a mission for the promulgation of our great discoveries that must be made known before the people can give up their religious mythologies.

They will ever force the idolatry of a dead Jew and other myth Gods on their children through the public schools, Sunday schools and other organizations until they learn these dis-

coveries. Help them to learn them. Take them by tens of thousands to our lectures at the World's University, where they can have the only chance in their lives to learn them. By the method I suggest it will only cost you one-forth of a penny monthly per head to have your entire town or county at the lectures if you distribute the papers yourselves. Do your duty and do it now. Let the people in at the beginning of these lectures. I advise you to not talk much to your neighbors on these subjects. They will talk you into a quarrel in a minute. Just take large bundles of our church paper monthly and quietly hand them around. Let me do the talking for you. That's what I am here for. You just tend to your business of making money and sending some of it for my teaching for your neighbors. You can't attend to your business and teach too and do justice to both.

When you have distributed tens of thousands of our papers monthly for a few years I will have your neighbors anxious to join with you in a local C. O. H. Then you or one of them can be employed as local instructor and he will give you all a chance to teach in your Sunday school classes. Now cheer up and get busy in the direction I suggest.

It is the actors and not the mere thinkers who move the world.

He who will not protest against the state forcing idolatry on his child wants the state to force it on himself.

The greatest discoveries and inventions would not have benefited the people had they refused to patronize them.

General education has failed to shake the people loose from belief in religious mythologies because the improved methods of teaching those mythologies has kept pace with all educational methods.

The people are so totally depraved that they would worship a scarab and compel their children to if it tended to increase their trade with other scarab worshipers. A civilized man would not remain in a business or a profession that required him to be totally depraved to make a living.

All the discoveries in the physical sciences has failed to overthrow idolatry and superstition because none have been accepted and allowed to be taught in school that could not be harmonized in some way with the fundamental errors of religious mythologies. Scientists are idolaters and have helped to do the harmonizing.

As soon as you are convinced by the evidence I offer that you should not be a superstitious idolater of dead Jews and other myth Gods, and that you should be civilized by accepting the discoveries that no real God exists in the universe and that conscious life ends at death forever, fill out the following blank and return it to me with $1 and I shall enroll you in the Church of Humanity and send you a certificate of graduation in those truths:

HOW TO POPULARIZE MY DISCOVERIES

LECTURE BEFORE THE WORLD'S UNIVERSITY—No.2

BY W. H. KERR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: As previously announced my lecture this evening is on the subject of how to popularize my two great discoveries in physical science that there is no real God and that death ends conscious life forever. The entire problem of popularizing these new found discoveries in nature can be expressed in the meaning of one word —patronage. After explaining how the discoveries are to be popularized through patronage and how other discoveries and inventions are thus popularized I shall answer the questions asked at the last lecture and read any others you may desire answered. I shall give some of Webster's meanings of the words, popular, popularity, popularize, patron, patronize and patronage, and tell you how we should transmute them into actions to popularize these discoveries. Some duties devolve upon the teachers of them, some upon the populace and some on both. But all should work in harmony and co-operation to gain the best results.

Definitions and Applications of Them

Popular. 1. "Of or pertaining to the common people, or to the whole body of the people as distinguished from a select portion."

The questions, what is God? and What becomes of people at death? are popular, vital questions which practically all people of earth desire some time to know and they hire millions of teachers at an annual salary of billions of dollars to tell them. The people with their teachers are divided into hundreds of religious sects, according to the various answers they have arrived at and accepted. As the answer of no two sects are the same it is self-evident they are all mistaken but one, and my discoveries prove that one to be mistaken also.

As no sect really desires to pay for untrue answers to these vital questions it is the common duty of all to seek for and employ teachers who know the true answers and who will tell them.

2. "Suitable to common people; easy to comprehend; not obtruse; familiar; plain."

3. "Adapted to the means of the common people; possessed or obtainable by the many," etc.

It is the duty of the teachers of my discoveries to carry out the meaning of these two definitions of the word "popular" by using the plainest and simplest language to express them and the evidences that prove them true so that even illiterate people can comprehend and understand them. Hence, faith, hope, fear, belief, opinion, philosophy and metaphysical speculations used so much by the teachers of untruths to confuse people must be strictly omitted by teachers of my discoveries, and the simple, affirmative, positive words used that express definitely and positively known facts. The word "if" must not be used to denote ignorance of my discoveries by the teachers of them as when placed before the sentences: "There is no God," or "There is no future life." Any one expressing any ignorance or doubt of their truth is incompetent to teach them.

4. "Beloved or approved by the people; pleasing to people in general, or to many people," etc.

Both teachers and populace must co-operate to carry out this definition of "popular" when applied to my discoveries. Both teachers and populace must love the truth about these two subjects more than they do the untruths about them, be pleased with the teaching of them and approve it and displeased with the untruths they have been taught.

Popularity. 1. "The quality or state of being popular; especially the state of being esteemed by or of being in favor with the people at large; good will or favor proceeding from the people," etc.

All the world should join in one glad chorus of happy rejoicing to celebrate the advent of these great discovered truths about those world-wide vexatious subjects that have cost it untold millions of lives, and make their popularity world-wide at once.

At this very time the daily papers are reporting massacres by religious fanatics of Turkey and Persia. Christians and Mohammedans are slaughtering each other over their false ideas of these subjects. Many Armenian Christians are reported slain and also some American missionaries. Many more are in grave danger and are calling frantically to all Christian nations for battleships to protect them. Recently many were killed in a religious riot in Mexico. In many countries there is a chronic state of war between the followers of the different religions. Japan has armed herself, and China is arming to protect themselves from invasion by Christians, and all Christian nations are armed to prevent the followers of other religions getting a foothold in their territory. Since the beginning of history the false ideas about God and a future life has kept the world in a constant state of strife, hatred, persecutions, tortures violence, unrest, wars and massacres. A world-wide knowledge of my two scientific discoveries would put a stop to all that forever and unite the world in one grand brotherhood so far as those two questions are concerned. Therefore all the world should receive them with great rejoicing and bless the day they were first proclaimed.

Popularize. 1. "To make popular; to make suitable or acceptable to the common people; to make generally known," etc.

This joyful recognition and acceptance of my discoveries by the people would popularize them at once and enable them to put a stop to all religious wars and strife at once and be an immediate blessing to our race. No man will fight for an imaginary crown in another life when he absolutely knows that death will end his conscious existence forever. No man will murder another under the belief he is doing the will of a God when he absolutely knows there is no real God in the universe and never was and never can be. These considerations alone should cause my discoveries to jump into popularity at once. But I have said they could be popularized only through patronage. We will now define the meaning of that word and tell how to apply it to these discoveries to popularize them through patronage.

Patron. 1. "One who protects, supports, or countenances; a defender."

That is what is needed mostly now for my two great discoveries in physical science to popularize them. They need thousands of men and women in all countries to learn them and then protect, support, countenance and defend them with tongue, pen and purse against the assaults of the teachers of untruths about God and life. Those teachers will not surrender their cherished falsehoods in favor of these discovered truths of nature without a gigantic struggle on the world's intellectual battlefield. Against these scientific discoveries the worshipers of all idols of all nations will hurl millions of false teachers and billions of wealth as though these discoveries deprived them of eternal life in a heaven with their beloved God.

They will be unable to comprehend the truths that no one ever had or ever can have eternal life, and that no one ever had or ever can have a real God because eternal life and real Gods are not facts in nature and no amount of faith, hope or belief can ever produce them. My discoveries do not destroy eternal life or real Gods for anyone because such things never existed. Learning those two nature-truths is what constitutes my discoveries.

Patronize. 1. "To act as a patron toward; to support; to countenance; to favor; to aid."

If these jewels of truths are ever to bless the world with light and peace and civilization the world must patronize them. It must accept them and favor them and countenance them and support them and aid them. They cannot accomplish their mission without this world-wide patronizing by the people. Every child born to our race that lives to be able to talk and understand is entitled to know what God is and the true meaning of death and what will become of it then. So far the entire world has been patronizing teachers who give untrue answers to these questions and the result is a world of superstitious idolaters who are fighting among themselves over the conflicting false answers. But the true answers were unknown and hence there were no truth teachers to be patronized who could be appealed to to settle the religious disputes scientifically and truthfully. But it is different now. The true answers are positively known and placed before the world in my discoveries. They are waiting for the world to patronize them instead of the various untruths it has patronized since the dawn of history. Will you be among the first to recognize their great intrinsic value to the race and be among the first to patronize them?

Patronage. 1. "Special countenance or support; favor, encouragement, or aid, afforded to a person or work. * * * To act as a patron of; to maintain; to defend."

Patronage is the key to the questions of how to popularize my discovered truths about God and life and make the untruths correspondingly unpopular. The meaning of these two

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, GREAT BEND, KAN.

Having learned that all Gods, Devils, and Holy Ghosts are fabulous, Heaven and Hell Myths, and death the end of conscious life, I enclose $1.00 for a Certificate of Graduation in the knowledge of the true nature of God and the true meaning of death, and Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

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words, when translated into action and applied to anything, always act and react on each other in either an increasing or a decreasing ratio. Thus the more a thing is patronized by the people the more popular it becomes and as it gains in popularity and esteem, the more it is patronized and on the other hand the less it is patronized the less popular it becomes, and as it loses in popularity and esteem the less patronage it gets. Hence to popularize my discoveries the people's patronage of untruths about God and life must be transfered to these discovered truths. To illustrate how this is to be done we will take this university as an example. You have here a department of theology provided with a number of special teachers who are supposed to know the truths about God and the true meaning of death and what becomes of people after death. You pay them a good salary to teach their supposed knowledge of these subjects to your students and especially to those who desire to become teachers of them. But my discoveries prove that these teachers do not know the truth and are teaching untruths about those subjects. Now you have an honest desire to have only truth taught in all your departments on all subjects you profess to know and teach. Hence you will make a careful and honest study of my claims and of all the evidences I call your attention to that helps to prove them true. When you are thoroughly satisfied from the evidence that my discoveries are true, that there is no real God and that death ends conscious life forever, then you will cease your patronage of untruths and dismiss your teachers of them and patronize these new found truths by employing teachers of them in place of those you dismissed. This patronage of yours will popularize them and create a demand for teachers of them. The salary you offer will induce people to study them with a view of becoming teachers to supply that demand. The fame of your university as the only educational institution in the world that teaches the scientific truths about God and life will soon attract the students who wish to know those truths from all other colleges and universities. To prevent a big reduction in their enrollment from this cause they will be obliged to follow your example of installing teachers of these discoveries and dismiss their false teachers.

Many of those teachers of untruths will wish to retain their positions and will be compelled by that desire to learn these discoveries and prepare to teach them. In this way these discoveries will be popularized through the patronage of the higher educational institutions. In quick succession then the lower educational institutions, the common schools, the chuirches and all religious societies and religious publications will be compelled through the influence of transfered patronage from untruths to truths to abandon the teaching of untruths and teach truths instead. I would like to see this university take the lead in this grand movement of transfering patronage from untruths about God and life to truths about those subjects.

The simple matter of patronage has given the world the benefit of all the grand discoveries and inventions that we enjoy. The mere fact of them being discovered and invented, as important as that was, did not give the world the least benefit of them. To get any benefit of them the people had to patronize them by discarding their old theories and beliefs and accepting the new, by discarding their old methods, processes and tools and accepting the new, by ceasing to buy from the manufacturers of the old tools and machinery and buying from the manufacturer of the improved tools and machinery, by refusing to employ the teachers of the old untruths and employing teachers of the new discovered truths. The world can only advance by discarding the old and the untrue for the improved and the true. You are all justly proud of the grand scientific discoveries you are teaching in this university. You take a commendable pride in being up-to-date and teaching the latest discovered facts in all branches of knowledge. But you have one department that should now be improved and brought up to date. That is your department of theology. In that department you still teach that God is a real being, that people have souls, that death does not destroy consciousness and that there is to be a resurrection of the dead organism of man. My discoveries prove that such teaching is all wrong, is all a mistake and should be abandoned. You should improve that department by bringing it up to date. You can do that only by installing teachers of my discoveries and dismissing those you now have. It will then be in line and harmony with all other branches of knowledge you are teaching.

I shall now reread the questions you desired answered at the last lecture and answer them briefly, but I hope clearly?

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1. Question. How can a knowledge of your discoveries increase the value of life? Answer. On the same principle that the scarcer a commodity becomes that all people desire the more valuable it is. Life is a condition that all people desire, but they have been taught that their lives are of eternal duration, that they can not be extinguished, that death is simply a change from one world to another and that the other is so much more desirable than this that it cheapents life by lessening the desire to remain here. But when people know my discovery that conscious life ceases forever at death their desire to prolong life will be increased and they will take more care of it. They will refuse to go to war or engage in dangerous indutries where they are liable to lose their lives. That will compel the arbitration of all disputes, and the adoption of safety devices in all industries.

2. Q. How can learning your discoveries increase man's happiness and make the earth appear more beautiful? A. Through the effect of contrasts. You have been taught to believe a more beautiful world awaits you after death than this one; that in it is eternal light and song and music and home and loved ones and rest and health and all desirable things and conditions, including climate and neighbors and wealth and wings for aerial navigation, all to be had without work or price. In contrast with such a world this one is tough, hard, a "vale of tears;" full of pain, sorrow, disappointment, privation, drudgery, poverty, suffering and death, and very undesirable indeed. By learning my discoveries one will know that the other world is fabulous, fictitious, imaginary and that his conscious life ceases forever at death and eternal oblivion awaits him. In contrast with this, our future state for all eternity, this world and life becomes magnificently grand, beautiful, sublime, full of life and beauty and happiness. The flowers, the birds the grass the trees, the hills, the rivers, the summer, the sunshine and all of earth and sky and constellations become strangely beautiful when contrasted with our future state of total oblivion forever. This knowledge makes one glad he is alive under all conditions and circumstances and invironments. Some people say now that life is not worth living, that they are tired of it and wish to go to heaven, and many commit suicide with that object in view. But when people learn these discoveries it will increase their desire to stay alive in this real world.

3. Q. Would not crimes of all kinds be more common were the people to know there is no God to punish them? A. No. As life becomes more valued through a general knowledge of my discoveries fewer people will commit crimes that would endanger their own lives or that of others and more precaution will be taken to preserve the lives of all. When people know this life is all they can have they will want to get all the joy and happiness out of it they can and will refrain from committing crimes that would send them to the gallows or the penitentiary. They would know there is no joy and happiness at either place for the criminals.

4. Q. Would you deprive the old of their hope of heaven? A. Yes, and I would prevent the hope of a future life ever being given to children by teaching them the truth instead of untruths about the meaning of death. Then we would soon have no old people with such false hopes to be deprived of. Old people are deprived of their ignorance on many other subjects by learning new truths. Why not on these subjects also? If any old people feel badly over the matter they must charge it up to those who taught them untruths about God and life and not to those who teach truths about them.

5. Q. Is not a belief in the untruths of religion more to be desired than a knowledge of your discoveries? A. Certainly not. The truth about God and life is more to be desired than all the untruths it could be possible to teach and believe. What is the value of untruths about any scientific subject? Is not the truth about them what all wish or should wish to know? All should desire to know what God is and what becomes of them at death, and no one can know by believing untruths about them. It is of vastly more importance to the world that all people learn the truth about these two subjects than about all other subjects combined, because the belief in untruths about them have caused, and is causing, more harm to the world than the untruths about all other subjects. I have previously pointed out in this lecture many reasons why these discoveries should be learned and accepted and why the untruths should be abandoned.

I shall now read the following questions desired to be answered at our lecture next month:

1. Why do you say "my discoveries" when refering to them? Did not many other lecturers, authors and editors know and teach them?

2. How did matter, mind, life and force come to exist without a God to create them?

3. How do you dispose of the truths of the Bible?

These questions are certainly very interesting and I hope you will all be present at the lecture next month to hear my answers. The subject of my lecture on that occasion is:

"The necessity for organizations to popularize my discoveries by increasing their patronage."

We will now arise and be dismissed: And now, dear people, remember the great new-found truths of nature I have tried to tell you about. Take them home in your minds, study them, compare them with all the truths of nature you have learned in this university; see if they harmonize with them all and with your own personal observation, experience and investigation and, when you find that they do, then retain them, make them your light and guide in life and your perfect knowledge when dying of what it means.

ATTEND THE LECTURES AT THE WORLD'S UNIVERSITY

Send in all the questions you want answered by me in my lectures at the World's University. These lectures will be given monthly for a long time. You can attend twelve of them for 25 cents as subscription to this publication. You will get them then in your own home or office and you can digest them mentally at your leisure. Were I able to go to your town to deliver these lectures it would cost you and your neighbors one dollar each for admission to hear one. But you can furnish me an audience composed of your neighbors at the rate of three cents a dozen or one-fourth of a cent each. Would it not be worth that much to you to have your neighbors hear these lectures? To give your neighbors this rare treat of a lecture at the World's University would cost you only 25 cents a hundred to be delivered by me at their own fireside while they repose in their easy rocking chairs or on their cushioned lounge. Can't you furnish me with an audience of 1,000 of your neighbors at each lecture? That would cost you only $2.50 each lecture and the little trouble of distributing them. You subscribers can easily give me an audience of 100,000 at each lecture in this way. Give your neighbors a chance to hear the truth about God and life, and surprise them with your generosity and interest in their welfare. They give you a chance every week to hear lectures free on the untruths of those subjects. Now return their kindness by giving them a chance to hear the truth.

THE PARENTS OF SUPERSTITION

The false God and immortality ideas are the parents of most superstitions because they are nearly all based on one or both of them. The superstition that things are "holy" or "sacred" are based on those superstitions. A news item says:

"Water from the river Jordan soon will be shipped to New York for distribution throughout the United States. An expedition to the Holy Land for the purpose of barreling the water has been successfully carried out."

Could superstition go farther? Could heathenism be more pronounced in any people? But until the people can be taught my discoveries they will be superstitious idolaters from necessity. Nothing else can possibly free them from it.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Many subscribers have not joined the Church of Humanity yet. I wish to say a word to you specially. Our object and desire is to get all subscribers to unite in the Church of Humanity so they can help to form local churches of its readers who know the truths it teaches. I want you to unite with us the moment you are convinced of those truths. Now if I am unable to do that the account of the great earthquake disaster in Italy ought to convince you that God is a creation of fiction and death the end of life forever. You should need no more evidence, no more argument, no more coaxing or persuading. You should recognize these truths of nature and do your duty by uniting with us for their defense and promulgation.

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THE NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO POPULARIZE MY DISCOVERIES

LECTURE BEFORE THE WORLD'S UNIVERSITY—No. 3

BY W. H. KERR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—My last lecture was on the subject of how to popularize my discoveries in physical science that Gods and souls are fabulous and I proved to you, or tried to do so, that it could be done only by patronage, and illustrated how that patronage should be given them by their acceptance and teaching in the higher educational institutions first. My lecture this evening, as announced last month, is on the subject of "The Necessity for Special Organizations to Popularize My Discoveries."

These marvelous discoveries in physical science should as a matter of fact be first introduced and taught in such highly advanced educational institutions as you have here. The people lower down on the intellectual ladder, and the educational institutions with less abilities and facilities for learning the truths of nature you have will ever look to institutions of your class to take the lead and set the pace in learning, accepting and teaching the most advanced scientific discoveries in all branches of knowledge. I admit that they have somewhat exaggerated ideas of your abilities, mission and duties in that respect. I conceive it to be your mission and duty to collect the truths discovered by all people of earth in all branches of knowledge and classify them and place them in suitable text books to be taught by a competent instructor to all who come to learn them. For the most part, discoveries in all branches of science, like inventions of all classes, are made by practical people in their various professions, occupations and industries. It is your mission, then, to take them up and teach them to others who wish to know them either to gratify a desire for knowledge or to make use of them in their contemplated professions for which they come here to prepare themselves.

It sometimes happens that people engaged in one profession or occupation make important discoveries relative to some other profession or occupation. That is sometimes accidental and sometimes the result of experience, observation and investigation. While comparatively a very small number of our race make discoveries and inventions, yet all classes, races, nationalities and both sexes are represented in that number. It is not for you to question the source or origin of a discovery in physical science, but if it is of general importance and interest it is your duty to examine the claims impartially and if the evidence is found to be sufficient to prove the discovery true, then to accept it and incorporate it somewhere in your course of study as an addition to man's scientific knowledge. But owing to the fact that a knowledge of my discoveries destroys the two false ideas on which the foundation of all religions rest, and as all people of earth are followers of some religion, it will be more difficult for you to adopt them than any discoveries so far made or that are possible to be made. What we call the law of self-preservation applies as forcefully to societies and educational institutions as to the very life of individuals. As your self-preservation as an educational institution depends on public patronage in students and financial aid the question of whether it would pay you better to adopt and teach these discovered truths than to continue teaching the untruths about those subjects would naturally arise. After your intellectual assent is won to accept these discoveries there would still be the question of self-preservation of your great institution to be reckoned with and solved before you could officially accept them and make them a part of your curriculum. There would be a powerful pressure brought to bear on you to prevent you doing it. That pressure would assume two distinct forms. One would be an assumed moral pressure and the other a threatened financial one. You, like all nature, would follow the course of least resistence and refuse to accept and teach these discoveries until a greater pressure was brought to bear on you from the other side. That pressure must also assume two forms, one a genuine moral pressure and the other a financial one. This necessary course will show that, while your institution often takes up new discoveries in science and through your educational system popularizes them by making them known and accepted by the common people, these discoveries must first practically win the common people's acceptance and come up to you with a strong pressure for their acceptance and teaching. To generate this pressure strong enough to be effective against the organized pressure on the other side it, too, must be organized systematically. From the very nature of my discoveries and the evidence necessary to prove them true, only a very few can comprehend them and realize their vast importance to our race. These few will be widely separated and their ability as isolated individuals to influence you or others to learn and accept them will be practically nil. But by organizing these few into an international society so they can act in unison through their elected officers they can employ competent lecturers and organizers to make these discoveries known and accepted by more people and organize those who are able to learn them into societies wherever enough of them can be had to do so. This will enable them to gradually increase the pressure they can bring to bear on all educational institutions to induce them to change their false teaching on these vital subjects for the true. In the meantime the students and teachers in all educational institutions will have an occasional chance to hear and read of these discoveries and of the evidences that prove them true. One by one the students and faculty will be won over to accept them. They will join this international movement and some of them will take service in it as field lecturers and organizers to aid in making the discoveries known and accepted. As these discoveries sink deeper and deeper into the conscience of people and they begin to realize the awful fact that they are actually worshiping dead people and fabulous Gods that place them in a lower position as idolaters than the worshipers of live crocodiles any scarabs they will begin to abhor it. The blush of shame will mantle their cheeks every time they utter a prayer or sing a hymn of praise to a God or a Jesus or a saint. As the conscience becomes educated in these discoveries to thoroughly know them and realize the disgrace of being ignorant, superstitious idolaters an intense feeling will develop in every mind that will drive it out of the ranks of idolaters to the other side regardless of money considerations. When conscience is once thoroughly aroused it is a much stronger force to guide the individual than the desire for wealth. None in your department of theology could now be induced by any amount of money to teach these discoveries because their consciences have been educated to believe thoroughly in the existence of Gods and souls and immortality. But when their consciences have been thoroughly convinced by positive proof that no such entities as Gods and souls exist in the universe and that death ends conscious life forever, and they fully realize that they are engaged in spreading and perpetuating a heathen superstition and idolatry they will resign their positions if not allowed by your board of regents to teach the truth. They will flatly refuse to prostitute their consciences and senses of moral duty and obligations to themselves and humanity for any amount of money. As your students one by one are won over by the evidence to know these discoveries are true they will first request and then demand that you officially accept and teach them. Thus will a powerful influence in their favor be developed in the very vitals of your university, and when the laborers, farmers, merchants and professional people begin to request you to either teach their children the truth about God and life or send them home your officers will begin to think seriously. As more and more people come to know these discoveries the conviction will sink deeper and deeper into their consciences that the rising generation should be taught them instead of the idolatry and superstition of the ancients. Then feeling on the subject will become intense and they will recognize the necessity of uniting into societies to enable them to provide this teaching through hired instructors for their children. When the power of truth and duty drives them to this expediency to save their posterity from the idolatry of dead Jews and fabulous Gods and the superstition of continuous life they will withdraw their patronage from all educational institutions that refuse to teach the truth and give it to those that do. When an authorized representative of these organizations comes to you with a pledge of a thousand students and few hundred thousand dollars provided you discard the false teaching about God and life and teach these discoveries in its place the pressure to do so will be almost irresistable. If you do not accept the proposition some educational institution will and then the successful future of both the institution and these discoveries will be assured. Then one after another all educational institutions will be compelled through public feeling and sentiment to discard the untruths for the truths about God and life. To generate such a powerful feeling in favor of this change it will be absolutely necessary to establish propaganda societies everywhere, and have all who favor it united in one international society. My lecture next month will be on the progress already made in that direction and be entitled "The Founding of an International Society on My Discoveries to Make Them Known and Accepted, and Its Progress."

I shall now briefly answer the questions asked last month and then read any you wish answered.

1. Question: Why do you say "my discoveries" when refering to them? Did not many scientists, philosophers, anthors, lecturers and Freethought editors know and teach them? Answer: I shall answer the last question first. No. They were never taught by anyone to my knowledge prior to my discovery of them. I have examined enough of the writing of all who criticised religions, including Christianity, their bibles, priesthood, churches and followers to know that they did not base their criticism on these discovered truths. None are yet doing it which is proof they never did and that no predecessors did or some few would have learned them and perpetuated the knowledge in some society or books at least. I only know the English language, but had such important discoveries been made and taught by those of other languages I believe they would have been made known in English and at least some of the text books teaching them would have been translated to English. I have read parts of translations from several different languages criticising some phase or teaching of religions including Christianity, but none that knew these discoveries or that based their criticism on a knowledge of them. Before I began the teaching of these scientific truths I urged some editors and lecturers that I thought most likely to know them to proclaim them and teach them, but I could find none who would do so. They all denied knowing them. These discoveries were not known by such distinguished scientists and authors as Galileo, Bruno, Voltaire, Paine, Darwin, Huxley, Spencer and Ingersoll. Had they been known and taught in any language they could not have escaped the attention of all these people. So far as I can find out there is no school on earth that teaches them. Hence I claim the honor of discovering these scientific truths of nature. I was the first to recognize them and proclaim them. The first to found a publication for their teaching and the first to found an educational society, based on them, of people who learn them to perpetuate and promulgate them. The first to recognize their value as promoters of enlightenment and civilization. They are true discoveries. Somebody must father them. No one else would do it. No one else knew them. I certainly am entitled to call them mine. I want them to go down in history as mine. There will come a time after they become popular that hundreds will claim the honor of their discovery. But I claim it now.

2. How did matter, mind, life and force come to exist without a God to create them? Answer: The theory held by all people that a God had to

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exist to create these things and conditions is a self-evident absurdity. Such a God would necessarily have to have life, mind and force and to have them would require an organism composed of matter. Hence it is assumed by idolaters that the very things and conditions did actually exist before they existed which is seen to be an impossibility from the mere statement of the theory. My discovery that God is a creation of fiction clears away this monstrously absurd hypothesis and gives all a chance to seek the true answers to these questions. It is now as much the duty of your professors in physical science to find the true answer to these questions as it is mine, and even more so. My duty consists in overthrowing a world-wide false answer to them and not necessarily in finding the true answer. For instance, idolaters say God makes day and night, summer and winter, heat and cold, life and death and oversees and controls the movements of suns and planets and all life on them. While I make no pretense of knowing the true cause of all of these phenomena I do know their answer is false. To discover that an answer to a question is false does not necessarily imply that the discoverer must know the true answer to it and all other questions. As an example some people learned that the earth is spherical and rotated before they knew what power kept things from falling off the underside. Yet it was not necessary to solve the latter problem before claiming and teaching the former discoveries. So in this case I discovered that the answer that a God exists to account for all else is false without being able, or claiming to be able, to give the true cause of all things. I simply have discovered that every answer to any question requiring the existence of a God is a false answer and therefore the true answer is still to be found. However, I shall give you my answer to those questions and ask that your scientists dismiss their false God ideas and examine them critically to see if they are the correct ones.

There are somethings and conditions that are evidently self-existing, eternal, uncreatable and indestructible. They are space, time, and the elements of matter in some form. Matter in some form is the base of the material universe and produces all its phenomena including life, mind and force. Life, mind and force are not self-existing entities apart from matter. They are not entities at all, nor are they properties of matter. Matter is not intelligent, but certain chemical combinations of some of the elements of matter under favorable environments produce the condition called life. In this condition under favorable development this living organism generates mind and mind in turn under favorable environments develops thoughts. These expressions of matter cease in reverse order at the decline and death of the organism. We must therefore seek for the original cause of all things and all phenomena in the inherent properties, attributes and conditions of the unintelligent, eternal elements of matter. This gives us a practical hypothesis on a tangible basis for the solution of all phenomena including our own origin and destiny.

3. How do you dispose of the truths of the Bible? Answer: I promptly accept and teach all the important truths of the Bible, and I as promptly reject its important untruths, and am perfectly indifferent about its unimportant truths and untruths. Having discovered that there is no such a being as a God I know the Bible is the product of man in every particular. The only important truths it contains are those statements concerning death being the end of conscious life forever, and which are disbelieved by all superstitious idolaters. Some of them are as follows: "He that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. The dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth the beasts, even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other . . . a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast." I want all people to accept these truths of the Bible. Not because they are in the Bible, as being there would not prove them true, but because they are facts in nature. The important untruths of the Bible are those statements that teach and inculcate the ideas that a God exists and that there is a future life. I want all to reject them as false. Not because they are in the Bible, as being there would not prove them so, but because they are not true to nature. All else in the Bible is unimportant to the people of this age whether it be true or false.

The questions desired answered at our next lecture are:

1. Whom do you include in your classification as superstitious idolaters?

2. Is not a knowledge of the existence of a God and a future life innate in all human beings?

3. Should not a person follow the dictates of his conscience in the matter of worshiping a God?

I thank all in this vast audience for their presence and respectful attention and invite all of you to attend the lecture next month and bring a relative or friend with you. We will now arise and be dismissed. May all present take home in their minds the two marvelous discoveries in physical science that God is fabulous and death the end of conscious life forever; ponder over them; compare them with their own experience, observation and investigation in nature's processes; note their perfect harmony with them; accept them as nature's truths, and make them a part of their acquired knowledge and wisdom to guide them through life and make the hour of death serene and peaceful.

FREETHOUGHT AN UTTER FAILURE

Some have been pinning their hope and faith to Freethought as an agency capable of freeing the people from idolatry and superstition. Their faith is misplaced and their hopes doomed to disappointment. Nothing is more certain than that no one can be freed from idolatry and superstition by Freethought. Nothing but a positive knowledge of the two discoveries I have made in nature can possibly free any one from idolatry of Gods and the superstition of continuous life. For hundreds of years there have been Freethought publications, but so far not one of them knew the simple nature-truths that no real live God exists and that death ends life forever. Not one could ever teach those truths to their readers. Not one now in existence can tell your child and mine those truths. Of all the Freethinkers in the world who have been reading Freethought papers and books all their lives not one is prepared by their teaching to be competent to take a position as teacher in the Church of Humanity when a salary of $2,000 is offered for such services. The reason is that the truths it wants taught were never known and consequently never taught by Freethought editors and authors. The Truth Seeker of New York is the leading Freethought publication in the United States and is in its thirty-seventh year, but it does not know or teach these truths by which alone people can be freed from the foundation errors of religious mythologies. Its editor states its object and its ignorance in the May 8 issue showing clearly that on account of its ignorance it never can realize its object in a single instance. It says: "It is the object of The Truth Seeker to educate the people out of religious superstition." That is the grandest duty an educator can be engaged in. Were it able to even begin that great task it would be worthy the moral and financial support of all who wish the human race freed from idolatry of fabulous Gods. But from its own admission it is not able to free one person from religious superstition because it does not know the facts necessary to do it. The two basic religious superstitions on which all religious mythologies rest are the superstitions that God and soul are real entities. The Truth Seeker does not know the discoveries that they are only fabulous, fictitious, imaginary, and hence can not teach others that fact which alone can free them from religious superstition. It says: "It denies the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible, and asserts the human origin of the book. It denies the existence of the theological heaven and hell, but as to the existence and immortality of the soul neither affirms nor denies. It waits for evidence." This proves that the editor has not yet succeeded in educating himself out of religious superstition. It is still alive in his own mind. He has not molested its vitals there. How in the name of sense can he ever expect to free others from religious superstition when he is unable to free himself from it? None of his denials touch the vitals of religious superstition which are the beliefs in Gods and souls being realities. A person can deny and disbelieve every tenet of all religions of earth except the existence of God and soul and still be a superstitious idolater. All people must be classed as such until they learn my discoveries that Gods and souls are fabulous. The Truth Seeker has not learned them and is unable to do so, hence it is destined never to realize its object even on itself. It says: "The Truth Seeker believes that the answer to the questions Whence? and Whither? can be given only by science." The editor forgets, or never knew, the fact that science knows nothing, does nothing, learns nothing, teaches nothing and never will. It is the people who must do those things. Science is not sentient being. I have learned the "whence" and "whither" of people and am giving the evidence, but The Truth Seeker can not learn it. The answer is not what it wants or expected and so it waits for proof of immortality which it never can get because it is not a fact in nature. Of the God myth The Truth Seeker says: "No one has ever been able to report the work of the individual called 'God Almighty,' for the reason that no one knows who this individual is or what he is like." The T. S. does not know the discovery that "God Almighty" is a pure creation of fiction like Santa Claus, or that anyone else does. Think of the monstrous absurdity of the T. S. trying "to educate the people out of religious superstition" when it can't do that for itself. You may expect the blind to teach people how to see, a drunkard to teach people how to let it alone, the illiterate to teach others how to read and write, but unless you desire sure disappointment don't expect a Freethought publication "to educate the people out of religious superstition." Not a Freethought publication in the world knows or ever will know the truths necessary to teach to educate anyone out of religious superstition. Those who want that done must employ teachers who know and teach the truths necessary to do it. Those truths are that God is fabulous and death the end of life forever. All Freethought publications are like The Truth Seeker in total ignorance of the truths necessary to know and teach to free the people from idolatry and superstition. Hence no one can be freed from those errors by reading them. They are a positive hindrance to the advancement of those who read them in that they teach the untruths that the truth about God and life is unknown and unknowable. That teaching is a device to keep the people in idolatry because they will continue it until they know that the truth is known and being taught. Until Freethought editors learn and teach the discoveries that God and soul are fabulous they must be classed with the educational forces that teach and support the idolatry and superstition of religious mythologies. Until they learn and begin teaching the truth the Church of Humanity should throw them all overboard and proceed independently in its educational and organizing work which alone can educate the people out of religious superstition. This course is absolutely necessary to save our own families and posterity from idolatry of a dead Jew and other fabulous Gods. There is one fatal idea held by all Freethought editors that dooms them to disappointment and all who follow them and that insures them against ever learning the truths necessary to free themselves from religious superstition. That idea is expressed by The Truth Seeker when it says "it waits for evidence." They are waiting for positive evidence proving to them the existence of a God and a future life. They say those who say there is a God and a future life are on the affirmative side and it is their duty to prove their claim, and they have nothing to do but wait until it is done. Could they live for a million years they would still be waiting for that evidence because real Gods and souls are not facts in nature, hence positive proof of their existence can never be given. But while they are waiting and claiming the clergy have not "made good" in their particular cases the balance of the world is convinced by fallacious, sophistical, spurious and case-made evidence that there is a God and a future life. While they are waiting like so many dunces for their turn to be convinced their own children with all others are convinced and made superstitious idolaters for life. I appeal to my comrades in the Church of Humanity to throw these fossilized Agnostics and Freethinkers overboard, refuse to follow them in their waiting game, take the aggressive affirmative, get into action, save your posterity from idolatry and superstition by helping to propagate the truth about God and life and let the fossils play their waiting game alone.

Abandon negative, inactive Freethought and Agnostic fossilization side and join the live, affirmative, active, Truethought side.

A sample copy is an invitation to subscribe.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 22

Dear Comrades: The question of holding a national convention of our church this year has not been decided and I want you to help to decide the question. I have heard from all the directors and only one besides myself can attend it and as they cannot attend they think they should not vote on the question. Our vice president, who is also a director, Comrade Emil Fredrich, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., can attend and writes as follows:

"Comrade W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas: Replying to your request of May 8th and being a member of the board of directors of the Church of Humanity I call for a national convention. 1. The convention to be held on October 6, 1909. 2. Meeting to be in Great Bend, Kansas. 3. I will attend the meeting. 4. That every member of the Church be personally invited to attend.

"Yours for humanity,
"EMIL FREDRICH."

I fully indorse all these suggestions of Comrade Fredrich, and hereby personally invite each member to attend the convention on that date and place, provided at least twenty-five of you will notify me at once by card that you will attend it. Then I shall announce it definitely and begin to prepare for it. I would like very much to see every member here then. But I know it would be impossible for all to come. I believe at least fifty of you could come then if you wanted to, and I know you should want to. The superstitious idolaters hold hundreds of conventions every year. That gives them courage, hope, enthusiasm and activity. It makes them popular; advertises them; develops them; brings out their best timber in active and effective work; gives them a chance to place such members where they can do the most efficient work for their societies; makes all business and professional people afraid to criticise them through fear of losing their trade; makes all cities anxious to please them and invite them to hold their next convention in them; gives them an opportunity to bring up and adopt new methods and tactics for their propaganda work that practical experience of any of their members have proved best during the past year, and to discard those that have proved to be failures. It gives them a chance to enact new rules and laws found to be needed and to repeal old ones found to be detrimental. It gives them a chance to adopt new methods, make improvements, put in office new and better workers. Their conventions are found to be a necessity if they are to be live, active, growing, expanding societies. By all means we should hold annual conventions if our church is to live and grow as other societies do. It cannot live without active workers who will devote some time and expense to it. If we could bring a few hundred members and visitors to this town at a convention larger towns would invite us to hold our conventions in them and no indignities would be shown us. As an organization we must force our way to the front of the stage of activity with the active, breathing, pulsating forces that rule the world, or fall by the wayside an ignoble, incompetent, derelict not fit to survive. This is a plain case of the survival of the most fit. I ask you these questions: Are not the marvelous discoveries in physical science the Church of Humanity represents more fit to survive than the idolatry of fabulous Gods, dead Jews, aligators and scarabs? Are not these newly discovered nature-truths more fit to survive than the ancient heathen untruth about the existence of souls, spirits, ghosts, immortality, heaven, hell and devils? If they are you must make them survive by an activity as great as that displayed to make the untruths survive or they must perish. It is up to you to make them known and accepted by an active propaganda or they can not survive. At this writing I have brighter prospects than ever of securing the services of a competent lectured and organizer to do field work for our church. If negotiations go through satisfactorily he can begin probably right after the convention in October if you want it. If you say at once you will attend it I shall begin negotiating for a battery of powerful orators of state and national fame to be present and speak on different phases of our work if money can secure their services. I will engage the opera house for the convention and advertise it widely through the papers and posters and do all in my power to make it an important event in the history of our church. At our first convention I did not desire any oratory because of the duties of organizing and incorporating and the uncertainty of success. But as success crowned our efforts in that matter last year we can devote much of the time this year to listening to inspiring oratory and I would favor securing the very best that can be had on our side. The members could meet in executive sessions between hours for oratory and transact the business of the society. I think some important changes should be made in our constitution, and by-laws made to define the duties of our lecturers and organizers and provide for the establishment of locals, and we should then adopt text books, catechisms and a song book. There would be plenty of work to do to justify the calling of the convention if you will come to do it, and there would be plenty to do to prepare for it in the intervening time. We should make it a grand rallying occasion for our forces to marshal their strength and begin the charge all along the line on idolatry and superstition by broadsides of truths from nature until those heathen, barbaric ideas are routed from the minds of the people and truths installed firmly in their places. Do you volunteer to be mustered into service as a defender of the truths of nature our church represents? If you are just drop me a card saying you will attend the second national convention of our church at Great Bend, October 6, 1909. You must decide the matter at once. We have no time to spare in providing for it if we have one. Please drop me a card by return mail saying what you will do. I want to hear from each one of you within a week.

THE LESSON OF THE CYCLONE.

May 14 was cyclone day in parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Reports next morning say fourteen are dead, six missing and fifty-five injured, much stock killed and property destroyed. A twister passed within six miles of Great Bend and struck a work train killing one of the crew, fatally injuring two more and bruising several others. It killed stock, destroyed buildings and did much damage otherwise. Superstitious idolaters will hold funeral services over the dead and thank their idols for not doing more damage than they did when they steered their cyclone through the county. Of the dead they will say, "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away and blessed be the name of the Lord." The living will be more devout than ever if possible. They will be reminded of the divine goodness and love manifested by their fabulous Gods for them in steering the cyclone so as to miss them. The killing of their neighbors and the destruction of their homes and property will be proof to them that their idols love those who escaped, and that they owe all they have, even their lives, to their service. They will be admonished by the clergy, they hire for that purpose, of their neglect of duties to those idols and how shamefully they have neglected to give continual praise and glory to them for their mercy and protection. They will be reminded of the presence of death that may catch them unprepared to die any moment and how they should keep their accounts with those idols squared up and a large balance in their favor on the books of the recording angel lest a sudden death befall them and they be consigned to hell when St. Peter reads their book account on the judgment day. This and much more of the same kind of teaching and admonition and caution will be dished up to the people by teachers they hire for that purpose. They will double the frequency and length of their prayers and hymns of praise and flattery to their fabulous Gods, and quadruple their donations to build houses of idolatry and to hire professional idolaters in the hope of increasing their credits in their imaginary heavenly ledger. Such is the profound ignorance of our race concerning the true nature of God and life in the morning of the twentieth century. Such are the conditions of total depravity of the race the Church of Humanity must face as it goes forth to proclaim and teach its marvelous discoveries in physical science that Gods and souls are fabulous, and to rescue the people thereby from their idolatry of dead Jews and fabulous Gods and the superstition of immortality. The Church of Humanity offers a salary of $2,000 a year for lecturers and organizers to proclaim and teach these discoveries to the people and organize those who can learn them into branch churches to perpetuate and spread this knowledge. We want the people taught that there is no intelligence in the cyclones nor in the elements that produce and control them, and that no intelligence exists in space that knows of the existence of cyclones or of man. When the people are taught to know and accept these simple nature-truths they will cease idolatry forever. The course and the results of cyclones proves our discoveries true. No cyclone was ever made to change its course to miss or hit a human being or his habitation or property. That people are hurt and killed by them is purely accidental without regard to who or what they are morally, religiously, politically, financially, or of what age, sex or condition they are. People who know and teach that there is no God and no future life are no more liable to be hurt or their property destroyed by a cyclone, or lightning or hail or floods or drouths or by any other condition of the elements than the most superstitious idolaters. We know there is no design or intelligence in or back of any of these powers or conditions of the elements, and that no Gods or saviors or spirits exist to warn us or protect us. We know we must protect ourselves and our property as best we can against the unintelligent forces of nature that injure us. With this knowledge to aid those who learn our discoveries they should be better able to provide more adequate protection for themselves and property than the idolaters who depend on fabulous Gods for protection that never can be given. This consideration alone should induce all sensible people to withdraw their membership and support from idolatrous churches that teach them untruths and give them to the Church of Humanity that teaches them the truths of nature that enable them to better protect themselves and property from the elements. Get enrolled and your children enrolled in the church that knows and teaches the truth about God and life. Why should you desire membership in any other, or to help to support them to teach their untruths? You can see that we are right by the proof the cyclone furnishes. You can see that there is no intelligence connected in any way with it. You can see that no God existsts to care for man since he fares the same in a cyclone that other animals do. Some horses, cattle, hogs and chickens in its path are killed, some hurt and some uninjured. No one claims a God interferes in their case. Some trees and other vegetation are destroyed, some damaged and some unharmed. No one claims a God interferes in any way in their case. This proves that there is no God to interfere in man's behalf on any occasion. Let us all be civilized and enlightened by learning the discoveries that all Gods are fabulous and that conscious life ceases forever at death. Let us all patronize and support a church that knows and teaches these truths and withdraw from those that do not. That is the only way the world can shake off its ignorance, idolatry and superstition. Begin the shaking process now by leaving the false churches and joining the true.

GLAD HE KNOWS THE TRUTH, AND WANTS OTHERS TO KOW IT

Comrade C. L. Westmoreland, of Royston, Ga., has the right ideas and disposition which all our comrades should have. He writes: "Mr. Kerr. Dear Friend:—Please find check for one dollar, for which send me 75 cents' worth of your red-backed pamphlets. I want them to give away for missionary work, and for the other 25 cents send your paper to James Starr, Royston, Ga. Let me know when my subscription is out so I can renew. I think more of your little paper than any I ever read. It expresses my sentiments as good as I could myself. When a man dies he is dead to stay dead same as any other animal. There is no God, no devil, no hell, no heaven. One life is all that any one will live, and I am glad that I know it. I am 69 years old and am nearing the end of life, and want to scatter as many of your little pamphlets as I can before I die. Good luck to you."

I call the attention of the editor of The Searchlight to the statement in this letter that there is no God. He stated in the March Searchlight that he knew of no one who says there is no God. I want him to know that there are people who know that truth and are not afraid or ashamed to say so. How many of the comrades will take the trouble to write me a postal card for publication in the June issue stating that you know the truths we are teaching as this comrade states them and state the lines of evidence you rely on to prove them true? I would like to have a dozen of such cards to publish to convince Mr. Shaw that there really are people who say there is no God. Will you do this much to convince him?

Yes, we are all nearing the end of life every day. I know none of us are doing all we can and should do to make our discoveries known, and we will regret it when it is too late. Let all help more while they can.

FATAL AGNOSTIC AND FREETHOUGHT TACTICS

No one who wishes to save his posterity from idolatry and superstition should follow the teaching and example of Agnostic and Freethought editors and authors because they never could do it if they did. The editors of all such publications claim that those who say there is a God and a future life are in the affirmative and must prove their claims to them before there is anything for them to do.

They claim that no one is justified in knowing or teaching anything about the subjects of God and immortality until they are convinced that there is a God and a future life. Until that time they should simply wait for convincing evidence of such claims. This one fatal mistake they make disqualifies them at once for teachers or leaders and knocks them completely out of action. They and those who are so stupid as to follow their example can never hope to be anything but fossilized know-nothings and do-nothings.

As real Gods and souls are not facts in nature there never can be given positive proof of their existence and all who wait for it will find themselves still waiting for it at death should they live to be a million years old. And as they refuse to learn and accept the truth that Gods and souls are not facts in nature they are doomed to a state of stagnant, fossilized mind that is incompetent to do anything but wait. But while they are waiting for positive evidence that God and immortality are realities their children and all others accept evidence that is fallacious and are convinced by it.

Millions of teachers are engaged in giving the people this fallacious evidence and the entire world is convinced by it. Here is the results of one such false teacher. An evangelist named F. E. Oliver has 11,349 "conversions" to his credit in only nineteen of his scores of revivals. They are given in a write-up as follows: Boone, Iowa, 616; Louisiana, Mo., 555; Falls City, Neb., 400; Ellsworth, Kan., 410; Marion, Kan., 550; Peabody, Kan., 450; Courtland, Kan., 400; Girard, Kan., 500; Burr Oak, Kan., 686; Oberlin, Kan., 625; Osawatomie, Kan., 650; Burlington, Kan., 550; Russell, Kan., 752; Mankato, Kan., 800; McPherson, Kan., 1,021; East Liverpool, Ohio, 980; Chester, W. Va., 420; Shawnee, Okla., 500; Hobart, Okla., 500. And so the false teaching that there is a God and a future life goes on all over the world and the children by millions go down as idol worshipers before this false teaching while fossilized Agnostics and Freethinkers are waiting like idiots their turn to be "converted." They insist that "if there is no God and no future life there is nothing to be taught about those subjects." They can not comprehend the proposition that the simple fact of their non-existence is the very thing that should be taught to free the people from their false ideas of God and life that cause them to employ teachers of those ideas. How could children ever learn that Santa Claus is a myth if people acted that way in his case? After learning that Santa is a real being how could they ever be undeceived if the false teaching was kept up continually and the few who learned that he is a myth were to refuse to make their discovery known because they were on the negative side and had nothing to teach about Santa until the affirmative side convinced them of his existence? That would be an idiotic position for people to take who knew there was no real evidence of his existence and that there was sure evidence of his non-existence. Yet people claiming to be "rationalists" take that very position regarding God and a future life. It is time we recognized such people as fools instead of rationalists. Those who know that Gods and souls are fabulous must make that knowledge the affirmative side and proceed to teach it to the people in a positive, affirmative manner and methods. They must take the lead and the aggressive side and proceed to rescue the people from idolatry by the teaching of their discoveries. It never can be done any other way.

We must hire field workers for our side the same as the believers of untruths do for their side. We should pay as much for truth teachers as they do for untruth teachers. Truth can never win without it. We need hundreds of Olivers to teach the truth to counteract the teaching of the superstitious, idolatrous Olivers. The Church of Humanity offers a salary of $2,000 to begin with for the services of an Oliver on our side. No Agnostics or Freethinkers need apply. We do not propose paying them for waiting to be "converted" to idolatry and superstition. They must be "converted" to a positive knowledge that no Gods or souls exist in the universe, and that this knowledge must be made the affirmative side and taught in the active, aggressive method instead of the waiting, inactive method. They must be able to prove these affirmative claims true by evidence all can understand, and to overthrow the negative evidence by rebuttal proof. They must be able to persuade people to be civilized by accepting these truths and renouncing idolatry and superstition. They must have the persuading abilities that the false Olivers have. They must use as good methods and tactics as they do, and show as large results in the number of "conversions." But Agnostic and Freethought editors and writers will fight this activity of the Truethought people and do all they can to discourage all work and paying for the cause of truth. On this account the Truethought people can not be benefited the least by patronizing Freethought and Agnostic publications and societies. All Truethought people should unite with the Church of Humanity and help it in its active, affirmative teaching of the discoveries in physical science that God is a myth and death the end of life. Don't remain on the negative side. Make truth the affirmative side and proceed to teach it. Let the other side do the waiting. Here is a good way to make a start on the right side by signing the following declaration and making application for membership in the Church of Humanity:

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned your discoveries in physical science I hereby renounce for life the idolatry of worshiping dead Jews and all other Gods under any name whatever; and the superstitious belief in the existence of souls and continuous conscious life; and shall do all I reasonably can to aid the Church of Humanity to make your discoveries known that others may be rescued from idolatry and superstition thereby; and I hereby enclose my application for membership in the Church of Humanity:

Name .....

Address .....

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kan.

Having learned that all Gods, Devils, and Holy Ghosts are fabulous, Heaven and Hell Myths, and death the end of conscious life, I enclose $1.00 for a Certificate of Graduation in the knowledge of the true nature of God and the true meaning of death, and Life Membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name..... Age.....

Postoffice..... Co. or St.....

..... State.....

Sex..... Occupation.....

Nationality..... Language.....

Previous Church.....

Of all the thousands of people who read the above invitation I dare say not a half dozen will sign the renouncement and make the application. I shall register a marked copy to all Freethought and Agnostic editors in the United States, Canada and England I know of. I dare say not one of them will sign this renouncement and make the application. I shall register a marked copy to Ernst Haeckel, of the University of Jena, Germany, the greatest living scientist. I dare say he will not sign the renouncement and make the application. I shall register a marked copy to our own J. E. Remsburg, the greatest living Biblical critic. I dare say he will not sign the renouncement and make the application. Why will they all refuse to do so? I will tell you why. Scientists, Biblical critics, Agnostics and Freethought editors and authors have utterly failed to go to the foundation of religious mythologies and examine the pillars it rests on and then to learn and teach their true nature. They have not educated themselves and hence could not educate others to know the true nature of those pillars. That foundation does not rest on priests nor papers nor Bibles nor sacred writings of any religion. It rests on the two false ideas formed in the mind of our race in prehistoric times that there are such beings as Gods and souls. There are no such beings in the universe, and the false ideas that there are must be driven out of the mind of our race by driving the proof in that they are fabulous by active, affirmative methods of teaching by Truethought people.

No amount of scientific knowledge can possibly free people from idolatry and superstition except the scientific knowledge that God is a creation of fiction like Santa Claus and death the end of conscious life forever.

If you can't conscientiously sign the declaration and membership blank in this copy you are a superstitious idolater and had better begin to post yourself on the nature of God and death.

A FALSE PROVERB

The proverb that "a wise man changes his mind, but a fool never does" is not a good one or a true one. A writer in a Freethought publication recently boasted that while he changed his linen only once a week he changed his mind several times a week. Remembering the proverb many would mistake him to be a very wise man and perhaps he did himself or he would not have made the assertion. In little personal matters all change their minds often, of course, but on great questions of general interest it is not a sign of wisdom to be changing one's mind often. When one knows a fact in nature it is very foolish in him to change his mind or pretend to believe an untruth about it, because such facts are not subject to change. A person is justified in changing his mind on political and social questions as his own condition and environment changes, or as necessity, prudence, experience or policy seems to require. But when a person learns the true answer to a question about nature that never changes he should never change his mind or change the true for an untrue answer. To do so would denote foolishness instead of wisdom. If he has been taught a false answer he should try to find the true answer and then change his mind only once and then make no more changes on that question so long as he lives. When people learn at first that twice two are four they would be very foolish to ever change their mind and give a different answer. Likewise when people learn the truth about God and life they would be foolish to ever change their mind regarding it. But some writers in Freethought and Agnostic papers seem to think it a mark of superior intelligence to change, or pretend to change, their minds often on these two subjects. They say they are afraid their minds will become crystalized or ossified if they should join any society teaching the truths of nature and then they couldn't change them. So they say they must keep their minds in a "liquid state" so as to change them easily, and not join any society. Such people remind me of those who are said to have buckwheat batter-brains. Those who say there is a God one day and several Gods the next day and no God the next and that everything is a part of God the next are about as intelligent as if they had buckwheat batter for brains. But, then, it is a pretense of changing their minds, and the proverb says a wise man changes his mind. And then it is keeping their minds in a liquid state to prevent ossification. Such Freethinkers haven't the monopoly of intelligence they general claim to have.

Freethought gave the world paganism, Judiasm, Buddhism, Hindooism, Christianity, Mohammedanism, Mormonism, Spiritualism, Christian Science, Dowieism, Holy Ghostism, and all the other false ideas of God and life that has made us a race of superstitious idolaters. Truethought gave us the truth about God and life in the discoveries that no real God exists and that life ends forever at death. Truethought will free the world from religious mythologies. Exchange your freethought for truethought.

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Lecture Before The World's University---No. 4.

By W. H. KERR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—My lecture last month, you will remember, was on the necessity for special organizations to popularize my discoveries, and I then announced that the lecture this evening would be on the start and progress already made in that direction, and be entitled, "The Founding of an International Society on My Discoveries to Make Them Known and Accepted, and its Progress."

When I made the discoveries in nature many years ago that God is a myth like Santa Claus, and death the end of conscious life forever, and in time learned that for want of this knowledge our entire race are superstitious idolaters I began to realize the importance of making them known. As I had no ability to do that myself, and was not able financially to begin it if I had, I only desired to contribute to the salary of someone else to teach them. I then saw the necessity of a college to teach them and prepare teachers of them. But to support those teachers after preparation would require a special organization for that purpose, and a demand for the services of salaried teachers of these discoveries would have to be created in advance. To create that demand that would justify people learning these discoveries with a view of making their teaching a life work, was the task before me. But it requires people who know these truths to create a demand for teachers of them, and it seemed to be up to me to in some way to make them known and accepted by a few people at least. It required twenty years to get able financially to devote my time to that task. I then rented my farm and moved to town to begin it. My first effort was the publication of a small thirty-two page pamphlet announcing my discovery of God being a myth and outlining plans for an organization of those who learned that discovery to enable them to spread and perpetuate it.

That was in the spring of 1903. I distributed a few thousand of them free to neighbors, and through the mails to all whose addresses I could get, that I thought would probably be interested in the work. I received many letters in return, a few complimentary, but more criticising adversely. Through correspondence, I taught as best I could the evidence that proves the discovery true. The net result was that by December 1, I had enrolled five applicants for life membership in the Church of Humanity. Not being a public speaker, I then began publishing a small four page monthly paper to facilitate my teaching by mail. Results became more satisfactory. Applications for membership increased rapidly, and good donations were made by many of the members for educational work. The monthly issue was increased to five thousand copies, which were mostly sent free to lists of preachers, editors of religious publications, millionaires and educational institutions. By May 1, 1905, we had 87 enrolled life members. I announced that when our membership reached one thousand I would call a national convention and formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity. But doubtless through the influence of parties who are afraid of evil effects on people learning new discoveries, the Washington postal authorities denied our publication second class postage rates, causing its suspension. It was made on the alleged ground that we did not have a legitimate subscription list, though I proved to the local postmaster that we did, and sent the proof to the authorities at Washington. I kept up the work as best I could until I got our publication re-established the next year, after three or four trials. Owing to the people being very slow in learning these new discoveries, and the necessity of organizing to provide teachers of them, I decided to organize with one-fourth of the number wanted. Having 250 life members enrolled, I called a national convention of the members to convene in Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, for formal organization and incorporation. Enough of the members were present to accomplish the work and it was carried through successfully. We have now a national organization based on my two discoveries, and incorporated under the laws of Kansas, to teach them and organize local churches of people who learn them. We have a constitution and officers and a board of directors elected under it to carry on its propaganda work. We have enrolled 280 life members, and the work is going forward slowly but steadily. What is needed most now is a number of competent lecturers and organizers to present these truths to the people from the rostrum in all parts of the country, and organize those who learn them into local branch churches. The open secret of success of this movement is, of course, from now on a question of paying by the members of our church to have these great discoveries taught to the people. We know those who do not believe them will not pay to have them taught. Hence the financing of the propaganda work devolves entirely on the few who have learned them. I hope that some wealthy people will learn these discoveries, and be so determined that their posterity shall never be so ignorant as to worship idol gods or believe in the superstition of immortality, that they will put millions of dollars into our treasury to be used in making these discoveries known to all the world. This woll have to be done in order to insure the posterity of any against falling victims of the religious mythologies of the world, and being made superstitious idolaters by them.

We are doing the very best we can with the small means at our command. We print and distribute five thousand copies of every issue of our church paper. With donations from members we will mail it at third class postage to hundreds of lawyers, editors and all the colleges and universities in the United States. We know we must educate the educators in these discoveries before they can educate the children in them. We are not very well equipped to begin the propaganda work properly. We need text books, catechisms and song books. Our literature has yet to be written and prepared for those of different ages, and made to be easily taught by our instructors and easily understood by their auditors. We shall adopt some works on Biblical criticism and some of the physical sciences temporarily until we can get out suitable works by our own members. No works so far produced, are entirely free from objections. They are all tinctured more or less with the deistical, spiritual or agnostic opinions of their authors.

We hope in time to have a special literature of our own on all subjects pertaining to our work for propaganda purposes.

I shall now answer the very interesting questions held over from last month, and then read any desired to be answered at our next lecture.

Question. Whom do you include in your classification as superstitious idolaters?

Answer. These terms are used as descriptive adjectives, and not as disparaging epithets. As my discoveries reveal all gods to be only idols, it follows that all who worship a god of any kind are idolaters, and as death is discovered to be what it plainly appears to be—total cessation of life forever—those who believe in the existence of souls and of immortality are simply superstitious. Hence, as all the world believes in one or both of these delusions, I apply these descriptive names to all except those who learn my discoveries and unite with the Church of Humanity as evidence that they have done so.

Question. Is not a knowledge of the existence of a God and a future life innate in all human beings?

Answer. No. Children are not born with any knowledge of any kind whatever. They know nothing about the language, nationality, race, customs, religion, morals, politics, or anything else their parents know or believe. They only know and believe what they are taught to, except the few who invent new things and discover new truths occasionally. No child born to our race would believe anything about God, Christ, Satan, souls, spirits, immortality, heaven and hell. All their belief about the existence of such places and beings are taught them in the first place by elders, who created them with their imagination, or lying abilities, and ever after are handed down from generation to generation as realities until someone discovers the fraud and deception as I did in the God and immortality traditions.

Question. Should not a person follow the dictates of his conscience in the matter of worshiping a God?

Answer. This question is based on the false theory suggested in the last question—that the belief in the existence of a God and what that God requires of a person is born in him and constitutes his conscience. There is nothing of the kind. A person's conscience is simply what he has been taught to believe is right or wrong, or what he has learned to so regard from experience, observation or self-interest. Hence the conscience "'is a creature of education'' and may be either right or wrong, as viewed by some other conscience, or by one's own at a different time or under different environments and knowledge. It is subject to change as one advances in wisdom. The conscience is therefore seen to be unstable, fallable and not to be always relied on as a safe guide. To follow the dictates of one's conscience is often equivalent to following the dictates of one's ignorance, and is as liable to be wrong as right. When one believes there is a God, and that he should worship that God, his "conscience" or mind will urge him to do it as a duty. But when that same person learns that there is no real God, his "conscience" or mind, which are synonomous terms, will not allow him to worship a myth. The conscience in both cases is equally honest and sincere, but has reversed itself, owing to additional knowledge on the subject.

The questions to be answered at our lecture next month are:

1. Were a person to believe your discoveries true, and then it would turn out that they are not true and that person would be consigned to hell for believing them, would you be willing to become his substitute for leading him astray?

2. What would become of the clergy and other churches were the people to learn and accept your discoveries?

3. Would not the Oriental religions over-run and capture Christian countries were your teachings to prevail and destroy Christianity?

My lecture next month will explain the limits of individual, conscious life and is entitled, "Life's Boundaries."

I thank you all for your presence and kind attention, and hope you will all come and bring your friends to hear these interesting questions answered, and the limits of our lives explained.

We will now arise and be dismissed. May long life, happiness, wisdom and prosperity be yours and then a peaceful, painless ending of the transit of life.

"BLASTING AT THE ROCK OF AGES?"

In a series of articles by Harold Bolce, in the Cosmopolitan, one of which is entitled, "Blasting at the Rock of Ages," is given a long list of professors in American colleges and universities who repudiate many popular ideals and traditions, some of which are generally thought to be vital to the Christian mythology. In summing up the criticisms on Christianity by college professors, Mr. Bolce says in part:

"Conspicuous in college teaching has been an assault upon the ten commandments, the church, the Bible, and the popular conception of God. Of the college professors who take this ground, many say that the dogmas and interpretations of the church should not only be disbelieved and repudiated, but should be denounced as harmful to mankind. They assert that the last slavery from which man must be freed is the slavery to sacred myth, for the doctrines and tradiitons that deal with fear have been the instruments that have tortured the spirit of man, and kept him from his true development. The church, the colleges say, has set up a celestial Czar, a conception which has been an injury

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"Blasting At The Rock of Ages

to man, because it has given him a sense of weakness, inferiority and fear. And fear has been the deadening element in the whole history of man's faiths and wars. The colleges say that the church, through its fear of a new truth, has at all times, been an obstacle to progress."

I rise to say that the progressive college professors who are so much lauded by Freethough papers, have overlooked the Church of Humanity. "The Church" as represented by this organization, has been redeemed and advanced so far beyond these college professors that none of them are eligible to membership in it on account of their ignorance concerning God and Life. The usual relations between church and university with reference to progress has actually been reversed by this church. This church is in the lead by long odds. It is now the colleges and universities that are now the moss back ignoramuses who are holding the world back in ignorance and superstition, and "an obstacle to progress," by teaching the hoary lies that there are such things as gods and souls. They are the ones who now "fear new truths" and refuse to accept and teach the two discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity, that God is fabulous, and death the end of conscious life forever. The church is redeemed and now leads the colleges and universities. Three cheers for "The Church!" It has come into its own and is inow the sole teacher and champion of the latest scientific discoveries in physical science, while all colleges and universities of earth are the teachers and propagators of the old idolatry and superstition this church has outgrown, discarded and repudiated. The laugh is now on the colleges and universities. They are still on their knees bellowing to imaginary Gods in the sky, while this church has learned the truth, that no real God exists and has arisen from its knees and ceased its God-bellowing forever. Its greatest task now is to prevent school teachers in all educational institutions from teaching its children this discarded superstition and forcing the practice of idolatry on them. All this goes to prove that "the church" is now far in advance of the schools and instead of it being "disbelieved and repudiated" it is the colleges that should be, in their God and life teaching. People are now obliged to leave the colleges and turn to the church if they want to know the truth about those two greatest of all subjects. A few college professors have attacked a little of the foliage of the tree of religious superstition, such as a few Bibl fables, and have caused a great commotion and won notoriety for intellectual penetration that "blasts the rock of ages." But all those professors are carefully cultivating the root ideas from which spring the tree of superstition.

Its two primary roots are the God and immortality ideas. Not one of the great college professors named by Mr. Bolce has repudiated either idea. The Church of Humanity is tearing those root errors out of the mind When that is done all the foliage will wither and perish and no more can be produced forever. We are blasting out the foundation on which the Rock of Ages rests. It will then fall to pieces.

Magazines and Freethought papers have their eyes on these college professors who are just beginning to think that perhaps a few of the silly Bible fables don't mean literally what they say, but they can't see so far ahead as this church is to recognize the truths it has discovered and is teaching. They all have a very long road of advancing intelligence to travel before they come in sight of our camping grounds.

CORRECTING A CRITICAL EDITOR.

Among the many editorial critics brought out by my mailing our church paper to the editors in Kansas is one Rev. W. M. Stucky, editor of the Semi-Weekly Star, of Williamsburg, Kansas. He says:

"We are just in receipt of a copy of a paper whose publisher has made the astounding discovery that there is no God, neither is there any heaven or hell. Now the only way a man could make such a discovery is by exploring the universe, which we suppose he has, or he would not make such assertions as are found in his publication. This wonderful man is W. H. Kerr. This makes him practically a god, because he must be supreme to be conscious of the things he claims to know."

I shall now explain to my critic how I know the truths I do without "exploring the universe" or being a "god."

Death is a physical fact in nature. It is a condition of all organic bodies when they cease living. Organisms in that condition are all around me, and in my own home. I have observed the nature and meaning of death in vegetation and animals, including man. Its meaning is the same in all cases and is uniform throughout this planet, and therefore must be throughout the universe. I never saw any signs of life in any organism after life cessation. They all begin to decompose then. I know by that evidence that none can ever be reanimated again. I know there is no such an entity as a soul that leaves the body at death with conscious life to go to heaven to see Jesus. Had people souls my own children would have had them and after death they would have come home to see and talk with papa and mamma instead of going to heaven to see Jesus and talk with him. The souls of all children would do the same. Those of most adults would come and stay with the home folks and with the souls of their children at home. By my own observation and reasoning I know the soul is fabulous and that death is just what it plainly seems to be—a total and permanent cessation of conscious life, and the beginning of the permanent dissolution of the organism into its original primary elements. Hence there is no use for a heaven or hell as dead people don't go anywhere. All beings stop going places at death.

As to knowing there is no God in the universe, I do not have to explore the universe to find out that fact. I need not leave my desk to learn that truth. Any being to be a god would necessarily have to have the three attributes of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence. Hence were there such a God in the universe he would of necessity have to be right here at my desk and see and read all my writing. Do you think a self-respecting God could read all the evidence I write to prove him fabulous, without correcting me by making his presence known?

All around me I see proof that no such God is present and I read of the same proof in all parts of the world of no God being anywhere on or about this planet. No God could exist without being everywhere on this earth at the same time and all the time. There being no God on this planet, I know none exists elsewhere, because no God could do it without existing also on this planet and also at my desk. Your conclusion that I must be a god to know these facts is very amusing to say the least. The fact is, were I a god, I could not possibly know the truths I do. I could not know anything, as I would be non-existing like God and Santa Claus.

Without being the least bit egotistical, I will close with the statement that I know as much more than God knows, as I do than Santa Claus knows, because they are both alike—creations of fiction.

NOT "ADVOCATING A THEORY."

Among the caustic critics with my editorial brethren is one C. H. Dyer, editor of the McCune Herald, McCune, Kansas. Among the many smart sentences he put together is one which says:

"If that agency of the devil out at Great Bend, had sense enough to pound sand into a rat hole, he would know a little better than to advocate a theory that God, Heaven and Hell do not exist."

As my critic seems to be certain that these myths are realities, he doubtless has sense enough to pound sand into a rat hole, but that is probably the limit. But if he has enough to comprehend anything more, I wish to remind him that I am not "advocating a theory." I am teaching positive, discovered truths in physical science.

NOT "AN INFIDEL SHEET."

It seems to require as much space to teach the people what we are not as to teach them what we are. It is as important for them to learn one as the other. In fact they will be too timid and prejudiced to learn what we are until they learn what we are not, owing to their preconceived false ideas.

The Walnut Eagle, Walnut, Kans., heads its criticism with "An Infidel Paper," and says among other criticisms that this "is a rank infidel paper," and that "infidelity has never given the world anything good."

This critic is laboring under a great misconception regarding me and my work and this movement, as are about all my Kansas critics of editorial persuasion. I am not an Infidel, or Atheist, or Liberal, or Freethinker, or Rationalist, or Materialist, or any other nickname. I repudiate them all. The name, W. H. Kerr, is all I recognize and answer to. But, if you must classify me with some group of thinkers and investigators, you may class me as a scientist. I have made a scientific study of the nature of God and of death, and that led me to the discoveries that God is fabulous, and death the end of conscious life forever. As these discoveries are in the domain of physical or natural science, I think I can be properly classed as a scientist, and would not object to being so classed if I must be given a class title. This paper is therefore a scientific sheet on the subjects of God and life.

ANSWERS TO MORE EDITORIAL CRITICISMS.

One of the good results of mailing our church paper to the editors in Kansas is that it brings out their objections to having the scientific truth about God and life taught to the people, and gives me the best kind of an opportunity to answer those objections and allay their fears of evil results from such knowledge being made known. The long criticism in teh Cuba Daylight gives me several such opportunities. One is as follows, referring to the Church of Humanity:

"The above organization has been granted a charter by our state charter board, which is composed of the attorney-general, the secretary of state and the state bank commissioner, for the propaganda of infidelity and the basic principels of anarchy."

The Church of Humanity is chartered for nothing of the kind. The editor only drew on his imagination for this criticism. Anarchy or infidelity is not mentioned or though of in our charter or incorporation papers or constitution. We are the truest repersentatives of fidelity to the truths of nature. My critic is one of the rankest infidels to those truths. We are not anarchists, but on the contrary, we stand for good laws, good citizenship and good government Some of our members believe in socialism, which is an opposite theory to anarchy. However ,we are chartered and organized to teach the truth about God and life, and have no society alliances with any political party. Our members are divided on political party theories and policies, and some, perhaps ,are found in each political party. We do not, as members of the Church of Humanity, concern ourselves about the political affiliations of any member. It is our duty and purpose to teach those of all political parties the truth about God and life and accept them into membership in the Church of Humanity as soon as they learn those scientific truths and apply for it, regardless of their political ideas. These truths are universal and should be known by the adherents of all political parties alike, the same as the answer to any other subject of nature.

Again our critic says: "The object of this organization is to tear down the churches of our land which today stand for civilization and morality, and instrumental in the civilization of all tribes and races of humanity, and is the foundation upon which the laws of our country rests." And again he draws on his fertile imagination for our object instead of going to our plainly written object for information. We have positively no such object in view. We do not seek or desire to tear down a single church or church organization or society. We only seek to make known to all churches our discoveries in nature regarding the true character or nature of God and the true nature of death, and to induce all churches to teach those nature truths. Can any-one find fault with that object? Would it destroy the churches to teach the truth about these important subjects? Does it tend to destroy our public schools to teach the truths of nature? Would it not increase the strength and usefulness of the churches to teach truths instead of untruths?

We seek to build up churches instead of tearing them down. I wish we had a million local branches of the Church of Humanity, and a million instructors in the field organizing more. This church stands for all he says others do, and in addition, it stands for the truth about God and life, while all others stnd for untruths about those subjects. We do not desire to tear them down, but we do desire them to teach the truth.

Again he says: "Such a doctrine (the truth. Ed.) inculcated into the minds of humanity would place mankind on a level with the animal creation and would draw out and develop those instincts of lust, greed and sensuality, causing a retrogression of the human race." Again we see here the play of his wonderful imagination. But can any limits be conceivable to the imagination of man when we contemplate how he created a God with it and then worshiped him through deadly fear for a hundred generations, while hundreds of the greatest philosophers on earth devoted their lives to trying to learn the true nature of that God. Through the careless play of man's imagination, he created all the Gods, devils, souls, spirits, ghosts, witches, heavens and hells that have cursed our race since prehistoric times. . But as a direct answer to his conjured up evil results from more wisdom. I need only to call his attention to past experiences on the race gaining scientific

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do not know them. I only seek to make them known and accepted. Your fears for the morals of the people should they learn and accept my discoveries in nature that no real, live God exists in the universe, and that death ends conscious life forever, are groundless. The same fears were held by our ignorant ancestors when they first heard of many of the great scientific discoveries in nature, such as the shape and movements of the earth, planets and stars; of the existence of other worlds; of the age of the earth and its geological formation; of the order of the appearance of vegetable and animal life on it, and many other discoveries in astronomy, geology, embryology, biology, archeology and kindred sciences, that conflicted with their idolatry and superstition. You can see how foolish they were to fight against the spreading of knowledge discovered by such men as Bruno and Galileo. Future generations will see as clearly how foolish you are to fight against the scientific knowledge I am teaching regarding God and life. As we consider the discoveries made in nature by our predecessors aids to progress and civilization nistead of handicaps as predicted and feared by the persecutors of scientists and discoverers, so shall future generations consider these discoveries made and taught by me. They will be surprised to read of your fears and predictions.

W. H. KERR."

A copy of all these publications criticising me and the truths I teach will be preserved by the state historical society for future generations to read. What an amusing curiosity shop they will find in the reading of these criticisms of my discovered truths when those generations have learned and accepted them. These editors are furnishing evidence to cover Kansas with shame and disgrace when the people learn that I am teaching the greatest scientific discoveries ever made by man. The people who know me will smile when they read the scary predictions of how savage people will get when they learn there is no God and no future life for the dead. I have learned those facts and the people who know me are no more afraid of me than they are of any idolater in town. When these editors say that a knowledge of my discoveries "would make cowards, thieves, murderers, libertines and everything low and vile of mankind," they simply mean that that would be the effect on themselves should they ever have the intelligence to learn them. But I am glad to know that they have a much better nature than they give themselves credit for. In the first place ,it will require considerable intelligence to learn these discoveries, which will of itself be a gaurantee of generally fairly good citizenship in those who learn them. But for the sake of argument suppose a few of these editors would

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take to use your money in saving humanity from the "hell" of idolatry and superstition. And when death draws near ere you pass away into that dreamless sleep from which there can never be an awakening, the knowledge that you did your best to teach mankind the truth will guild with matchless glory the final moments of your life.

H. PERCY WARD.

Testimonials to H. Percy Ward, by Eminent Men.

By the late Senor Francisco Ferrer, the great Spanish Secular Educationist, who was unjustly shot by the Jesuit government of Spain on October 13: "With men who are fighting as you are, my Friend Percy Ward, we can hope for everything."

By the late George Jacob Holyoake, the father of Secularism and a pioneer of the co-operative movement in Great Britain: "Mr. Ward proved in Birmingham by his capacity of advocacy and good sense that he would be an important addition to the forces of Freethought."

"The other day I was writing to a friend to whom I said Mr. Ward had not only qualities of a ready advocate but what was rarer those of a good editor who had in him the intrepidity of fairness and was not to be frightened out of being just."

By G. W. Foote, president of the National Secular Society, England, and editor of the Freethinker: "Mr. Percy Ward * * * was the recipient of loud and hearty cheers, showing that he has won golden opinions by his work at Liverpool. He has rapidly improved as a speaker, he has admirable command of an excellent voice, he puts his points with force and precision, he knows how to lead up to a telling climax, and he has a saving sense of humor."

By the late Charles Watts, vice president of the National Secular Society and a well known lecturer in Canada and the United States: "Mr. Ward is a young man of considerable ability, an enthusiastic worker, a fine speaker and an excellent debater."

Comrade Ward sent me the above testimonials for publication because I informed him that some of our mistrusting members suspected him of being a "grafter." Any one can write and ask Mr. Foote, 2 Newcastle, Faringdon St., London, England, regarding him if they are yet unconvinced that he is "true blue."

Letters from Ward.

"8 Haverstock Road Fairfield,
Liverpool, England Oct. 20, '09.
W. H. Kerr, Great Bend,
Kansas, U.S.A.

Dear Friend and Comrade:

I have received your letters of September 26 and October 6, also the copies of our church paper for September, the copies of your local newspapers, and a'so the parcel of back numbers of our church journal. Please accept my best thanks for all. I shall give them my closest attention.

I have given notice that my Lectureship with the Liverpool Secular Society terminates in January next. I shall leave Liverpool for Great Bend about the end of January and hope to be with you before the middle of February. I shall, of course, let you know the exact date of my departure in a week or two. You will see from the enclosed handbills that I was lecturing on our discoveries on Sunday and Monday last.

The enclosed article on John Davidson will, I feel sure, interest you. I do not entirely agree with the writer however.

I shall write a long and careful reply to your letters within the next three or four days. After that you will have a communication from me each week until my arrival. I am sending you a photograph of myself which I had taken yesterday specially for our journal. It will be ready by the end of the week. You may rest assured that my plans will be thoroughly completed before I set sail. For the November, December and January issues of "The Truth About God and Life" I shall forward plenty of material

I am unusuallyy busy this week, hence the brevety of my letter. From next week onward however, I shalll have ample time to finish much work for the C. O. H. which at present is drawn up in the rough. What is worth doing is worth doing well.

With kindest thought to you and of you, I am

Fraternally yours,
H. PERCY WARD.

Extract from a letter of Oct 21

I agree with you that Haeckel, as a scientist, approaches nearest to the two great discoveries of our church. If a person is to become a competent teacher in our church it is absolutely necessary that he or she should thoroughlyy master Haeckel's "The Riddle of the Universe," "The Wonders of Life" and "The Evolution of Man." I fear, however, that if we officially adopted the works as our best books our opponents would fling at us a few passages in them out of harmony with our discoveries. At the same time we should recommend our members to study the book because of the positive evidence they contain in support of our two great foundation facts.

For the general reader Haeckel is too abstruse. To win the people we must publish several phamplets penned in a popular style.

As soon as I have completed the manuscript of the two booklets I have in hand I will, without delay, send them to you.

I am obliged to you for the file of our church monthly. I shall go carefully through each number. I intend to have the numbers bound together in a volume. Some day they will be useful in the writing of a history of our church.

I agree with you that the present title of our periodical could not be improved.

I favor whole heartedly your excellent idea of protecting and arming the children against superstition and idolatry. It is not enough for parents to guard their offspring from those twin curses. It is the duty of fathers and mothers to see that their children are able to defend themselves against the giant errors of "God" and the "Soul." I shall have to exercise the greatest care in compiling the children's catechisms for our church. I am collecting all the catechisms for children that I can obtain which are published by the Christian churches in Great Britain. I want you to kindly ask your members to send to you all the catechisms they can get hold of issued by the Christian churches of the U. S. A. It will be my business to go through this mass of mental poison in order that I may be able to devise an effective antidote.

I need hardly assure you that I have full confidence in you. I appreciate fully the confidence you, too, place in me. I have faith that when our friendship becomes personal, that confidence will become strengthened on both sides. The enthusiastic spirit, the organizing ability, the clear sighted logic and the persistent will which are embodied in your writings appeals to me. Success is born of such qualities. I do not write this to impose upon you with flattery. But I speak from experience when I say that the sincere appreciation of a comrade is a tonic to the pioneer of new-truths who is facing and fighting a vast multitude of superstitious and idolatrous discouragers. In fact I hold that it is our duty to cordially encourage an able comrade in the cause. The kind words we intend to say over our members coffin ought to be said to them when they are alive so that they can be helped by them in their moments of hardships. A corpse cannot appreciate sympathy. I feel sure that on this point we are in unison.

There are many other matters in your letter demanding my attention. These I will write upon to you early next week, meanwhile kindly favor me with any suggestions which may occur to you regarding my month's mission in Great Bend. In organization a good motto is "Plan your work, then work your plan." With best wishes to you and yours"

Don't Lose Interest in the C. O. H.

Comrades, don't quit or neglect your interest in the C. O. H., no matter how many other things and schemes you are interested in. You should learn to be interested in many things without it effecting your interest in the C. O. H. I want you to do as members of other churches do. They are always interested in their church and aid it financially and otherwise without it interferring with their business or interests on other subjects. Comrade F. D. Morin of Chicago writes me on an esperanto card as follows:

Dear Sir: Please discontinue sending 'The Truth About God' as I have very little time to read it, and don't count on me for further support as I am interested in other works.

Yours respectfully,
"F. G. MORIN."

No member should quit simply because he is interested in other matters. It is a duty of all to keep interested in the work of the C. O. H., and aid it in its great mission. No other society will do the work it is to do, and if its members now refuse to begin the work no others will. Instead of being a quitter before we begin Comrade Morin should call Mr. Ward to Chicago as Mr. Stapleton calls him to Chula, Mo. Each member should be anxious to help to push and spread the teaching, now that we have found a member qualified to serve them. You never had an opportunity before to aid in any way this cause, and if you allow the C. O. H. to break up you never will again have a chance to aid it. Each member should be as anxious to save the C. O. H. from dissolution as I am and see to it that they all do their part to make it fill its mission.

The Way To Do It.

Members of the C. O. H. may not know how to go about establishing a local C. O. H. in their neighborhood. I recommend to them Comrade Stapleton's plan. Here it is just received

"W. H. Kerr, Dear Sir:

Just received the paper and contents noted with request to pay up and to chip in for Comrade Ward. Inclosed find check for $5 to pay on dues and balance to go on Ward's salary. I will give $25 more providing he wil come at the earliest posible date and form a society at this place. I will get the hall and take care of him. Awaiting your personal reply I remain one of your co-workers.

J. W. Stapleton, Chula, Mo.,
November 1, 1909."

That't the way to do it comrades. Now let us see if we can get 25 calls as good as this one for Comrade Ward's services from members of the C. O. H. to put in our next paper. He would then surely feel like bringing his family over with him and making America his permanent home. That would give him more than a year's work ahead and would induce other comrades to try and prepare to aid him in the task. Let us surprise him with 25 such calls as Comrade Stapleton has given him. The C. O. H. can do it.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Financial Pillars of the C. O. H. Pledged on Ward's Salary.

Gilbert, Friend, Neb.	$25
Kerr, G. M., Ingalls, Kas.	25
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Ebers, Henry F., Cazadero, Cal.	10
Glissman, D. C., Great Bend, Ks.	10
Mayo, J. F., Sycamore, Kas.	10
Sherman, W. B., Boone, Ia.	10
Milburn, Wm., Soldiers Home, Wis., paid	10
Parsons, B. C., Humboldt, Ia.	5
Bernard, Jacob, Dunkirk, N. Y.	5
Stevenson, H. J., El Reno, Ok.	5
Greene, G. F., Osceola, Mo.	4
Rowe, M., Redmon, Ill.	3.75
Gaston, H. O., Cerro Gordo, Ill., paid	3.75
Gerchow, Wm., Armanda, Mich, paid	3.75
Johnson, A., Gillette, Fla.	3
Wolf, John, Mt. Morris, Ill.	3
Kirk, W. L., Buffalo, N. Y., paid	2.75
Forlsand, Frank, Fairfield, Wash., paid	2.50
Stoll, r. L. S., Smithland, Ia.	2
Lee, Mrs. M. A. Blue Earth, Minn.	2
Hoxsie, T. C., Boone, Ia.	1
Brassell, r. T. C., Cost, Texas, paid	1
Haigh, Joseph, Kankakee, Ill.	1
Markel, Mrs. C., Claflin, Kas., ch.	5
Wolf, John, Mt. Morris, Ill.	5.75
Ellsworth, O., Denison, Tex., ch.	2
Murray, W. P., Cincinnati, O.	1
Cramer, J. C., Bucyrus, O.	10
Robertson, A. A., Marlow, Okla.,	25
Fisk, H. M., Pella, Ia.	10
Marley, M. W., Denver, Col.	5
Stapleton, J. W., Chula, Mo.	26.75

Total cash and pledges....$280.20
Amount to be raised yet.....819.80

Comrades: Fill in the following blank with good big pledges and forward to me at once, and let me finish up this fourth and last factor necessary to begin the propaganda work from the rostrum in the proper way.

Blank Pledge of Aid on H. Percy Ward's Salary.

W. H. KERR,
Great Bend, Kansas:

If the Church of Humanity employs H. Percy Ward as National Lecturer and Organizer for The Church of Humanity, I hereby pledge $..... on his salary, pabable on demand.

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Remember the bill I sent you recently and please send me the amount due.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

NO. 27

Dear Comrades:—In the roll of honor you will see how many more want churches established that will teach the truth. All of you wrote me that you were dissatisfied with the teaching of existing churches. There is only one possible way to have churches teach what we want them to and that is to establish them and hire instructors to teach what we want taught. The very first lesson for us to learn is to learn to pay for what we want. Then we will get it and not before. If you want your children taught truths instead of untruths you must learn to pay for it the same as those do who want untruths taught.

You never had a chance before to help hire anyone to teach the truth and if you refuse to do it now and allow the C. O. H. to die you never will have a chance again.

The primary object in organizing was to give you this opportunity, and you should all be so glad you have it that you should use it in employing Mr. Ward to establish permanent local churches so that you and your posterity would always have churches to aid in propagating the discoveries of the C. O. H. Now let us see if we can't find eight more among our membership who will accept Mr. A. A. Robertson's proposition in this copy. He proposes to be one of ten members to pay $100 each on Ward's salary. I have accepted his proposition as one of the number. Who will be the other eight? Then how many will give Mr. Ward a call as Mr. Stapleton has done? He offers him $25, hall and board if he will go to his town and establish a church. I wish fifty of you would give Mr. Ward similar calls before he reaches America. That would tempt others to prepare to help him in the work and give him plenty of helpers. Send in your cal's and I will book them in their order.

Mr. Ward is preparing catechisms to use in our church and he asks for copies of catechisms of other churches, and requests me to ask you to send me any copies you have to spare or can get. But you have his address herein and you may mail them to him direct. He is preparing an article for the December paper to to make it a fit special propaganda issue. I would like very much to give it a wide distribution. They will be 25 cents per 100 copies. Can't you take from 100 to 500 copies each for free distribution? Mr. Ward's photograph will be in that number. Send in your orders at once so I will know how many to order printed.

Those who are not yet on the roll of honor should hurry up with their pledges. Do not be like Comrade Morin of Chicago, who has lost interest because he got interested in something else. Always keep up your interest in the C. O. H., and aid it no matter how many other things you are interested in. Do not follow Comrade Allen Johnson's example in refusing to aid because our educational society is a church. The teaching of our discoveries can be done under that name to better advantage than under any other name. The C. O. H. represents the reformed, regenerated, redeemed, converted-to-science church. It is the evolution of the churches. Don't you all believe in evolution. Churches taught our race errors for ages and made all our race superstitious idolaters. Why not join them and aid them when they are converted to truth and begin teaching it to the people as the C. O. H. is doing? **Truth under any and all names is equally desirable. Stick to and boost the C. O. H.**

Remember Mr. Ward's message to you: "Work for your church as superstitionists and idolaters work for your imaginary God." and "vaccinate your children's minds with the truth about God and life to prevent them taking the small-pox of superstition and idolatry in later life." If you want your posterity to know the truth you must help to provide teachers of it. There is no other possible way of getting it. To say you want the services of truth-teachers without being willing to pay for them is a contradiction. your wants are truly measured by your pay for them. Nothing can be had until there is a demand for it, and only dollars and cents count in creating the demand.

The C. O. H. does not want Mr. Ward or any one else to teach its discoveries to the people and organize locals to spread and perpetuate them unless it is willing to pay their salaries for doing it. That is the only measure of desire that counts. I hope there is enough desire in the C. O. H. for the services of Mr. Ward to pay the small salary he asks. It takes pay and action to start this movement. No amount of thinking and wishing and desiring can do it unless they are transformed into cash and action. Just put all the objections and hatred you ever had for the churches that teaches errors into the form of cash and pledges and send them to be applied on Mr. Ward's salary. Put all your wishes and desires for a church that teaches scientific knowledge of God and life into the form of cash and pledges on Mr. Ward's salary and send them in. That is the only way to make your objections to other churches and wishes for a truth-teaching church effective. Don't delay doing your duty until the opportunity is gone forever. Only 35 of you out of 218 responded to the statement of amount due I sent you in October. That is my greatest discouragement.

The Neccessity For Local Churches Illustrated

When members of the C. O. H. die no members of their families take their place to fill up the ranks. That proves that the truths they know can not be given to their children without the services of qualified teachers of them being hired for that special purpose. Such teachers can not be hired nor this knowledge imparted to children without the organization of a local C. O. H. in reach of children where they can be taken or sent to be instructed in this knowledge.

Several members with large families have died but in no case does a member of the family take the vacant place in the C. O. H. This is because they neglected their duty in providing competent teachres of these discoveries for them.

Comrade Aaron Davis, of Frederick,, Maryland, died on September 5, last, at the age of 90. He has been a member of the C. O. H. more than four years and received its paper and distributed hundreds of copies of it in his neighborhood. But with all that none of his five children or grand children learned the truths he did so they could take his place in the C. O. H. One of them wrote me to discontinue the paper to his address and sent a notice of his death. All this proves that these new discoveries can not be made known and accepted by books and papers alone. They must be put into the form of catechisms and text books and regular class lessons be given the children at regular intervals and places by qualified instructors of them. This will require a local C. O. H. in reach of the members all the time, and the formation of a Sunday school under its auspices for the special teaching of the children. All members who desire their children and grand children and neighbor's children to learn the truths of nature they have learned, and thus arm them against the teachers of heathenism must see to it that a local C. O. H. is established near them. All should folow the noble example of Comrade Stapleton, of Chula, Mo., in calling for Ward's services.

To the Fathers and Mothers of the Church of Humanity.

Vacinate your children's minds with the Truth About God and Life to prevent them taking the small-pox of superstition and idoltry in later life.—H. Percy Ward.

To overthrow the religions of earth that make heathens of all our race it will be absolutely necessary to teach all people in childhood the great modern scientific discoveries in nature that God is a myth like Santa Claus and death the end of individual conscious life forever and the begining of the premanent dissolution of the organism. To do this prodigious amount of world-wide and age-long teaching will require the permanent establishment by the C. O. H. of propaganda societies under competent qualified instructors in every neighborhood. In the death of parents in our church and none of their children uniting with it is demonstrated the fact that we can not save them from being idolaters without the service of hired teachers of the Truth About God and Life in established societies for that special purpose. I specially invite the parents in the C. O. H. to join in raising Ward's salary to employ him to begin that task.

The Way Not To Do It

In the death of Comrade Davis and none of his family taking his place in the C. O. H., as noted in this copy, is demonstrated the necessity of local churches to teach the children the knowledge of their fathers. Comrade Stapleton shows us how to do it, as also noted in this copy, and I hope all members of the C. O. H. will follow his noble example. But here comes a member to show us how not to do it, and I hope none will follow his example:

"Corpus Christi, Texas, November 2, 1909, W. H. Kerr, Dear Sir: I hereby resign my membership in your association. I burnt up the paper over a year ago. I will never 'jine' into nor pay another cent to keep up any church. You advertised in the B. G. B. for a teacher offering a $2,000 per annum salary. Now pay your Englishman if you can.

Allen Johnson.'

Comrade Johnson evidently never comprehended the object of the C. O. H. With all my monthly explanations he did not know that we intended to rescue and preserve our children and others from idolatry and superstition by the only course posible to do it, viz: by hiring competent, qualified instructors to teach them the scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of conscious life forever. No one could devote his life to teaching these discoveries without pay, and it requires the machinery of organization to raise the pay to employ the teacher, and provide the building, and to collect the children at special times to be taught. But when we are about ready to begin business this member back-slides because there is a call for money to pay a teacher for the C. O. H. and he is unable to recognize the fact that truth can be taught under the name "church" as well as under any other name. With these letters from Johnson and Stapleton before our comrades showing the disposition of each will there still be comrades who call me a "pope" and all kinds of autocratic titles because I am not in favor of allowing Mr. Johnson as much say in the councils of the C. O. H. as Mr. Stapleton should have. Can't you see, comrades, that if we want anything done we must not follow the advice of those who do not want to do anything? It is the doers who move the world along and they are the ones who are most entitled to sit in the councils. Of course, I am very sorry to lose Mr. Johnson as a member. It would be so much better in him to do as Comrade Stapleton is doing and send in his dues and contribution on Ward's salary and give him a call to his home town to try to establish a local church there. The truth is what we should all want taught and we shouldn't refuse it under the name "church". Churches, like other institutions, are subject to the process of evolution and the C. O. H. represents the modern evolution of churches.

A Good Proposition.

"Marlow, Okla., Oct. 31, 1909.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kans.

Dear Comrade: I regret to see the subscriptions, and pledges on Ward's salary, coming in so slowly. Please increase my pledge to $25. I will cheerfully delegate myself with twenty, or even ten other comrades to raise the one thousand dollars necessary to secure Ward for the work.

Yours to free the world of superstition. Sincerely, A. A. Robertson."

I will be one to join Comrade Robertson in putting up $100 each on Ward's salary. How many more will join us in equal amounts.

Great Bend's Opportunity. No. 2.

Fellow Citizens: In the childhood of our race through ignorance some people made guesses at the cause of things, and nature's processes, and taught them for truths. Through the development of systems of rewards and punishments for belief and disbelief in these guesses it came to pass that many of them were accepted for truths by portions of our race, until all our race accepted some of them. These various guesses with their systems of rewards and punishments and organized propaganda machinery has come down to us under the general name of religions. There are several great religions and a few minor ones measured by their numerical strength, but christianity is the only one represented by organizations in our city. Owing to variations in the guesses and disagreements in the details of organization and methods of teaching christianity is subdivided into hundreds of organized sects, there being 180 of them in the United States and a dozen of these represented in our city. The two fundemental guesses on which all religions are based is that there is an intelligent, creative, over-ruling being named God, in English, and that man has a soul that survives death with consciousness and continues an intelligent, independent intity. Only comparatively recently has it been scientifically discovered that those two ancient guesses are incorrect, and that no such beings exists in the universe or in man.

In the light of these great discover-

ies in nature all who do not know them are seen to be superstitious idolaters. Only a very few so far have made, or learned, these discoveries, but they want them taught to their children instead of the mistaken ancient guesses. But owing to the numerical strength of those who have not learned them their children are compelled to learn those guesses and practice idoltry in our public schools and their parents to pay for it. In self defense those who know these discovered truths are compelled to organize, hire competent and qualified teachers of them to make them known and accepted by more people to enable them to remedy this intolerable condition. Hence they have united and organized under the name of the Church of Humanity and hav hired one of their number to begin their educational task. He will begin in our city in the early spring. The plan is to establish local churches under qualified instructors throughout the entire world as fast as possible to spread and perpetuate these discoveries until all the race larn and accept them. It may be claimed by some that we have churches enough now. But there will always be need and room for more until we get one that represents and teaches the scientific truth about God and life. This will be the first organized effort to do that in the history of our race. It will be the first opportunity any people ever had of learning the true nature of God and what becomes of them at death from a teacher who knows. He will be a society builder and not a society destroyer. It is not designed to destroy any other church or society in town, but to give all an opportunity to learn the truth and substitute it for the errors they now teach.

We have several schools and many teachers to accommodate the scholars, but they teach the same things about each branch of knowldge to all alike. We also need several church societies and employed instructors to teach the people about God and life for convenience and to serve white and colored citizens and those of different languages, but they should all teach the same thing about God and life since the real facts about those subjects are unchangeably fixed in nature's processes for all alike. It would be as sensible to have a dozen different schools in town each teaching a different shape to the earth and none teaching the true one as it is to have a dozen different churches in town, each teaching a different idea of God and of the nature of death and on one teaching the truth about them. The mission of the C. O. H. is to remedy that condition everywhere and make it possible for all churches to know and teach the truth. Therefore you need have no fears of the C. O. H. It only seeks to substitute modern scientific knowledge for the mistaken guesses of the ancients, and represents the evolution of all churches. It will stand for peace, progress and good citizenship everywhere. Come out and hear its national instructor and organizer when he comes. He will give you the first chance any people ever had to learn the Truth About God and Life and to organize a local C. O. H. to hand this knowledge down to the children. I want Great Bend to be the first city in the world to claim the honor of doing so.

Objections Answered.

In answer to my request for reasons for deserting the C. O. H. five members responded with one or more grievances against me which I shall summarize in their order as follows:

1. My "egotism" in claiming the discoveries that God is fabulous and death the end of life.

2. My "dogmatism" and "bigotry" in the method of teaching "my discoveries."

3. My "arbitrary" "autocratic", "dictatorship" in excluding "Freethinkers" from the C. O. H. who do not know the truths it teaches.

4. My threat to exclude backsliders and deserters from the councils of the C. O. H.

5. That the C. O. H. is too far advanced for the people and cannot succeed.

As a general answer to all these criticisms I will say that they are all from members who have no knowledge of the requirements and necessities of organized societies to maintain their self-preservation, nor the qualifications of a teacher of truths.

1 (a) Our entire race are superstitious idolators owing to their belief in the existence of Gods and souls. (b) To learn that those characters do not exist in nature but are fabulous are true discoveries. (c) No one previous to myself ever claimed to have made these discoveries. (d) No one previous to myself ever proposed an organization based on these discoveries for the specific and exclusive purpose of making them known and accepted and perpetuating them. (e) No one previous to myself ever devoted his life to the teaching of these discoveries and the founding of a society of those who learn them to spread and perpetuate them. (f) My critics on this count mistakes those who had merely an opinion, belief or theory that there is no God and no future life for people who **knew** those facts. There is a vast difference between mere belief, thory and opinion and actual knowledge that my critics overlook. For instance, it is the belief, opinion and theory of many that Mars is inhabited by intelligent beings, but it is not yet **discovered** to be the case. When some one makes the actual discovery that it is the entire world will recognize him as the true discoverer and give him credit for making it. It would be preposterous for those who merely had an opinion, theory or belief that such was the case to claim priority of discovery. Likewise, **should it be** discovered that no intelligent organisms exist on Mars it would be as true a discovery as the existence of such would be, and those who now hold to that theory, opinion and belief could not set up a claim of priority in the discovery. While it would be egotism and dogmatism in those with a mere belief on either side to teach that belief, opinion or theory as a positively discovered **fact it would not be such in the** actual discoverer of the truth to do so. (g) All truths of nature must of necessity be taught by those who know them in the affirmative, positive method of teaching any known fact. To do so is neither egotism, dogmatism nor bigotry in such teachers. (h) To learn independently from the book of nature that God is fabulos and death the end of life constitutes true discoveries and some one individual must father them, claim them, own them, acknowledge them, teach them and stand sponsor for them. No one among the dead or living ever did all this before I did. If I attribute the discoveries to any one of the dead their own writings can be brought forward to disprove my claim. If I credit these discoveries to any other living being his own writings can be brought forward to disprove the claim, and at the first severe critcism he would disown and repudiate them and say he never authorized me to make any such claim for him nor had he made such claim himself. Then should he get "converted" to idolatry and superstition and become a raving evangelist as mere Freethinkers and infidels are liable to do, it would put the entire C. O. H. "in a hole" from which it never could extricate itself. Therefore the only safe plan is to claim them as "**My Discoveries**" because I really made them and will never disown nor repudiate them regardless of all criticisms, and will acknowledge them in the face of death as I will any other facts I have learned. In view of all these considerations I am justified in claiming these discoveries, and I hereby authorize all our race for all coming time to credit me with making these discoveries that there is no real God in the universe and that death is the end of individual conscious life forever. I shall never put anyone "in a hole" who gives me this credit. (i) I often say "the discoveries made and taught by the C. O. H." and that "all members constitute the C. O. H." I want all members who helped to organize and incorporate the C. O. H. and who stay loyally with it and aid in financing the propaganda work to be known as original discoverers with myself of these truths, and founders and financial pillars of the C. O. H. through which they are to be made known and accepted by all people. But those who desert it or "backslide" to Freethought societies, or aid in forming rival societies, or refuse to pay their subscription and dues can have no part or credit that is due only to the loyal members. By such actions they do more to destroy the C. O. H. and injure its cause than they ever aided it. j) All members are perfectly free to "take the stump" and proclaim to the world that they are original discoverers of the truths the C. O. H. is based on, and teach them to the people and organize all who learn them into branch churches. I wish they would all do so. Our race are all idolaters because none knew or taught these discoveries, and they will remain superstitious idolaters until they are taught the truth in an affirmative way by those who know it.

2. This criticism is evidence, per se, that those who make it do not themselves know the truths the C. O. H. is based on and do not actually believe that I do. They believe that they are only a belief, theory or opinion that I teach because they are such with themselves, and my positiveness appears to them as only a bigoted dogmatism. With them the question of the existence of a God and soul is only in the debatable stage and they do not want to be members of an organization that teaches the true nature of God and life as definitely known facts. While claiming that thousands of people in every generation made and taught the same discoveries that I do they themselves do not know them and do not actually believe that I do or that any one else does or ever did. This only shows the confused state of their minds, and that the fault is in themselves. They wish to drag the C. O. H. down to the level of a wrangling, jangling, society instead of a dignified, educational institution based on truths for the special object of teaching them. The C. O. H. must stick to its legitimate duties and exclude all irrelative subjects. If any member finds fault with it for tending strictly and exclusively to its own business it can't be helped as that is what the loyal members put their money into it for.

3. I exclude no one who knows the truths the C. O. H. is based on and who complies with the requirments of its constitution. I gladly welcome all such aplicants to membership. Those who do not learn its discoveries exclude themselves from membership. The C. O. H. is designed exclusively for those who know God is a myth and death the end of life so they can work in unison and harmony in spreading and perpetuating that knowledge. Comrades who think we shou'd admit people to membership who do not know the truths we teach and then try to teach them do not know the first requirements of society building. That is the idea all Freethought societies have tried to organize on, and it is the reason all have failed and always will fail. I have studied the methods of society building closely and I wish to adopt those methods in the C. O. H. that have proven the most successful in other societie . All loyal members wi'l want me to do that.

4. This is a necessary precaution for self-preservation in all societies. All loyal members will want them excluded. Those who put their time and money into the C. O. H. for its upbuilding will not want its laws made by deserters to other societies or backsliders who will not help to maintain it. "Those who pay the fiddler have the right to call the tune," and those who put their time and money into the building of a society should have the exclusive right to sit in its councils. I am going to stand by the loyal members regardless of all criticism from the disloyal ones for doing so.

5. Yes. The C. O. H. is not only too far advanced for non-members of it but it is too far advanced for some of its members. But that is no reason why it should desert the truths it teaches. It can not and will not return to idoltry and superstition to be with the crowd. It would have no reason for existence if it did. The crowd must abandon idolatry and superstition to come to it. No loyal member will desert the C. O. H. to return to the ignorance of the crowd, but will place his money into its treasury to employ instructors to bring the crowd to it.

Conclusion: In all these reasons from fault-finding members there is not one valid excuse for backsliding or desertion. From my explanations and reasons here given to justify my course the loyal members can see that I can make no change in it and remain loyal myself to the mission of the C. O. H. We certainly can make no changes in the base and object of the C. O. H. to please a member who does not believe its basic truths and is not in sympathy with its obje t no more than we could do that to please any superstitious idolater who is not a member. Of course, all loyal members are sorry to see that some members are back-sliders and deserters, but it seems it cannot be helped.. Such members are those who have concluded they really do not know the truth about God and life after all, and they wish to abandon a society that does. They will not pay their subscription or dues, or aid the C. O. H. in any way. They have simply returned to the ranks of the superstitious idolaters. Their families and their money are going there. These reasons and motives may not apply to all cases of desertion and backsliding. Some may have done so through ignorance of the efects of their acts on the C. O. H. and the fate of the truths it is based on and the object it seeks to accomplish, and that they are playing into the hands of its enemies who wish no such society to exist.

Notice.

This is the last copy to all who are behind on subscription over four months. If you want any more please renew.

How many will join Comrade Robertson and myself in giving $100 each on Mr. Ward's salary?

The Truth About God and Life

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THERE IS NO GOD.

An Impeachment of Idolatry and a Vendication of the Scientific Discovery That No God Exists.

(By H. Percy Ward National Organizer and Instructor for the Church of Humanity.)

..One of the greatest discoveries of modern science is that there is no God.

I confidently make this emphatic affirmation as one which is capable of demonstration beyond the shadow of a shade of a doubt. I propose to rebut some of the chief so-called "evidences" of the existence of a God and submit a few out of the many infalliable proofs that no God exists. It is of no consequence to me when a person says that he believes in a God and that millions of other persons believe in one.

Mere belief proves nothing. One fact is better evidence than the faiths of all the theologians that ever existed.

I fearlessly challenge those who say that there is a God to prove his existence and to answer, if they can, the arguments I adduce proving that God is a myth.

Why People Believe In a God.

People believe in a God because it was taught to them in their earliest years. Only those who are thus taught are satisfied with the arguments used in defense of theism. Why? Because they are merely excuses for retaining it.

What Is God?

When idolaters write and talk about "God" what do they mean?

What is "God?" The name has a different meaning to different religionists. Hundreds of religious sects worship a God, yet no two of them can agree upon a definition of their idol; and the more they argue about it the less they agree.

Now I unhesitatingly deny the existence of every God that has ever been defined by the countless theologians of the world. Every definition I have seen or heard of "God" is either self-contradictory or contradicted by the phenomena of nature and the experience of mankind.

God, for example, is defined as an "infinite person." This phrase is a contradiction in terms, and therefore, meaningless. A person is, obviously, limited. The infinite is that to which no limit can be imagined. A person is finite; the infinite is not. An infinite person, therefore, is an illimitable limited, and infinite finite, which is absurd. God, therefore, is an impossibility.

Where Is God?

Canst thou by searching find out God? **Can a God be discovered by the exercise of any one of the five senses?** Can he be seen? Can he be heard? Can he be smelled. Can he be felt? Can he be tasted? The answer to all these questions is an unhesitating "No."

The astronomer gazes through the telescope upon myriads of worlds floating in the infinite ether of space. He sees matter at work but he observes no God. The biologist looks through the microscope at some of the minutest forms of life. He, too, beholds matter at work but he observes no God. The person who endeavors to discover a god in the universe is like a blind man in a dark room trying to find a black object that is not there. No God exists. That is a scientific discovery that can be proven when we know where to look for the evidence and how to apply it. I may be asked how I can logically affirm that there is no God in the universe unless I have explored it in its entirety. My reply is, that just as I can prove that there is not a square round cheese in the centre of the moon without visiting its centre, so can I prove that a God does not exist without explaining infinity.

The Design Argument.

Perhaps the oldest and most popular argument brought forward to support the erroneous belief in a God is the "design argument." It is generally put in the following form: "In the products of art there are marks of design, of adaptation of means to ends. There are similar marks of design in the products of nature. And as marks of design in art imply a designer, so do they in nature."

Now this argument is based upon a falacy It draws **an unjustifiable** analogy between art and nature.

If we had no education or experience in art we could not suspect anything like it in nature. We could never have gotten the conception of design from a work of art were we not able, in some instances, at least, to see both the menas and the end and to observe the one resulting from the other.

Do we know what is the end of nature in any one department to say nothing of the ultimate end of the whole?

There is, then, no analogy between an art production—the theory and action, the inception and results of which we can grasp—and any particular part of nature of which we know little beyond the barest phenomena.

Then we have seen, and can see, the designer and maker of an artificial product. The identical artificer may be inaccessible to us but there are many like him continually around us.

We may never have seen a given work of art in the course of manufacture, but we have seen workmen making other artificial objects. As all artificial things have certain points of resemblance by the observation of which we can readily pass from the known to the unknown we have little or no difficulty in recognizing as a work of art even an article we have never seen before.

Where, then, is the analogy between a natural and an artificial thing? In nature the alleged designer and artificer has never once been seen. We see all around us the processes of nature goin on. **We have never seen a God making natural things as we can see a man making artificial things.** We have, therefore, no right to draw an analogy between a thing which we know to be made and one which was never made at all.

Further, **it is a gross abuse of language to apply the terms of art to the phenomena of nature.** We have the best of proofs that artificial things were designed and made. We have no evidence that nature was designed or made. It is not in any sense a manufacture. It is an eternal existence as a whole. Its various phenomena are growths, not art productions. Take for example, a table and a tree. What analogy is there between them? The tree was not made, it grew. The table did not grow; it was made. The act of putting the table together was the making of something that did and could not grow any more than the tree could have been made. To speak or to write, therefore, of a tree being made is as incorrect as to say of a table that it grew. Again, **in order to establish the presence of design some knowledge of intention is desired.** We must know the end aimed at and compare the intention with actual results. It would not, for example, be enough to say because of my firing a gun resulted in the shooting of a game-keeper that, therefore, the shooting of the game-keeper was the result of design. I might have designed to shoot a rabbit and the actual result may have been an accident. Before I could be accused of design there must be some knowledge of my intention in firing the gun. And so the intention of an imaginary God must be known prior to his supposed creation of the world before the world can be said to show marks of design Does any idolater presume to be sufficiently friendly with his mythical God to be able to nnform us of the "divine" intention

Theists say that an infinitely benevolent God designed all the good things in nature, but they do not say who designed the bad things. The very existence of evil in the world proves conclusively that it could not have been designed by a good God. What, for instance, is **the design of an earthquake?**. Nature takes centuries in forming a magnificent landscape. Men are at work for decades in building towns and cities. Then, one day, without warning, there is a trembling of the solid earth, a great clash, and all beauty and usfulness vanish. The slow results of ages of natural and social development are completely obliterated in a few moments. From this wild destruction how can we infer intelligence? If beauty and usefulness were the design of the fictitious God in nature, why the utter destruction and desolation? And if desolation and destruction were the "divine" design why the ages spent in growth? Idolaters should alter the beginning of one of their most popular hymns thus:"God moves in a mischevious way His wonders to perform." **Are the various parasites which live in or upon the human body evidences of a designing God?** Is the tapeworm, for example, designed as an inhabitant of man's body, or, is man's body designed as a habitation for the tapeworm? Indisputably the tapeworm fares the better. The man who feeds and protects the tapeworm is tortured with a terrible disease, while the tapeworm, who dwells in, and at the expense of the man has every want gratuitously supplied and is as happy as its nature and surroundings will permit. If the tapeworm is an idolater, do doubt it spends much of its time praising "God" for his kindness in providing for it so pleasant a world as the human body The logical conclusion of the design argument, therefore, is that not man, but the human parasite is the great end of the existence of the earth

Furthermore, **the design argument destroys itself.** If the world is so wonderful that it needed a God to design it, then that God, being more wonderful than the world he designed, needed another God to design him. And the God who designed God, being still more wonderful, needed yet another God to design him; and so on forever. Surely it is infinitely more reasonable to believe in an undesigned universe than to believe in an undesigned "God" whom we never saw heard, felt tasted or smelled. Is it not perfectly plain that no God designed the world? And is it not also as clear that idolatrous man has designed God?

The First Cause.

Another defense of the false idea of a deity takes this form: "Every effect must have a cause. The universe is an effect. Therefore, it must have had a cause. The cause is God." But this is a begging of the very question in dispute. The theist must first **prove that the universe is an effect** before he can logically conclude that it had a cause. "Cause" and "effect" are correlative words. The one is meaningless without the other. Each cause is the effect of some preceeding cause, and each effect is the cause of some subsequent effect. How, then, can it be possible to conceive of what idolaters term a "first cause"? A first cause is as inconceivable as a last effect. **We can no more conceive of a first cause than we can conceive of a first momentt.** To think of a first moment in time—a moment before which there was no moment—we should have to think of a time when there was no time—which is, of course, an impossibility. It is more reasonable to believe in an uncaused universe of which we know a little than it is to believe in an uncaused God of whom we know absolutely nothing. The real cause of the "First Cause" is the ignorance of idolatrous man.

Creation.

Theists sometimes ask, "Who

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able epitaph for them be: "If I was so quickly done for, why on earth was I begun for?" If idolaters credit their God for the survival of the fittest, they should censure him for the unfitness of the non-surviving. If the purpose of their imaginary God was that only the fit should survive, what excuse have they for him creating the unfit? Why did he not make the animal world perfect from the beginning?

As organic evolution has been a process of excrutiating suffering and merciless slaughter it is quite evident that the belief in the existence of a God of goodness is only a baseless pipe-dream of idolaters.

Our Father Which Art In Heaven.

Idolaters address their idol as "our father." If there is one fact in the universe more capable of demonstration than any other it is **thatthe belief in the existence of a heavenly father is groundless.** Countless thousands of children with famishing lips have vainly prayed, "Our father which art in heaven, give us this day our daily bread." There are few with a character so unsympathetic that they could refuse a starving child's cry for food. **If I posessed the power and wealth idolaters attribute to their idol no hungry child would ever have even the need to ask me for bread.** It is not true that there is a God who hears hungry children's prayers for food. There is no God able to feed them or they would not die of starvation. If I were shown several unhealthy children badly housed, badly clad, poorly fed, and bearing on their bodies marks of cruelty, and were told that they were cared for by a wise, rich and good father, without a moments hesitation I should deny the statement. I should say that if their father were good and rich and wise they would be well housed, well clad, well fed; they would be healthier; and their bodies would not bear the marks of brutality. And so the millions of suffering men, women **and children existing in the world prove that they have no father God above.** Fatherhood imposes certain duties. If a father can feed, clothe, house and educate his children and neglects to do so, he is not worthy of the name of father. **That which is wrong in a human father must also be wrong in an alleged divine father.** Idolaters preach about man's duty to their mythical God. Why do not they preach about their mythical God's duty to man? When people have evidence that a God performs the duties of a father to mankind then, and not till then, should they think about their duty to him This imaginary father treats his children with crimiual neglect or deliberate cruelty for which he would deserve the severest condemnation were he a real being instead of the myth that he is. He is well described as "heavenly" considering that he pays no attention to earth. I would rather be an orphan than acknowledge such a creation of fiction as my father. When I picture the disease and poverty, the ignorance and injustice, existing in human society I am irresistibly forced to the conclusion that **belief in the fatherhood of a God is one** of the most mischivous errors that **ever entered the brain of man**

The Non-Morality of Nature

Idolaters assert that nature is a manifestation of a God. They also assert that God is a perfect moral being. **Nature,** however, **is neither moral nor immoral.** It is simply non-moral. **It cannot, therefore, be a manifestation of a moral God.**

Natural phenomena may be agreeable or disagreeable to human beings but they are neither malevolent nor beneficent. Nature, apart from society, knows naught of morality. The lightning is just as liable to strike a man who is praying as it is to strike a man who is committing a burglary. Even idolaters put lightning conductors on the steeples of their churches, evidently being afraid that their idol may aim at a saloon and hit a church. Suppose that a man accidently falls into the sea and is drowned. We should call that a suicide. Again, suppose that a man acidently falls into the sea and is also drowned. That we should term an accident. Further, suppose that a third man is deliberately pushed into the sea by another and is drowned. That, we should say, was a murder. Imagine that the three corpses are taken before a coroner, and the jury, after being acquainted with the circumstances of the deaths, return the same verdict for the three, pleading that whereas they all met their deaths by a too precipitate descent into the sea therefore all alike deserved their fate. Such a stupid verdict and its defense nature would justify. As each of the three died in consequence of their respective falls it is evident that nature regarded them as equally guilty. Nature cannot distinguish between a suicide, an accident and a murder. As natural forces make no distinction between right and wrong there cannot be manifestations of a moral God. Nature, therefore, has no God.

Man Made God.

All Gods have been created by human fear, ignorance and imagination . The idea that a God existed partly originated through the personification of natural phenomena by savages. Our barbaric ancestors found themselves surrounded by natural forces which they could neither understand nor control. Behind these forces of nature they placed imaginary gods to whom, in their ignorance and helplessness, they prayed for protection and aid. The Bible falsely states that God made man in his own image. The truth is that **man made God in his own image.**

Xenoplanes truthfully wrote:
"Men foolishly think that gods
are born like as men are, and have,
too, a dress like their own, and
their voice and their figure;
But if oxen and lions had hands
like ours, and fingers,
Then would horses, like unto horses,
and oxen to oxen,
Paint and fashion their god-forms,
and give them bodies.
Of like shape to their own, as they
themselves too are fashioned."

A savage mind manufactures a savage god, which accounts for the ignorance, wickedness and criminal characteristics incorporated in all gods. They are simply enlarged mental photographs of their creators and worshipers. A civilized man will not only cease the worship of gods butwill also, cease the creation of them.

No God—What Then?

The great scientific discovery that there is no real God is supported by facts and logic that cannot be overthrown. **When this discovery is learned by all mankind what will be the result?** The result will be the cession of idolatry because it is founded upon belief in the existence of a God. Destroy the foundation and the superstructure falls. **As God is a myth every theological dogma is a falsehood.** As God is a myth, Jesus Christ could not have been his son. As God is a myth, the Bible cannot be his book. As God is a myth it is useless to pray to him. As God is a myth, he could not have created, and does not preserve and govern the world. As God is a myth, he could not have established any one of the religions of the world. As the Church of Humanity progresses in its educational work of teaching the people the two great modern scientific discoveries that God is fabulous and death the end of life forever they will unite with it instead of with the idolatrous churches. The time, energy and wealth they now devote to the propagation of idolatry and superstition they will then devote to the civilization and enlightenment of mankind. When these great discoveries become known and accepted by all our race there will be no idolaters to longer hate, persecute and kill their fellows for the sake of a non-existent God. The mental, moral and material progress of the world can only be effected by human effort, guided by human wisdom and inspired by human love.

Get the Right Doctor.

When people have a bad attack of religious fever they always send for a doctor of divinity and he invariably makes their case worse by trying to confirm their worst fears that there is a savage sleuth, named God, on their trail who is going to run them into a lake of fire to be tortured throughout eternity. What they need is **a doctor of** idolatry and superstition to allay the fever by assuring them that there is no such an unseen sleuth in the universe as a real God to shadow them, and no such a place as hell in the universe to be tortured in, and no such things as souls or resurrected bodies to be tortured. This kind of treatment by a regularly qualified D. I. S. is guaranteed to reduce the worst case of religious fever. For all people suffering from such causes I recommend the services of H. Percy Ward D. I. S.

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To W. H. Kerr,
Great Bend, Kans.

I enclose herewith ..... to enable H. Percy Ward to successfully impeach error and vindicate truth as the organizer and instructor for the Church of Humanity.

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A Thought for Today.

A tart temper never mellows with age and a sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with consistent use. —Irving.

Hire a Specialist to Free the People from Idolatry and Superstition.

The following letter shows the necessity for the C. O. H. through which teachers can be hired:

"W. H. Kerr, Dear Brother:

Yours of the 4th inst. received. Find enclose $2.25, the amount of my subscription. When my subsubscription, or the time for which this remittance pays for is up please stop it. I have worked to liberate the people from bondage for sixty years and have not accumulated much wealth. I am now an old man and feel like I have done my share, and must save a little for myself.

Yours,
H. WHISLER."

Comrade Whisler did not take the right plan. Had he done so he could have accumulated wealth and aided in freeing the people from Idolatry at the same time. The C. O. H. is designated to enable all our comrades to take the right plan to do both. It is all a matter of building up the machinery of an organization to do the liberating while you attend to accumulating wealth. By that method you are able to hire an expert to do the liberating who can accomplish better results in the same time than any two hundred members who do not understand the business. I predict that comrade Ward can free more people from idolatry in one year when he enters the employ of the C. O. H. than comrade Whisler has done in all his sixty years' effort, and that he will free more in one year than all the balance of our members combined can do in the same time. Why? Because it will be his special business, and he will study and practice to be an expert and a specialist in that line of work. No person now can make a success of anything unless he becomes a specialist. The "jack of all trades and master of none" is a failure at all. All our comrades can go to work to accumulate wealth and throw in, say one-tenth of it into the C. O. H. treasury annually to employ specialists to free the people from idolatry and superstition. Then all will be making money and getting the people civilized and enlightened at the same time. I have greatly desired this kind of an arrangement for over forty years. Now that the C. O. H. is about to accomplish the plan I hope comrade Whisler and all will help to put it in operation. There is little use in any of us fooling away our time trying to do something we can't do when we can hire a specialist to do it with one-tenth of the money we can make in the same time at something we can do. Through the C. O. H. we can all chip in to give comrade Whisler a salary for freeing people from idolatry if he is an expert at that business. If he is not he can chip in with the rest of us to employ one who is.

We must put such people on a good salary and keep them there so long as they can "deliver the goods." No goods can be delivered in that line to amount to any thing until that arrangement is put in operation. Send in your pledges on Ward's salary and raise it to the full amount at once so he can begin service for the C. O. H. as soon as he is ready.

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THE SUPERSTITION OF IMMORTALITY.

A Demonstration of the Great Scientific Discovery That Man Has No Soul and Death Ends Life Forever.

By H. Percy Ward, National Instructor and Organizer For The Church of Humanity.

An Ancient and Universal Query.

For countless centuries, in every clime, millions of minds have enquired, "if a man die, shall he live again?"

To this question the scientist has given the widest research; the poet, the loftiest imagination; the philosopher, the deepest thought; and the religionist the wildest speculation. Each religion has its own peculiar solution of the problem of futurity. After ages of wrangling and investigation, mankind are further off than ever from unanimity regarding the meaning of death. This world wide discord, this age-long disagreement, in itself, justifies the conclusion that the belief in personal immortality has no scientific foundation.

The Silence of the Grave.

In striking contrast to this babel of conflicting creeds is the unbroken silence of the grave. The dead are dumb. Myriads of bereaved ones have cried out to their lifeless relatives and friends but not even a whisper has come from the tomb "of the myriads who before us passed the door of darkness through not one returns."

A Great Discovery.

One of the greatest discoveries of modern science is that man has no soul and that death is the complete and everlasting end of every form of individual conscious life. Apart from the material organization, there can be no life; and independent of the activity of the brain and of the nervous system there can be no consciousness.

I unhesitatingly deny that a human being can live after death. Death is not a junction; it is a terminus. It is not a comma; it is a full stop. We shall not, like serial stories 'be continued in our next" Death writes "Finis" to the volume of each earthly human life. When we die, we are ended. The dead of generations gone no more live than do the generations of unborn yet to come.

The "Soul."

Superstitionists allege that man has, in addition to his body, a "soul" which is as independent of the body as the body is independent of the clothes which cover it; and that after the death of the body the "soul" will, like Tennyson's Brook, "go on forever"

What is the "soul?" I have never heard nor read an intelligent definition of this mysterious thing which is supposed to lodge within the human body. Dr. Johnson, it is said, was once asked, "what is matter?" and he answered, "Never mind." Then he was asked, "What is mind?" when he replied, "No matter." It was further enquired of him, "What is spirit?" and he rejoined, "That is quite immaterial." All the definitions I have seen of "soul" have possessed a similar Johnsonian vagueness. Literally the word "soul" means breath In ancient times the human breath and the wind were though to be the same, and so both were given the same name. The Latin words spiritus and anima and the Greek words psyche and anemos were at first names for "a breath of wind." Later they were names for human breath. And finally they were names for what is termed the "soul."

Is the "soul" then, gaseous? Haeckel, (who is a member of the Church of Humanity) states in his book, "The Riddle of the Universe," that experimental physics can reduce all gaseous bodies to a liquid and most of them to a solid condition. All that is needed is a special apparatus which exerts a violent pressure on the gases at a very low temperature. If the substance of the soul were gaseous, and it could be caught as it breathed out at the moment of death, it should be possible to liquify it by the application of a high pressure at a low temperature. After it had been condensed it could be exhibited in a bottle as "immortal fluid." By a further lowering of temperature and increase of pressure it could be solidified, and "soul snow" produced. Haeckel's suggested experiment has yet to be made.

Is the soul composed of matter? If so, it must be subject to change and disorganization—to the laws of integration and disintegration —therefore, it cannot possibly be immortal. Where is the "soul?" Does it reside in any particular part of the body? If so, in what part? Or does the soul pervade the whole body? If so, when part of the body is injured or cut off, is part of the soul injured or cut off?

When does the "soul" originate? If it exists forever after death, may it not have existed for ever before birth? Its pre-existence is as plausible as its post existence. If the extinction of the soul is unthinkable, so is its creation. Are we to believe that the space all around us is populated by multitudes of homeless and unemployed "souls" searching for lodgings in some human embryos labeled "appartments to let for single and respectable young souls?" And one wonders whether two or more souls struggle for the possession of a particular embryo.

Does the "soul" originate when the body originates? When a body begets a body does a "soul" beget a "soul?" Is the "soul" transmitted from parent to child? Professor Ray Lankester, in his book, "The Advancement of Science," asks: "At what particular place in the embryonic series is the "soul" implanted?" Is it in the egg, in the foetus of this month or of that, in the new born infant, or at five years of age?"

Has a still-born babe a "soul?"

The Roman Catholic ceremony of baptism for unborn infants would lead one to infer that superstitionists believe that we get our "souls" before birth. If the soul begins when the body begins, may it not end when the body ends? The Theological theory of the creation of a soul is contradicted by the scientific law of the conservation of energy. This law teaches that force is an absolutely constant quantity;that it can neither be diminished nor augmented. If at the birth of every human body, a "soul" is specially created for it, then with the advent of each child a new and additional force is added to the force already existing. This would be a denial of one of the most important laws of nature.

In what condition does the "soul" enter the body? Is the "soul" in a mature or immature state when it goes into its house of flesh? If it is mature, then the "soul" of a baby must be as perfect as the "soul" of an adult. If it is immature, then, evidently, the "soul" develops with the body and must therefore, decay with the body. If the "soul" is infantile when the body is infantile, if it is mature when the body is mature, then when the body is decrepit, the "soul" must be decrepit; and when the body perishes, the "soul" must perish with it.

In what condition does the "soul" enter its imaginary future state? At what point of its individual development will the bodiless "soul" pass its imaginary

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The Superstition of Immortality

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endless life? Will the infant "soul" always remain an infant "soul?" Will the "soul" of the childish old man always remain in a state of senile decay? Or will "souls" go on growing in the fabled heavens of superstition? If the infant "soul" goes on through childhood to middle age will it proceed through the sstages of senility and decay to death? If not, why not? Will its growth cease when it reaches its prime? If young "souls" grow older, will aged "souls' grow younger, until heaven is one throng of middle aged "souls."

Surely it should be perfectly plain to every rational mind that man has no "soul." There is no "soul" in the clock that makes it "go"—the clock goes itself. Similarly, there is no "soul" in man that makes him live—the man himself lives.

Had Men Such Things as Souls, All Animals Would Also Have Them.

Had man an immortal "soul" then all the lower animals would have had "souls" also. Evolution shows that no gap exists in the process of development between the lowest organic forms—the monera—and the highest—man. There is an unbroken continuity between man and the animal world, physically, mentally, and morally. Man is the paragon of animals. He differs from the subhuman in degree only, not in kind. There is a greater difference between the lowest man and the highest man than there is between the lowest man and the highest ape. If a human baby is immortal, why should not a baby monkey be immortal? A human infant cannot display more mental or moral capacity than an infant monkey.

Had man an immortal "soul," then would the lowest animals have it too. But as the lowest animals have no future life, neither has man.

One of the very few important true texts in the "Holy Bible," which is always overlooked by idolaters, is found in Ecclesiastes (3:19) "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath, so that man hath no pre-eminence above a beast." Man has evolved from the lower animals. Since practically all admit that the lower animals are not immortal while believing man to be immortal, when and how did he become so? When did man first become separated from the lower animals by so prodigious an attribute as immortality? Man, at the beginning of his career, is indistinguishable from the brutes. There must, then, have been a particular moment when he became immortal. Is it possible to conceive that the species were mortal one moment and immortal the next?

Brain and Mind.

Physiology demonstrates that death ends forever the mind and consciousness of every individual. Mind is the function of the brain. By means of the brain we think, and feel, and will. If thought is not the function of the brain, what is its function? Is the brain so much lumber to fill up a cavity in the skull? If the mind can exist as well without as with the brain, of what use is the brain?

If we can think forever after death without a brain, what excuse can idolaters give for their fictitious God wasting material, energy, and time in giving us a brain for only a few years?

Brain and Mind are Correlative.

Every psychic change has a corresponding physical change. Mental capacity depends upon the weight, volume, structure and condition of the brain. Compare the head of an idiot with that of a wise man. The brain difference between the two is the obvious cause of the mental difference. The most intelligent races have the finest brain organizations.

The mind develops with the development of the brain and ceases with the decay of the brain. The mind appears with the brain. As the brain develops the mind develops in strictest proportion. Thought is weakest in the first and second childhood of youth and old age. When the brain is infantile in the child the mind is infantile. When the brain is juvenile in the youth, the mind is juvenile. When the brain is mature in the adult, the mind is mature. When the brain is feeble in the aged, the mind is feeble. When the brain is diseased in the insane, the mind is deranged. When the brain is defunct in the dead the mind is defunct.

Mental activity is conditioned by the quantity and quality of the blood circulating in the brain. Stop the circulation of the blood in the brain and the mental faculty ceases instantly. Allow the current of blood to resume its course and the mental faculty is gradually restored. If the chemical composition of the blood is altered (as by imperfect aeration, or the absorption of noxious gases or liquids) the immediate effect is more or less derangement or complete abrogation of the mental faculty. Thus it is proved that the circulation of healthy blood in the brain is an indispensible condition to the existence and exercise of the mind. The result of numerous cases of accident, disease and experiment prove that mental faculty and brain function are only different names for the same thing. Thought is excited by stimulants such as coffee and tea. Feeling is excited by wine. The spirit a man gets from the saloon soon wrecks the spirit he is supposed to get from heaven. Thought is deadened by narcotics. Ether and chloroform deaden consciousness; when fainting it is re-animated by musk and camphor. A little vascular change, the dropping, for example, of a minute spicule of bone from the inner compartment of the skull onto the surface of the brain, may have the effect of changing a man of noble nature into a vicious and criminal character. How could these phenomena be possible if the mind were an immaterial entity independent of the brain?

Mind cannot be manifested when the activity of its organ, the brain, has ceased. The eyes, for instance, are the organs of sight If they are injured, the sight is proportionately impaired. If they are destroyed, the sight is destroyed. The brain is the organ of thought. If it is injured, the mind is proportionately injured. If the brain is destroyed. the mind is destroyed. To say that a man can think forever without a brain is as absurd as to say that he can see forever without eyes.

There is absolutely no evidence whatever of the existence of mind apart from the brain. When both sides of the brain are destroyed, the mind is annihilated. Death, then, must everlastingly end the individual mind and consciousnes

Death is the Law of the Universe.

The evidences against personal immortality are universal and conclusive. No where in the universe can man find an atom of competent support for the theory of eternal life. Nature itself has pronounced the sentence of eternal death on all living organisms. From her mandate in this there is no appeal. Even so eminent a superstitionist as Dr. Alfred R. Wallace, in a lecture entitled, "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" admits that "the universal teaching of science is that the entire race, with the world it inhabits, must sooner or later come to an end." There are many dead worlds and the countless myriads of worlds that now swim in the immensity of space will all have the same doom. In the face of these astronomical facts how absurd becomes the claim that man will enjoy the privilege of immortality—a privilege unknown throughout the universe.

For man to flatter himself that he is the one form of existence in the universe which is an exception from the general law of death, is an asssumption of stupendous conceit. With what vanity musst that man be consumed who deems his little life worthy of everlasting prolongation! In the light of astronomy, the superstition that death is not the end of man is the most audacious that ever entered the human imagination.

Ghosts.

Superstitionists of the spiritualistic kind allege that the ghosts of the dead are hovering round about us Further, believers in spiritualism say that the spirits of humanity's greatest dead can and do communicate with the living. How is it then that spiritualism has produced no classics and made no scientific discoveries? Shakespeare, for example, when living, wrote plays unsurpassed by any other genius. If his "spirit" can speak or write through "mediums" why does he not convince the world of his alleged continued life by producing another drama equal to Hamlet? No "ghost" however has ever yet written or spoken with the wisdom and beauty of a Shakespeare. If Darwin can "come back" why is it that his "ghost" has added no new truths to the science of evolution?

The only way in which we can communicate with the minds of the dead is by studying the works they wrote when they were alive. They will thus speak to us greater things than we could ever hear in a spirit "circle." If we are guided by the light of the discoveries made by the Church of Humanity we shall never be gulled by the darkness of the seance.

What acts of benevolence are performed by "ghosts?" Do the "ghosts" save the dying when human skill is helpless? Do the "ghosts" assist the suffering when they are ignored by human love?

Real help to humanity comes from the heads, the hands and the purse of the living. Man looks in vain for aid from the imaginary "ghosts" of the dead.

Spiritualists say that "ghosts" appear in clothing which looks similar to that which they wore before they shuffled off this mortal coil. Are we, then, to believe that there are "ghosts" of clothes as well as of bodies? Have hats and bonnets, coats and trousers, skirts and jackets, boots and stockings, "ghosts" or "spirits" or "souls?" Is it not quite clear that spiritualism, like witchcraft, is superstition?

Origin of the Superstition of a Future Life.

The erroneous belief in a future life originated in the ghost theory (or theory of a double) which was primitive man's interpretation of shadows, reflections and dreams. When the barbarian saw his reflection or shadow in the water, knowing nothing of the physical causes of those results, he thought that he was attended by a double. This idea was strengthened by the savage's dream experiences. In his dreams he engaged in activities similar to those in his waking life. He hunted, he fished, he feasted, he fought. These dream experiences were as real to him as those of his waking life. When he dreamed of an enemy whom he had perahps eaten, or of a dead relative he interpreted the dream as an actual visitation of the ghost of the departed enemy or relative. Then he learned from others that during his dreams his natural body was lying motionless. From this grew the notion of a wandering double, or other self, that goes away for a short time in dreams, and for a longer period in fevers, swoonings and trances. The double, at death, was believed to take its final departure into the shad-

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ow world. Thus the surrounding world was filled with shadowy doubles. The belief in ghosts thus generated has survived down to the present time.

The Desire to Meet Our Loved Dead.

The intense desire to meet our loved dead is one reason why many cherish the delusion of an after life. The wish is father to the thought. The bereaved heart cries out:

"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still"

The Church of Humanity in the presence of our deceased relatives and friends, teaches us not so much to regret when our loved are dead as to rejoice that they ever lived to sweeten and brighten our lives with their existence.

"'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all"

The realization that the present life is the only one we shall ever live should carry with it the serious admonition to prize more highly those we love and from whom we must part so soon, and to cherish more dearly the love that only lives on earth. Otherwise the memory of our mean actions and unkind words to the dead will, throughout life, torture us with the scorpion sting of an accusing consciencee.

Superstitionists' Arguments for Immortality.

I now propose to examine some of the chief arguemnts used to bolster up the superstition of immortality. One argument takes the following form:

"The desire for immortality is an instinct. Wherever there is an instinct there exists that which the instinct demands. For example, where there is hunger, somewhere there is food. As man has an instictive desire for immortality, there must be immortality."

Suppose for the sake of argument, this were granted, would it be evidence that the thing desired existed in infinite quantity? What is termed the "desire for immortality" is simply the desire for life. That which is desired—life—exists and is gratified by the possession and preservation of life. To suppose that the desire for life is a guarantee of an eternity is like supposing that the desire for food is an assurance of an infinite supply through life. Then the mere fact that we desire a thing is no evidence that we shall ever get it. We desire many things we never attain. Millions have desired intensely wealth, and health, and happiness but have never secured them. Many have desired their lives prolonged here and now, but no matter how intense the desire has been it has not added a single moment to their conscious existence. Why, then, should the desire to live hereafter in itself be a guarantee that the desire will be realized?

It is also urged that "it is consoling to believe that we shall enjoy hereafter a happiness which i denied us here." But the questio should not be "Is the doctrine of immortality comforting," but "Is it true?" Surely a bitter truth is preferable to a sweet lie.

There is no consolation in the orthodox Christian doctrine of a future life when rightly considered.

The immortality of Christianity means an immortality of pain in hell for the vast majority of mankind and an immortality of pleasure in heaven for the very few.

I would infinitely rather be instantaneously annihiliated than live forever in the Christian's fabled heaven with the eternal knowledge that even my worst enemy was suffering everlasting torture in the Christian's mythical hell.

If the superstition of immortality is so delightful, why are its believers so reluctant to leave this "vale of tears." Preachers of, and dreamers of, heaven are not anxious to hasten there. They are not eager to quit their earthly lodgings for their heavenly home. They remain as long as they can among the pomps and vanities of this wicked world.

If superstitionists are sure of so much happiness in their imagined heaven, why are they so reluctant to go there?

The object of the churches of superstition is happiness in a future life which can never be realized. The object of the Church o Humanity is happiness in the present, and only, life which can be realized when men and women work for earth as they have worked for heaven. It is contended that in this life virtue is not always rewarded and vice is not always punished; that, therefore, another life is necessary to compensate mankind for the injustice they suffer in this life.

But because an imaginary "God" does not right the wrong here and now, is that any assurance that he will do so hereafter? If idolaters are so blasphemous as to infer that "God" fails to secure justice in this life, I dare be so blasphemous as to assert that this mythical deity will fail to secure justice in the supposed future life. If a just God existed the present life of man would be free from vice and crime.

The fiction of a future life to redress the wrongs of the present life does not explain, it merely evades, the difficulty. The question is not so much the continuance or redress of evil as its existence. If it could be demonstrated that all evil will be fully compensated for hereafter, the question is still unsolved. How can the existence of evil be reconciled with the supposed existence of infinite goodness? If pain goes, the crime of its introduction remains. Compensation may make amends, but it can never undo. An eternity of bliss would not obliterate the fact that evil has been.

Then, if man is to have a future life in which to be compensated for the wrongs of the present life, every insect, fish, reptile, bird and beast that is injured or killed by its fellows or by man should be entitled to a future life for the same reason .

The Church of Humanity teaches that as wrongs cannot be righted hereafter, we must, therefore, right them here and now, so far as is in our power to do so, and refrain from committing them unnecessarily. There is no heaven of happiness in the skies; we must, therefore build one on the earth.

A further defense of the immortality superstition is that the belief is one of all ages and of all countries, and must therefore, be true.

But the universality and antiquity of a belief does not establish its truth. History affords numerous instances of beliefs which were universal, yet erroneous, as for instance, the belief in a flat earth, witchcraft, astrology and alchemy.

Then it is contended that there can be no morality without the belief in immortality; that virtue is not beautiful unless it be immortal.

But the most beautiful things in the world are mortal. The innocence of childhood the charm o maidenhood, the majesty of womanhood—these things do not las forever, but they are none the les beautiful. If falsehood were eternal, would it therefore, be beautiful.

Life should be judged by its quality rather than by its quantity; by its depth rather than its length.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most—feels the noble acts the best."

It is said, too, that if there be no future life the present life is not worth living. I can best show the shallowness of this contention by an illustration. A man invited a number of people to a banquet. Just before the meal began, he refused to eat. The company inquired of him the reason. One asked: "Don't you feel well?" The host answered, "I never felt better." Another one said, "Perhaps the food is not to your taste." The man replied, "They are my favorite dishes." Yet another enquired: May, be you don't care for the guests?' The man rejoined, "They are my best friends" "Then," the part. asked, "why won't you eat." The host answered: "Unless I am absolutely certain that I shall have another dinner tomorrow, I refuse to partake of this one." You would say that such a man was a fool. The person who refuses to enjoy the present life unless he is assured of a future one is just as foolish.

This life is the only one we can ever live. That knowledge should cause us to get out of it the greatest possible amount of happiness for ourselves and our fellows.

Superstitionists' Conduct versus Their Creed.

Even superstitionists sometimes have doubts about a future life. Think of the sorrow they show when death robs them of some one near and dear. They exhibit the same signs of grief as those who know that there is no life to come. Are we not forced to conclude that they do not believe what they profess with their lips, or that the promises of superstition fail when they are most needed?

If superstitionists really believe that their dead friends have gone from suffering to an eternal happiness, which they themselves hope at some time to share, instead of weeping they should rejoice. But the humanity of their hearts belie the superstition of their heads.

Death Ends Life.

There is no gainsaying this great scientific discovery that death ends life forever. This important truth strikes at the very root of religious superstitions. As there can be no future life for man, it follows of necessity that there is no heaven, no purgatory, no hell. Souls, spirits, ghosts, devils and angels do not exist

The Curse of the Immortality Superstition.

The superstition of immortality, has been, and is, one of humanity's greatest curses. It has prevented people from making the best use of the present life.

It has paralyzed secular effort. The people have been threatened by the nightmare of hell and bribed by the dream of heaven. By drugging the masses with the hope of a future life, priestcraft has been better able to exploit them. They have been intoxicated with the delusion of future compensation for present suffering. The result is that they have been induced to remain content with misery and wrong here under the promise of joy and justice hereafter. For the sake of mansions in the sky, they have lived in hovels on earth. For the sake of heavenly robes they have worn earthly rags. For the sake of celestial food they have fed on terrestial crusts. They have been gulled by the fortune tellers of superstition.

If the time, wealth and energy that have been frittered away on an imaginary heaven had been devoted to the material improvement of mankind, this earth would now be a grander heaven than ever entered into the imagination of any superstitionist.

If the people were as anxious to rear a heaven here as they are to reach a fabulous one hereafter; if they were as eager to rescue bodies from the real hells of this life as they are to rescue "souls" from the unreal hell of the fictitious next life, then the world would indeed be a paradise. But when millions of men, women, and children are ill fed, ill clad, ill housed and ill educated, it is a cruel mockery to deceive them with dreams of future bliss that can never come true.

There is no future life. Then why should we delude ourselves and others with false fears of hell and hollow hopes of heaven? The only hell to escape is the hell of idolatry and superstition, vice and crime, ignorance and disease, poverty and pain in this world. The only heaven to hope for is the heaven of truth, goodness, and purity on this earth and in this life.

Why should we sacrifice the certain present for an imaginary future?

Those people who prate most about living forever are not able

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to live even one day wisely, intelligently and well.

We should provide for the life to come tomorrow, not the imaginary life to come after our death.

When man learns the truth tha he has no spiritual nature, then he will aim at the fullest possible development of his physical, mental and moral nature.

Happiness Here and Now.

One of the facts upon which the Church of Humanity is firmly founded is that the present life is the only one we shall ever live. The concerns of this life are quite sufficient to engage the energies of man without speculating about an impossible after life. Here, in this world; now, in this life; there is enough to satisfy the heart's deepest hunger and to quench the brain's keenest thirst.

The earthly paradise of home, the love of a good woman the mu sic of healthy childhood's joyous laughter, the handgrasps of frien ship, the truths of science, the beauties of nature and of art—these things make life well worth living, although beyond the grave there is naught but annihilation, eternal and complete.

There is no other life but this. We should, therefore, concentrate our heads and hands and hearts upon it with the object of securing the greatest possible amount of happiness for every man, woman and child.

A Biblical writer states the following secular truth in Ecc. 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest"

True Immortality.

The race persists, but not the individual. The only true immortality we can desire is to live on in the lives of those we leave behind us at death.

Physically, mentally and morally we are, to a great extent, what our ancestors have made us. They live again in us. In like manner we are making the character of our descendants. We shall live again in them We should, therefore, cultivate the best within us and suppress the worst, so that we can bequeath to generations yet unborn a richer heritage of truth, goodness and beauty than we inherited from the generations which preceded us.

The Hour of Death.

A person who has lived without hypocrisy can die without fear. A moral, healthy minded man or woman will desire death when it comes just as naturally as we all desire sleep at the close of the day. Why should dying be worse than being born? When our hea rests upon its last pillow; when we gaze for the last time into the love lit eyes of near and dear ones; when we feel the last hand grasp of friendship; when around our neck is placed the arm of the one closest to our heart; when in our ear is whispered the final words of affection; and when on our lips is pressed love's last, most sacred kiss; the consciousness that throughout our life we endeavored to flood minds with the light of truth and fill hearts with the warmth of kindness, will give us deeper peace than any superstition and aid us to greet with joy death's dreamless, everlasting sleep.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

No. 28.

DEAR COMRADES: Our National Instructor and Organizer, Mr. Ward, will take passage for America on January 29, and I expect him here to begin service for our church in about ten days from that date. I wish to make the following requests of you:

1. That you try to have his salary of $1100.00 for a year all raised by cash and pledges by the time he arrives. That will be the best and heartiest welcome you can give him, and I ask that all join in helping to extend this material welcome and show that you appreciate his coming and his services in your behalf You can all judge by his articles in our paper that he thoroughly understands the truths our church is based on, and that he is able to teach them in that manly, convincing way that will win the respect and confidence of all who wish to know these important discoveries in nature.

2. That all of you who possibly can will duplicate Comrade Stapleton's offer of $25.00, hall and board for Mr. Ward's services if he can come and give a series of lectures and try to form a local church in your town. Comrade Dr. C .H. Mordoff, of Genoa Illinois, offers to duplicate it if Mr. Ward can go there. Send in such offers and I will book them in the order received. I wish at least 25 of you would send in such offers to be booked by the time Mr. Ward arrives. That would be another glad welcome to extend him and one that would be happy surprise. When he comes we will prepare blanks for the applications and charters for the branch churches, and provide that ten members anywhere can be organized into a local church. One of the number can be elected reader and fill the place of instructor by reading our official literature selected and prepared for that purpose.

3. That we all do our very best to make 1910 a banner year in the propaganda work of our church, and see how many cnurches we can get established in this year. These articles of Mr. Ward's would be splendid reading in our churches, and it is always a pleasure to listen to a good reader. Then the many good points he brings out could be discussed and confirmed by the members.

4. That you all pay up your back subscription and annual dues promptly so that I can use it in pushing the propaganda work from headquarters as vigorously as possible. I want to publish many tohusands of extra copies of the paper for Mr. Ward to distribute free at his meetings, and also a lot of pamphlets and leaflets. The more money you furnish for propaganda work the more and better work Mr. Ward and I can do and the greater will be the success of your church.

5. That you buy and distribute all the papers you can. If you had a few hundred of this and last month's papers to circulate among your neighbors you would get some of them to aid you in an effort to get Mr. Ward to come and lecture for you and form a local church. Mr. Ward will keep you posted in his work in the field through the church paper, and you should place your order in advance for a bundle each month for free distribution. You can get them that way at the rate of 2sc for 100 copies. There is no other way possible to deneathenize, or unheathenize, the people, except by teaching them the discoveries our church made that God is a myth and death the end of life forever.

From the lowest criminals to the highest state officials the people will ever remain nothing but superstitious idolaters, and will force their heathenism on your children and mine by state power operating through some organization. You know the conditions. You know the only remedy. You know your duty. Then do it promptly and willingly if you wish to stop and prevent the heathenizing of your children and others.

Application for Membership in the Church of Humanity.

W. H Kerr, President Church of Humanity, Great Bend, Kansas.

Dear Sir: Having learned the great modern discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity that all Gods, Devils, Holy Ghosts, Souls, Spirits, heaven and hell are fabulous and death the end of all personal conscious life forever; and having renounced forever the belief in the reality of such things and places, and the worship of a God under any name whatsoever; I hereby apply for a certificate of graduation in the Knowledge of these Discoveries and Life Membership in the Church of Humanity, and promise to aid all I reasonably can in its propaganda work.

Name .....

Age .....

Address .....

Great Bend's Opportunity.

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FELLOW CITIZENS: The marvelous inventions and discoveries of our generation is upsetting many long established methods and ideas and ideals People hardly get accustomed and adjusted to a modern wonder in the domain of invention or discovery until a greater is produced or discovered. It is not necessary for me to enumerate them here. You old and middle aged people, whom I am addressing, know many of them. I only wish now to call your attention to the greatest discoveries of them all. Discoveries that undermine all religions of earth, and proves false all ideas of life, the earth and the universe taught by them. Discoveries that change the entire aspect of life and requires the most radical change in the teaching of all educational societies to put them in harmony and accord with them. Discoveries which at once brings us most abruptly into full view of an entirely new life, world and universe in which there is no God, no Devil, no heaven, no hell, no souls, no angels, no spirits, No Christ, no Holy Ghost, no resurrection of the dead, no immortality.

With all of these characters and places and conditions discovered to be nonexisting we, indeed, find ourselves to be living in a new and strange world from what we were taught we inhabited.

In the light of these marvelous discoveries of God being a myth and death the end of life forever, we see with amazement that the religious teachings of the world which are mistaken for the civilizing of it are, in reality, heathenizing it. Instead of the State forcing the children in the public schools to worship God under the belief that it is civilizing them, the State should make it a penitentiary offense for any teacher to teach a child to believe in the existence of a God or a future life. Such a reversal of procedure is made necessary by these most wonderful of all the wonderful discoveries in our generation. When you learn them to be true, as I have done, you will stand up with me and the Church of Humanity and demand such a law and fight for it. You will then under no circumstances allow public school teachers who can not or will not learn these discoveries to heathenize your children after you have sacrificed so much to give them a sound practical education and a true view of the world they must live in. School teachers of all grades must be compelled to learn these greatest of all modern discoveries or to give way to those who can in the interest of civilization. You will then withdraw all your support and attendance from idolatrous churches engaged in heathenizing the people and transfer it to those engaged in unheathenizing them. Clergymen who can not or will not learn these discoveries and teach them, must give way to those who can and will in the interest of civilization. This evolution of the church to conform to these discoveries must take the same course as industrial evolutions take that has advanced us so rapidly in material progress. The driver of the old stage coaches across these prairies who could not learn to drive a steam engine across them lost his job and had to get out of the way of those who could. The driver of the horse car who could not learn to drive an electric car in our cities lost his job and had to get out of the way of those who could. The farmer who could not learn to use the binder and the header and steam thresher in harvesting the grain, lost his job and had to get out of the way with his reap-hook and flail or be run over by the procession of those who were keeping up with the evolution of machinery. The candle maker, who could not make us an incandescent light lost his job. When the eye of man once beheld the brighter light, a mighty world-wide shout went up accompanied with millions of dollars, "Let there be light," and behold, we have light. These few illustrations are only samples of the evolutions going on in inventions and discoveries that is transforming our world from a slave and slaughter den of savages into a real paradise.

Amid these mighty evolutions and transformations it cannot be expected that religions and churches founded on errors by barbarians ages ago can possibly escape. When the mental eye of man once beholds our life, and world and universe as these scientific discoveries reveals them to be, there will soon arise another mighty world-wide shout accompanied with billions of dollars "Let there be light" and behold, there will be light for every man, woman and child on these greatest of all questions—What is God? and what becomes of us at death? Progressive people who move the world along to higher planes of civilization, will absolutely refuse to remain in the darkness of heathen idolatry and superstition when they once see the glorious light of truth. As in the material and industrial evolutions so it will be in the educational. Those who cannot learn and teach these discoveries in the place of errors, will lose their job or be run over by the advancing procession. They are even now marked for the old junk pile of human direlicts along the pathway from monera to civilized man. No supreme court of Kansas or any other state will then be allowed to block the pathway to civilization by forcing you to heathenize your children through the public schools.

You will soon have the first opportunity in your lives to see and hear the practical evolution of the church and clergyman to conform to the requirements of modern civilization made necessary by these wonderful discoveries.

The Church of Humanity is based on them with the direct object of unheathenizing the people through their promulgation. Prof Ward, our National Lecturer and Organizer was once a clergyman. All turn out and see and hear what these discoveries has made necessasry for your own church and clergyman to teach.

Financi Report of the Church of Humanity from Date of Organization, June 7, 1908, to January 1, 1910

In treasury on date of organization subject to check	$ 152 70
RECEIPTS	
On subscription	$ 79 63
Bundle orders	13 85
Membership Dues	131 00
Membership fees	27 00
Donations	91 35
Received on Ward's salary	58 95
Total Receipts	$ 401 18
DISBURSEMENTS	
Printing 100,000 papers	$ 446 50
Paid on Ward's salary	250 00
Stationery and postage	102 17
All other propaganda expenses	261 70
Total disbursements	$1060 37
Deficit in eighteen months	$ 659 19

Withdrawing $750 from the college investment to place in the propaganda fund leaves $750 invested in the preparatory college and $243 51 in the treasury.

W. H. KERR,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Roll of Honor.

Cash and pledges on Ward's salary previously acknowledged	$ 333 95
James L. McVey, East Liverpool, O.	10 00
W. W. Walcott, Lyons, Kansas	5 00
" " " paid	2 00
Miss Josephine Kerr, paid	5 00
Minna Everleigh, Chicago, paid	5 00
Jefferson Stoner, Des Moines, Ia	5 00
R. Vogel, Iowa City	5 00
W. W. Hensley, Howard, Kansas, monthly, payable quarterly	1 00
Total cash and pledged -	371 95
Balance to be raised -	728 05

Please send in cash or pledge on Ward's salary, and try to have it all raised by the time he gets here, which will be about the 10th of February, as he leaves Liverpool for America on January 29.

W. H. KERR, Great Bend, Kansas.

I hereby pledge $..... payable on demand, on Mr. Ward's salary for 1910.

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Set Forth in its Organic Laws–Articles of Incorporation, Preamble and Constitution–Rules and Methods Adopted For the Propoganda

Proclamation Calling the Organization Convention–Address to the Delegates–History of the Movement and Instructions to the Delegates by the International Instructor and Organizer.

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Formal Organization and Incorporation.

The national delegate convention of the Church of Humanity to formally organize and incorporate it into a national propaganda society was successful.

The following delegates to represent the Church of Humanity were present:

J. W. Stapleton, Chula, Mo.; Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; G. M. Kerr, Ingalls, Kan.; Wm. E. Gates, Shirley, Ill.; T. V. White, R. 2, Great Bend, Kan.; J. J. Herman, Blue Springs, Mo.; Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.; Wm. R. Adams, Hooker, Oklahoma; Mary Belle Markel, Claflin Kan.; H. M. Fisk, Pella, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. C. Rathburn, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.

The convention was held in our proposed college building in which the church has an interest. Two sessions a day were held for three days. The first session was called to order by W. H. Kerr shortly after 10 a. m., June 7. W. H. Kerr was elected temporary chairman, and William E. Gates secretary. The chairman read the following address, which was adopted as the object of the convention:

Address to the Convention.

"Comrades and Fellow Delegates of the Church of Humanity in national convention assembled: We have gatl ered here for the specific object of incorporating and organizing this society into a national propaganda society for the promulgation of its discoveries in Nature, that immaterial, intelligent beings do not exist, and that death is the permanent cessation of all conscious life.

"We have assembled here to do this duty for the Church of Humanity under the call of the following proclamation:

Proclamation for Place and Time of Organization.

"'Having received enough votes to indicate that a large majority of the members of the Church of Humanity wish their formal organizing and incorporating convention held in Great Bend, Kansas, on June 7, 1908, I hereby proclaim that to be the place and time of said convention, and declare each member over 21 years of age to be eligible as a delegate to said convention to represent said church equally with all other delegates present. This convention is to formally organize and incorporate the Church of Humanity by adopting articles of incorporation, a constitution and by-laws for its guidance and government and elect such officers, committees and boards as may be deemed necessary. The society will be bound by the acts of its delegates in this convention, and I invite and urge all members to be present as delegates who possibly can be.

W. H. KERR,
Temporary Instructor and Organizer of the Church of Humanity.'"

"Having convened you for specific purposes it seems proper to give a brief historical sketch of our society, and outline the work to be done by you. Through experience, observation and investigation I made the discovery in Nature many years ago, that immaterial, intelligent beings do not exist, and that conscious individual life ceases forever at death. Failure to find anyone who knew these facts, or to persuade anyone to teach them, I finally rented my farm and moved to town to begin the task myself. In the spring of 1903 I published a booklet, which I presume you have all read, announcing the discovery. In December of the same year I began the publication of a monthly paper, through which to teach my discoveries, and organized the people who learned them into a special society to teach them to the people until they are known and accepted by all our race. Then some people wrote to me saying that they had made the same discoveries, and some of the older ones claimed to have done so before I was born.

Nothing pleased me better than to find such people except to find more of them. In justice to all claimants for the honor of making these great discoveries I then planned to find and enroll one thousand of them as original discoverers, and organize them into a propaganda society to make them known and accepted by others so they would be perpetuated to save people the trouble of discovering them in order to know them. But after five years of diligent search by publication and advertising in publications most likely to be read by such people, I concluded there were not so many people knowing the English language who had made these discoveries. I then reduced the limit to organize with to 250, and called for votes of the comrades on the place and time of holding their national organizing convention, and invited all over 21 years of age to attend the convention as delegates to formally incorporate and organize themselves into a propaganda society to make their discoveries known and accepted by all people. Owing to the great distance, old age of many, sickness of some and poverty of others only a few delegates could come to organize the society. And while I regret that more could not attend to participate in the work, yet the few who are here can fully represent the entire church membership and organize and incorporate them into a national propaganda society. Many have written to me expressing their deep regret at not being able to attend and take part in this convention. They expressed thei hopes and wishes for harmony and success, and their confidence in the ability of the fortunate few who could attend to do the best thing for all. And so I caution you to remember while engaged in this organization work, that you represent all your absent comrades as well as yourselves in your votes on all questions. You will be expected to abide faithfully by the laws and rules you adopt, and fulfill every obligation you place on yourselves, and that you will not place any burdens on your absent comrades that you would not fulfill were you in their places.

The duties you place on members should be uniform, but so graduated to throw a proportional duty on all according to the financial ability of each. The duty placed upon you delegates by the society is now to be done. You are each entitled to express your views and vote on all questions that come before the convention. Observe the rules of order vote your best judgment and submit gracefully to majority rule if it goes against you.'"

Communications to the convention were then read. Committee on credentials appointed and adjournment taken until 3 p. m.

At the second session Comrade Emil Fredrich was elected permanent chairman of the convention and Wm. E. Gates permanent secretary.

Without going into the detail work of each session the following work was accomplished:

1. Articles of incorporation adopte, and application for a charter, under the laws of Kansas, made to the State Charter Board composed of the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the state bank commissioner.

2. A constitution adopted and a board of directors elected to hold title in trust to the property of the Church of Humanity and have general supervision of its propaganda work.

The charter was received in due time and provides:

First—That the name of this corporation shall be the Church of Humanity.

Second—That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are to teach the two discoveries in Natural Science that no immaterial, intelligent beings exist in the universe, and that individual, conscious life ceases forever at death; organize and charter local propaganda societies of people who learn them; publish a per iodical and other literature teaching

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The members of the C. of H. should request some one to notify the editor in case of death.

The annual membership dues to the parent church is $1.00 in advance for all members over 16 years of age. They should be sent the treasurer W. H. Kerr, on the anniversary of the date of their membership certificate. Dues of all members at the time of formal organization date from June 1, 1908, and are due on June 1 of each year. Dues should be paid promptly by all members.

Base and Object of the Church of Humanity

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these discoveries; maintain a college for the preparation of teachers and instructors; provide and maintain lecturers and organizers; receive fees dues, assessments, donations, endowments and bequests and administer the same for the Church of Humanity.

Third—That the place where its business is to be transacted is at Great Bend, Kansas.

Fourth—That the term for which this corporation is to exist is fifty years.

Fifth—That the number of directors of this corporation shall be seven and the names and residence of those appointed for the first year are: W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.; Mrs. Ella P. Hunt, Moline, Kan.; Mrs. Mary Belle Markel, Claflin, Kan.; J. O. C. Rathbun, Great Bend, Kan.; Emil Fredrich, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; John M. Herman, Scotia, Neb.

Sixth—That the Church of Humanity is not a stock company.

The preamble to the constitution reads:

"We the undersigned citizens of the United States, and in a broader sense, of the world, representing the Church of Humanity in national delegate convention assembled, in order to teach systematically and efficiently the two discoveries in natural science that no immaterial intelligent beings exist in the universe and that individual conscious life ceases forever at death, that our posterity in particular, and the world in general may be rescued and preserved from the idolatry of fabulous Gods and the superstition of continuous conscious life do ordain and establish this constitution for its guidance and government."

Constitution of the Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE I.

Name—The name of this educational society shall be The Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE II.

Object—The object of The Church of Humanity is to rescue and preserve the people from the idolatry of fabulous Gods and belief in conscious life surviving death by a systematic and efficient method of teaching them the two discoveries in natural science that immaterial intelligent beings do not exist in the universe, and that death is the permanent cessation of organic life.

ARTICLE III.

Membership. All people who learn the two discoveries that all Gods are myths and death the end of conscious life forever are eligible for membership in the Church of Humanity.

ARTICLE IV.

Methods of Propaganda.

Section 1. To publish a periodical and other literature teaching the discoveries that all Gods are myths, and life ends at death.

Sec. 2. To provide and maintain lecturers and organizers to teach these discoveries and organize the people who learn them into local propaganda societies, and to provide, hold and maintain all buildings and real estate necessary for the business of this organization.

ARTICLE V.

Methods of Financing the Educational Work.

Section 1. A membership fee of one dollar shall be requested of all members

Sec. 2. All members over sixteen years of age shall be requested to pay one dollar a year in advance into the national treasury of the Church.

Sec. 3. Donations, endowments and bequests shall be solicited to carry on and expand the educational work of the Church.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of The Church of Humanity shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all national conventions and perfrom all duties usually pertaining to such office.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside in the absence of the president.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a record of all proceedings of the church, enroll the names of new members, issue certificates, attend to the official correspondence of the society, receive the funds of the church and disburse them on order of the proper authority and at the annual convention give a full report of all receipts and disbursements and turn over the books and funds on hand to his successor.

ARTICLE VII.

Board of Directors—A board of seven directors shall be elected at each annual convention in which the title to all the property of the national organization shall be held and which shall have general supervision of the propaganda work.

ARTICLE VIII.

Expenditures—The expenditures of the national organization shall be limited to the money in the treasury.

ARTICLE IX.

Annual Meeting—The Church of Humanity shall meet in national delegate convention annually at such time and place as previously determined by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments—This constitution may be amended at any national delegate convention of the Church of Humanity by two-thirds of the votes of the delegates present.

W. H. Kerr was elected president, Emil Fredrich vice-president and Mary Belle Markel secretary-treasurer. W. H. Kerr was elected chairman of the board of directors, and the convention adjourned subject to call by the board of directors. The board then held an executive session and elected W. H. Kerr editor of the official paper, and W. H. Kerr, William E. Gates and Mrs. J. M. Herman a committee on literature. Owing to the distance to the central office (28 miles) and to her home duties as a farmer's wife, which made it impossible to do the duties required, Mrs. Markel resigned as secreatry-treasurer. That will throw all the work on myself until some arrangements can be made to get a helper.

MEANS TO HELP HIS DADDY.

In the Service of The Church of Humanity.

On receiving his certificate of membership in the Church of Humanity, Prof. Ward's little son, ten years old, writes the following letter of acknowledgement and greeting to his little comrades in America:

"8 Haverstock Road, Fairfield, Liverpool, England, January 4, 1910.

Dear W. H. Kerr:—I thank you very much for your kind letter and certificate. I know that there is no God just as I know there is no Father Christmas and I also know that death is the end of each one's life for always. I shall tell this to all the boys and girls I know. When I grow up I mean to help my daddy in working for our Church. I salute my little comrades in America.

Very truly yours,
PERCY N. WARD."

In reply I mailed our little comrade the following:

"Master Nowell:—Your very good and sensible letter arrived with your father's on the 19th inst. I shall publish it in our next church paper as a model of knowledge and aim in life for your little American comrades to pattern after. You know the truth about the greatest subects that ever engaged the attention of our race—truths that no president of the United States knew or that any heads of nations know now.

I congratulate you on acquiring such wonderful knowledge so young, and in your resolution to become a teacher of it like your father. I am glad that you have moral courage to tell it to the little boys and girls now That will give practical experience in teaching these great discoveries and be of vast benefit to you in teaching men and women when you grow up. I hope to live to see you able to teach kings and presidents and emperors these wonderflu discoveries.

Your admirer,
W. H. KERR."

Some may think it improbable that a child his age should know these truths when they are not known by so many scientists, educators and rulers of nations. But there is nothing absurd about it. Many children his age, and younger, are learning truths and how to operate machinery that millions of adults never knew, or ever can learn to do. That is the way our race progresses in acquiring knowledge. It will be the duty of the Church of Humanity to establish Sunday Schools in connection with its local churches for the special purpose of teaching these truths to children as soon as they are old enough to go to school. When all children are taught these discoveries, thrones and presidential chairs will then soon be freed from idolatrous occupants through being filled in time by these children. This thought should be a great stimulant to our members to interest themselves in establishing branch churches and Sunday schools everywhere.

Let us all extend a hearty welcome to our little comrade and hope that he will stick to his resolution to serve our church, and prepare to become a great teacher and organizer in it. We want hundreds of bright boys to join the Church of Humanity and make such commendable resolutions. Their parents should make vows to themselves and to their church that they will raise and prepare them for service in this church as many idolatrous parents vow to their imaginary God that they will raise up their sons to be teachers of idolatry and superstition. In this way they can become very efficient factors in bringing about the evolution of "the church" from a false to a true scientific foundation, and thus change it from a heathenizing to a civilizing institution All who desire this evolution of the church should unite with the Church of Humanity and aid it all they can both actively and financially in its propaganda work.

SAMPLES OF ENCOURAGING LETTERS FROM THE COMRADES.

A Woman Gives Aid and Encouragement.

From Minna Everleigh, Chicago, Ill.

W. H. Kerr: My Dear Sir—Enclosed find $5.00 from an ardent believer in your attempt to put down superstition and idolatry. In your paper, "The Truth About God and Life," never in my life have I read an article so peerlessly analytical, so fearlessly sincere, nor arguments so unanswerable as H. Percy Ward's article in Vol. 4, No. 11, Dec. 1909.

I trust that you can engage the services of this gifted man. Such pens as his are inspired by Reason, which in time will slay all bug-a-boos called Gods. Accept my sincere congratulations upon your own gifted pen. Enclosed find $2.00 for which send me eight copies of your paper from the time my present subscription for the same number expires. I send them to relatives and friends in various states. Wishing you success with sincere good will and cordial co-operation in the teaching of the truths which I have cherished since the age of 17, for now 18 years; and believing this world will be a better place for men to live in when humanity recognizes there is but one life for mortals and that this world is the only planet we'll ever dwell on.

My sister, Aida Everleigh, shares my views and joins with me in expressing admiration of H. Percy Ward's analization of Gods.

Offers a Quarterly Payment.

From W. W. Hensley, Howard, Kan.

W. H. Kerr: Dear Sir—I am well pleased with Mr. Ward's lecture in your last issue. It is multum in parvo If he proves to be honest and takes well and wears well we can afford to pay him well. Please send me ten or fifteen copies of that issue.

P. S. Since finishing reading the paper, I will pay $1.00 a month until further notice, to be paid quarterly, first payment April 1st, 1910.

Believes Brother Ward Will Make Good.

From W. W. Walcott, Lyons, Kan.

W. H. Kerr: Dear Sir—I have been patiently waiting (with no doubt more patience than you'd deem commendable) to see if Mr. Ward would size up to the full measure of your expectations and my hopes and desires ere deciding whether to longer spend my substance (I am a poor man but one who takes great onterest in the struggle) on what had long appeared as a hopeless case. It seemed to me utterly useless to longer expect to find one in every way competent to champion such astounding declarations as "no God" and "no future life" and at the same time one whose whole thought and energy would be centered in the work. But I am inclined to believe that Brother Ward will not only "make good," but that he will prove a joy forever to all lovers of humanity.

I am enclosing amount to cover my delinquencies and two dollars toward assisting friend Ward to get started, and will pledge five dollars more to be paid later on if greatly needed. I feel sure Mr. Ward will present the tenets of the Church of Humanity in such a logical broad-minded way as to carry conviction and inspire enthusiasm to the extent of soon putting our crusade on a self-supporting basis. If all our members will do all they possibly can and do it promptly, there's no doubt in my mind that friend Ward will as prompt ly astonish them, and a portion of the outside world as well, with his achievements.

Find enclosed also 25 cents for copies of December number of T. A. G. & L., for distribution.

Will Duplicate Comrade Stapleton's Offer for Ward's Services.

From C. H. Mordoff, M. D., Genoa, Illinois.

My Dear Comrade: I do not know how much I am in arrears. Please let me know. Enclosed find one dollar for dues or paper

I will duplicate Comrade Stapleton's offer of $25.00 if Comrade Ward will come here at as early a date as possible and form a society. Will also get a hall and take care of him. Comrade Ward seems to be the sound est kind of timber for our building. Send me fifteen to twenty five copies per month.

(I want all the comrades who possibly can, to apply for Prof. Ward's services as these two have done. Give him a chance to establish churches in every state and town and nieghborhood where the Church of Humanity has a member.—Editor.)

Helpers, Not Watchers, Wanted.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 24, 1910.

W. H. Kerr: Dear Sir—Enclosed find 50 cents—25 cents for renewal of your highly appreciated paper and 25 cents for copies of December and January papers. I want to send some

of them to newspapers in this section I fully side with Mr. H. P. Ward, having believed his way for years. Don't fool yourselves about the several million of Freethinkers of the United States. Ninety per cent of them believe your way, but all are not in shape at present to fight against superstition. These things have to be done by degrees. In the meantime I am proud of your and Ward's bravery. You are the advance guard of our crowd, and a great many will watch with the best feeling and hopes for your success.

M. SPIEGELBERG.

Mr. Spiegelberg should consider a few points vital to our success if his wishes and hopes for it are really sincere. They are,

First, that mere watchers are of no help whatever, regardless of their good wishes and hopes for the success of any cause. What we need is helping members. The promoters of every industrial undertaking always call for helpers—those who can do the work and those who can furnish the money to pay for it. None of them call for watchers. When public works are to be erected there is always a call for helpers to do the work and to do the paying for it. Watchers are not wanted, they are in the way and are generally ordered to move on as they are often a nuisance and a hinderance. When a public building in which a community dwells is found to have been built on quicksand through mistake and must be moved to a firm foundation there is a call for helpers to do the work and for money to pay them for doing it. Watchers who refuse to contribute anything but hopes and wishes, and are too indolent to even move themselves, are of no aid whatever, but are dead weights that make the task so much harder for the movers of the structure. I am promoting the evolution o f "the church," in which our race mentally dwells from a foundation composed of errors, fables, myths, idolatry and superstition to a firm foundation of scientific truths. The foundation is completed. The structure is ready for the people to move into. I want helpers to move the people from the idolatrous churches to the ideal church—from the churches based on the quick sands of error to one based on infallible truths of nature—from ancien heathen churches to a modern civilized one. What are the "several millions of Freethinkers in the United States" doing to aid me? Why, "a great many will watch with the best feeling and hopes for your success." What possible aid is that to me? If that is all the aid the several million of freethinkers can give me, it isn't worth the paper I am writing it on. It wouldn't pay the postage at second class rates on one copy of our paper to enlighten a college president. It wouldn't pay Prof. Ward's car fare for one rod on the field of action, nor for a crust when he is hungry, nor for a lodging when his day's work is done nor for a shroud when his life's service is ended. I want those millions of watching Free thinkers to become helpers. I want them to aid in the evolution of the church by first moving themselves and their families into this new, modern church that we have erected on a true foundation for all people of earth. Then I want 100,000 of them to get into atcion and aid Comrade Ward in showing the people the rotten condition of the foundations of their churches and the sound condition of that of the C. of H., and help him to persuade, exhort and induce the people to come to this church, or to repair the foundations of their own by putting the same truths in them we have in ours, and casting out the myth and fable, idolatry and superstition they now rest on. Then I want the balance of those "millions of Freethinkers" to dig up cash in addition to "best feeling and hopes" to pay these workers for their services. Then the workers will have something they can swap for the necessaries of life to sustain themselves while evoluting "the church."

Until those millions of Freethinkers conclude to aid me in this practcial way, I shall not regard their professions of hopes and wishes for my success as being sincere. I am an intensely practical man, and can use only practical aid in accomplishing practical results. That is one reason my mother never could get me to be very enthusiastic in my prayers to her God for aid when a child. She told me about his loving care being over all things so thoroughly that a sparrow could not fall without his loving eye seeing it. But as I observed he did not prevent the cause of its fall nor catch it on its way down, nor provide a soft spot for it to fall on, I concluded that his loving watchfulness was of no practical value to the sparrow, and that it would fare no worse without it. She told me of his loving care for children But as I read in the newspapers of children who were murdered and drowned and burned to death and killed in countless other ways, I concluded that his loving care for them was of no practical use and that they could fare no worse without it. Through this way of comparing my observations, experiences and investigations with my mother's idolatrous teaching I, in time, discovered the truth that God was simply a myth like Santa Claus, implanted in my mother's mind by ignorant, superstitions idolators.

Likewise the millions of Freethinkers, who have "best feelings and hopes," for my success, whom Mr. Spiegelberg says exist, are only in his mind. They are not realities. I see no proof of it in any of the Free thought publications, but do see much hostility and opposition in some of them.

Second. That reserves are of no practical value to the "advance guard" unless they can be called in to action when wanted to support it. The "advance guard" is now going into action. The odds against it are appalling. Two thousand million idolaters with the entire wealth of the world and all governments and societies and educational institutions and millions of hired teachers of idolatry and superstition are solidly arrayed on one side against one little man, Prof. Ward, with truth as his weapon on the other side. When did the world ever witness such on unequal contest? Those millions who are hoping to see Comrade Ward win and are doing nothing to aid him should be so thoroughly ashamed of their cowardly and miserly natures that they will resolve to come at once to his aid in a practical way.

Third. That they are in as good "shape" now, if they know the truth, as they ever can be to "fight against superstition." There is really no "fighting" to be done. The only aid we ask is to join the Church of Humanity, pay their fees and dues and donate what they can on the salaries of instructors and organizers, and those who are competent and qualified to help Prof. Ward in the field to do so. That is all the aid we ask of them and all whose hopes and wishes for our success are sincere should be anxious to give it.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

No. 29.

Dear Comrades: I expect Prof. Ward is now, February 2, on his way across the Atlantic to begin in your service. I expect a telegram on his arrival at New York in a few days. He is to teach your discoveries to the people; admit to membership in your church all who learn them and apply for membership; organize model, modern churches wherever enough members can be secured to do so; and thus begin the active, practical work of evoluting "the church" from a false to a true foundation. Wherever he works he will be working for you, in your employ, the same as if he was in your own town or neighborhood. You will be nder obuligations to pay him his salary the same as you are to pay any other employee of yours. He is competent and qualified to do the work you want done, but are unable to do it yourselves and have hired him to do it through your authorized officer.

You will see in your church constitution, republished in this issue, in Sec. 2 of Article 4, under "methods of propaganda," that you authorized and required me to provide such lecturers and organizers for you. I searched and advertised diligently for many months before I succeeded in finding one able to fill the bill. I had more than a dozen applicants for the salary offered, but none were competent and qualified to do the work you wanted done until I found Mr. Ward in Liverpool, England. I am confident that he is the only man in all the world at present who combines the knowledge and ability necessary to do the service you want done.

Our long search for a competent man to begin active field work has no doubt discouraged some of you. But I believe you will not be disappointed in Prof. Ward as you might have been in some of the other applicants for the position, and that youu will in time feel justified in taking time to find the right man. He is young, full of energy, enthusiasm, hope and ambition, and I believe he has the staying, persevering qaluities that will make him a life-long worker for you if you treat him right. Remember that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that it is as much the employers' duty to pay the salary of their employees, as it is the employees' duty to render good and full service. You should pay Mr. Ward's salary with that promptness and fullness and cheerfulness that you wish him to serve you with. You will see in the report that you have raised only a littel over a third of his salary by cash and pledges. Over three-fourths of our members have paid nothing and promised nothing on his salary yet. Sixty of you have contributed or promised to do so. Of course, these sixty active, interested paying members can treble their contributions if necessary, and pay it all. But that would entitle them to all the credit of financing Mr. Ward while I would like to see all our members have a share in that honor. I have hopes that after the first year of Prof. Ward's service, the international office will not have to ask for any aid except the annual membership dues of $1.00 each and the subscription to the paper. If Prof. Ward can add 2,000 dues paying members to our church the first year the dues will then pay his salary without asking for donations. If that number can be added yearly to our membership by Prof. Ward, we can add a man to the field force every year to help him, and pay his salary out of these dues. Then if each helper can do as well, our membership and field workers would double up so fast that in a very few years we would have an instructor and organizer for each state and large city. With this bright prospect in view you should cheerfully make up Ward's salary for the first year to get the work well started. No member should refuse to do his full duty under the excuse that some others are doing nothing. The probability is that the non-helping members have not yea thoroughly learned the discoveries the Church of Humanity is based on, and hence, are indifferent about their promulgation. Be that as it may, all know that the promotion of any enterprise is done by the workers and payers in it, and to them must all due honor and credit be given. In this great enterprise of evoluting "the church" from a false to a true foundation, only those who work for it and pay for it can have any honor and credit in it, and they in proportion to the aid given as shown on our church books.

To move "the church" from its foundation of myth and fable, untruths and lies, superstition and idolatry, to a firm foundation on modern scientific truths to bring it up to date and put it in line and harmony and accord with the intelligence of our age, will require a prodigious amount of work and enormous sums of money to pay for it. Hence I devote most of my letters to you on the subject of money raising, and to impress deeply on you your all-important duty of raising it. In promoting the evolution of "the church" like all other enterprises, the pay must be provided for in advance of the work as it proceeds. Our citizens here are promoting the Kansas Northwestern railroad. But before a rod can be surveyed, a stake driven, or a shovel of dirt turned, the money to pay for it must be provided for. All public employers—schools, churches, cities, states and nations—must provide for the pay in advance for their hired teachers and laborers. The Church of Humanity must do the same, and its members constitute the Church of Humanity. Therefore, you must make up your minds that if you wish to be a live, active factor in this great work, you must help to do the work, or the paying, or both, and keep at it. You have a greater work to do than the building of a thousand railroads, and of infinitely greater importance. It will require many times more workers and more money to accomplish it. You should size up the job in its true magnitude and importance and then tune up your nerves and finances to stand the drain on them necessary to accomplish it.

I now urge each one of you who have not contributed to Ward's salary to do so at once, by cash or pledge, and those who possibly can double up their contributions already given should do so.

The contest from now on resolves itself into a battle between the dollars on both sides. If you who know the truth fail to give as many dollars to promulgate it, number for number, as those who believe lies give to promulgate them, then you and truth are dooemd to defeat as sure as two dollars are greater than one. If you have any desire, wish, or hope for your church to win in this greatest of all contests, please express the amount you have in dollars in the following pledge on Ward's salary, and forward it to me, or send it in cash. That is the only possible way to make your hopes, desires and wishes effective and more likely to be realized.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.
I hereby pledge $....., payable on demand, on Prof. Ward's salary for the year 1910.

Name.....

Address.....

Great Bend's Opportunity.

No. 5.

Fellow Citizens: The "booster" for public and private improvements is abroad in our city and under the inspiration of its slogan, "A Greater Great Bend," we are to have a new railroad and a sewer system, and only the chief "booster" knows what all. I am a practical booster myself for our city's permanent improvement and those that tend to make it a desirable habitation for the best class of citizens and the rising generation. We are not all equally interested in all of the material projects for the betterment of our city, but we should be in the educational. I am chiefly and deeply interested in having a strong church organized and established in our city that will teach its people, and especially its children, the truth about God and life. These are the most vital educational subjects that ever interested our people or any other people and all should be equally interested in knowing the truth about them and in having it taught to their children. I believe all will admit that we should have a church that will teach the truth about these vital subjects. I believe all will admit that children should be taught the true nature of God and what becomes of them at death. They are entitled to that knowledge, and it is our imperative duty to provide teachers of it for them. In the light of the great modern discoveries in physical science that God is only a character in fiction and death the permanent cessation of conscious life forever, it is seen that we have no church that teaches the truth about those most important subjects. Be-

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TELEGRAM FROM WARD.

February 4, 6:30 p. m., a telegram from Ward at New York says he is due here Monday, February 7, at 4:50 a. m.

Great Bend's Opportunity

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sides our moral duty and obligation to teach the truth on all subjects, we should take a civic pride in keeping the teaching of our churches up-to-date. We should have a church that will hand down to the people, and especially the children, the knowledge that the greatest scientist of earth has learned regarding God and life, and thus keep them informed and enlightened. It is a shame and disgrace to have churches teaching our children to pray to God for favors, when it scientifically discovered that he is only a myth like Snata Claus.

It is a shame and disgrace to have churches teaching our children that they have souls that will separate from the body at death to continue a conscious, intelligent, existence, when it is scientifically discovered that no such thing exists. It is a shame and disgrace to have churches teaching our children that their dead bodies will be reanimated again when it is scientifically discovered that no dead organism can ever be reanimated. But our present churches were organized and chartered to teach these monstrously absurd errors handed down to us from an ignorant, barbaric people, who lived thousands of years before the beautiful light of the modern sciences dawned on the mental horizon of our race. They blundered along in the dark as best they could and we must have nothing but sympathy and pity for them while we cast aside their errors for modern truths as a Kansas farmer would cast aside an Egyptian plow of thousands of years ago for a modern one.

If the members of our churches could, in a body, learn these discoveries and teach them in place of the errors they now teach, there would be no necessity for the organizing of another church. But as it is a natural impossibility for a controlling number in any of them to do that at one time, it will be necessary to organize a new church society of people from all of them and from none who learn these truths, and then provide a new edifice to teach them in. Hence all who desire to have an up-to-date church in our beautiful little city should "boost" for it with all their might. To have such a church would at once put us ahead of New York and make Great Bend the leading city in the world in this grand educational movement.

Great Bend need not tag along after other cities in all its improvements. Let it have a church that teaches the truth, and let all the world come to it for a pattern in church improvement. Such a church would be the greatest "boost" our city could be given. It would make it famous the world over for all time As Prof. Ward travels all over the United States organizing modern churches, I want him to be able to report everywhere that he organized the first model, modern church in Great Bend, Kansas. I want him to be able to repersent our people as model citizens in intelligence, progress and civilization that he may urge the people everywhere to come up to our standard and establish a church that reflects the best intelligence and wisdom and discoveries of the 20th century, instead of the witch burning centuries of the past. Prof. Ward will be here in a few days to tell you what the modern discoveries about God and life are, and what a modern church should teach about those subjects, and what to do and how to do it, to organize such a church, and will aid and direct you in doing it. All turn out and "boost" for the new, up-to-date church to be founded on infallible, scientific truths. Some may advise you not to go to hear him, but remember that if they do, they don't want you to know the truth about God and life, and also remember that your right and duty to yourself and family to learn the truth about those vital matters are of paramount interest to yourself. It is your personal right and duty to learn the true nature of God and what becomes of you at death for your own satisfaction and knowledge, and that you may know what to have your children taught about these subjects. We should all be glad and proud that our city is to have the opportunity to have the first model up-to-date church and thus lead the world in this grand movement to "evolute the church" from a false to a true foundation and put it in line and harmony and accord with all the true wisdom and scientific knowledge of the wonderful age in which we live. Let us sieze this opportunity at the only time it can come, to make a world-wide and age-long fame for our city. Let our slogan be "A Model, Modern Church for Great Bend." Let all 'root" for it, and 'boost" for it, and then—by the intelligence and enterprise nad push of our citizens we'll have it.

Members of the Church of Humanity Must Make It Their Business to Have Their Discoveries Taught.

The fatal indifference of three-fourths of the members of the C. of H. is the reason it does not progress in its propaganda work as it should do considering its numbers and the supreme importance of making its great scientific discoveries known to the people. The following letter from one of our indifferent members, perhaps voices the sentiments of them all:

"Mr. Kerr: My Dear Sir—I sent you one dollar to become a member of your Church of Humanity and 25 cents a year for its paper. That is all I have to pay. Now I send you 25 cents to pay up to April 1, 1910. I have no money to throw away to convert people to not believe in a God. I don't care whether they believe in one God or one million. It is none of my business. If you wish you can send the paper as usual, and sometime I may order 100 copies to give away to the people and let them judge for themselves what they think of it. I don't intend to pay any membership dues.

W. J. M'DONNELL,
Troy, N. Y."

Comrade McDonnell makes at least three fatal errors in his reasoning that makes him and all members holding them absolutely worthless in this educational movement. Those errors are, first, that he does not care whether people believe in a God or not; second, that it is none of his business, and, third, that he considers money used in teaching our discoveries thrown away. All members holding such ideas are of no more aid to the Church of Humanity than if they were dead. A little earnest consideration ought to convince all such members that these three ideas of Comrade McDonnell's are entirely wrong, and should be corrected in themselves and by themselves. Here are the correct ideas to have and be guided by:

1. He should care to have the people taught the new scientific discoveries that God is fabulous and death the end of life forever, because our race will continue to be superstitious idolaters until they are taught to know and accept them.

2. He should make it some of his business to aid in having these discoveries taught to the people, because if he has a family they are part of the people and he should not want his posterity to be superstitious idolaters for want of the knowledge he has learned. They cannot be freed from idolatry and kept free unless many more people are taught these truths, because until then idolatry wil be forced on all through state power, as is now done in Kansas through the public schools.

3. To pay his annual church dues and give good donations to his church to be used in the employment of instructors to teach the people these modern discoveries is not throwing it away. It is making the best possible use of it because this is the most important knowledge that can be given to the people, including his own family. He should not desire his own posterity to be heathens, which they cannot help being until money is raised for the employment of competent instructors to teach the people these discoveries, and he should be willing and anxious to contribute all the aid he can for the sake of his own family. The 75 per cent of non-helpers in our membership should look at this movement in the way I have here tried to show them, and see their plain duty as I have pointed it out to them. Of the 287 enrolled members only 65 have paid their full subscription and annual dues, although I have sent them three statements of their accounts within four months. I have continually urged you to do your duty and Brother Ward has shown you as plainly as can be, what your duty is, and the necessity of doing it.

The poor progress the Church of Humanity is making is not my fault, nor will it be Comrade Ward's fault, but the fault of the 222 non-helpers who, like Comrade McDonnell, refuses to aid it the least bit. They should be so thoroughly ashamed of themselves that they will make a New Year's resolution to pay their dues and contribute to Ward's salary. No edatcuional society can possibly exist, much less grow, without the services of active instructors and organiers to build them up in numbers and create interest and enthusiasm and do the teaching. Their salaries must be paid by the members. All Church of Humanity members should help to do the paying because all are to be benefitted by the teaching and the increase and perpetuation of the Church of Humanity. There are none so poor that they cannot pay their 25 cents subscription, and $1.00 annual dues our constitution requires of members over sixteen years of age. Then all should contribute to Ward's salary according to their financial ability, and all should contribute something. Of the 65 paid up members, 60 have sent cash or pledge on Ward's salary. They are the active members. The first thing for the inactive members to do is to get the false ideas out of their minds that they should not care if the people are heathen, that it is none of their business, that it is throwing money away to civilize and enlighten them. All members will be worthless to this movement while they hold these false ideas. I want all to banish such false ideas and see that it is both their business and duty to aid financially in this educational work for the sake of rescuing and preserving their own posterity from being heathenized.

The religious mythologies of ancient heathen barbarians will be forced on our race forever unless the few who now know the truth about God and life will hire qualified instructors to make those truths known and accepted, and organize those who learn them into local churches to spread and perpetuate their discoveries. Then arouse from your indifference and apathy and dont-care-none-of-your-business money-wasted attitude and do your duty. Idolaters everywhere and all the time are forcing their superstitions on your children and mine by state power, and making them idolaters. Is it possible that over 200 members of the Church of Humanity, who claimed to know the truth, don't care? Is it possible that they can think it is none of their business? Is it possible that they can believe it is throwing money away to rescue and preserve their posterity from idolatry? Wake up, comrades, who are doing nothing, and see that it is your business to help to prevent the heathenizing of your children. Don't throw all the burden on your sixty willing comrades. Be honorable men and women and do your part, and do it now, and all the time. In this copy is reprinted the base and object and constitution of our church in full. You can all see what the dtuies of members are. The members constitute the Church of Humanity, and the Church of Humanity can do nothing only as its members do it. Each member should feel a personal responsibility in making the Church of Humanity successful in its great mission of evoluting "the church" from a false foundation on myth and fable, superstition and idolatry to a true foundation on modern scientific truths of nature. Comrades all put your "shoulders to the wheel" and boost the Church of Humanity in the establishment of thousands of model, modern churches. Don't you want one in reach of your family? If you do, just give Comrade Ward a call to go and try to establish it. Let our church slogan be, "Model, Modern Churches Everywhere," and all boost for them.

HEATHENIZING THE CHILDREN IN KANSAS.

By State Power Through the Public Schools.

The following correspondence proves that no parent in Kansas can possibly prevent the heathenizing of his children through the public schools of the state. He is compelled by law to send them to these schools and to pay for their heathenizing.

Great Bend, Kan., Jan. 7, 1910.
Hon. Fred S. Jackson, Attorney General, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir: I write to ask you to please give me your opinion as to the legality of school boards and teachers forcing religious exercises on students over the protests of their parents; said exercises to consist of Bible reading, repeating the "Lord's prayer" and singing religious hymns. You know the provision of our state constitution which says that no person shall be compelled to attend or support any form of worship.

I enclose a clipping showing the opinion of the Attorney General of Washington on this subject in his state. Please return the clipping with your reply.

Respectfully
W. H. KERR.

Reply.

Topeka, Kansas, Jan., 12, 1910.
W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kan.

Dear Sir: In answer to your recent favor in regard to religious exercises in public schools, I will say that the Supreme Court has recently settled this matter in the case of Billard vs. School Board, 69 Kansas 63. A pupil can be compelled to remain orderly and quiet during such exercises, and instructors can not be restrained from holding them.

Yours very truly,
F. S. JACKSON,
Attorney General.

Some of our citizens have congratulated themselves that we have no union of church and state like they have in Spain. But we have a union of state with the same heathenism, idolatry and superstition that Spain is united with. The only difference is that in Spain the people enforce it on themselves through an organization called a church, while here they enforce it on themselves through an organization called public schools. Parents who object to having their children heathenized by the state are as helpless here in Kansas as they are in Spain. It can make no possible difference to them what the name of the organization is through which the state force operates. The only possible remedy is to drive heathenism out of the minds of the people by driving the truths in that God is a myth and death the end of life forever. All who do not want their children heathenized should join the Church of Humanity and aid it and back it in teaching the people the truth.

Every man, woman and child should be members of some church. There is certainly variety enough now to please all classes. Those of such fine conscientious scruples that they prefer a church that teaches truths, can unite with the Church of Humanity, and those who prefer one that teaches untruths can be accommodated by the other churches with a large variety to select from.

If the census taker asks comrades what their religion is, they should reply that they have no religion whatever, but that they are members of the Church of Humanity.

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THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH IN THE WORLD.

An Exposition of the Discoveries, Objects, Methods and Constitution of the Church of Humanity.

By W. H. Kerr, Founder and President C. O. H., and H. Percy Ward, National Lecturer and Organizer C. O. H. for the United States of America.

The Curse of Idolatry and Superstition.

The human race are idolaters and superstitionists—idolaters because they worship idols, called gods; and superstitionists because they believe in a soul and a future life.

This idolatry and superstition is the greatest and most wide-spread curse which mankind has ever inflicted upon itself. The vice of idolatry and the superstition of immortality has caused more folly and wickedness than all the other vices and superstitions of the race combined. Of quarrels, religious quarrels have been the bitterest; and of wars, religious wars have been the bloodiest. Think of the tears that have flowed, and the blood that has been shed, under the accursed reign of religion.

Bitter conflicts have been waged between the worshippers of different objects and myths to which the name of "God" has been given.

Those, too, who have worshipped the same idol have quarrelled as to its makeup and the manner of worshipping it.

Millions of people, for many centuries, have been led, or driven, through fear of their imaginary deities, to commit the worst of vices and the greatest of crimes.

In Europe, for example, during a period of a thousand years, known as the Dark Ages, religious mythologies caused more sorrow and suffering than all other causes combined.

Persecution, torture, imprisonment, massacre, war, slavery, witchcraft, ignorance, tyranny—these are but a few of the fruits of religions.

People are worshipping a myth named God instead of serving humanity; they are believing in a superstition termed the "immortality of the soul" instead of cultivating their minds and bodies for usefulness in their present, and only, life.

Think of the time, energy and wealth that has been wasted on the worship of non-existent Gods, and the saving of non-existent souls from a non-existent hell for a non-existent heaven. If this time, energy and wealth had been spent upon the mental, moral and material improvement of mankind, here and now, this world would indeed be a paradise.

The Roots of Religious Error.

The two great errors which are the parents of all of the world's religions are the beliefs that the universe has a God (or gods) and man has a soul that lives after death.

All religions are based on one, or both, of these errors.

Bibles, priesthoods, the belief in the resurrection of the body, hell, heaven, purgatory, holy ghosts, godmen, virgin mothers, devils, angels, and the many other doctrines of religious mythologies, along with their rites and ceremonies have all grown from the two false beliefs that God and the soul are realities.

The Basic Principles of the Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity is firmly based upon the two great scientific discoveries that no immaterial, intelligent being exists in the universe, and death completely and eternally ends personal, conscious life. In other words, God is a myth and the belief in souls is a superstition.

We affirm these principles not as mere beliefs, theories or opinions, but as truths established upuon objective physical facts and proven by the scientific method of experience, observation and investigation.

The questions, What is God? and What is death? have for centuries, in every land, agitated millions of minds.

Our church has discovered the correct answers.

God is a myth like Santa Claus; a man made character like a fictitious hero or villain in a novel; a creation of the human imagination; a fabulous being.

Death is the total and permanent cessation of individual life. Dead men and women do not, and cannot, live again. When we die, we are dead. Man has no immortal soul which is separated at death from his body.

What becomes of us at death?

Our organism begins to dissolve into its primal, component elements.

The Church of Humanity is founded upon the impregnable rock of truth about God and life—the truth that no God really exists in nature and death ends life forever.

These discoveries definitely and finally settle the questions of the true nature of God and death.

We do not take away God from idolaters. We have simply discovered that no God exists.

We do not rob superstitionists of a future life. We have simply discovered that there is no future life.

We did not make these truths; we only discovered them.

The man who discovered that the earth was round, when the majority of people believed that it was flat, did not alter its shape. It had been that shape all the time.

These two discoveries of the Church of Humanity remain true regardless of anyone's belief or disbelief in them. We can no more create a real God and soul by believing that they exist than we can make the earth flat by believing it to be so.

It has been asked, If these discoveries are true, why were they not made by other people centuries ago?

We reply by asking Why were not all the discovreies in nature made centuries before they were?

Why were they not made by others as well as by the original discoverers? Why did not all people make the discoveries instead of a few? And why do people now living not make the discoveries that future generation will make?

The wisdom of our race is accumulative and evolutionary. Hence each succeeding generation makes new discoveries as it has access to and is aided by the world's ever growing store of knowledge.

The Overthrow of Idolatry and Superstition.

Only by mankind's knowledge and acceptance of these great discoveries in nature that there is no real God and no future life, can all religious idolatry and superstition be overthrown, because these discoveries alone destroy their common and fundamental basis in the minds of those who learn them.

When they are generally known and accepted all the religions of the world will have received their death blow.

For want of the knowledge that the universe has no God and man no soul the idolatrous practices and superstitious beliefs of religions continue.

The beliefs in sacred scriptures, future rewards and punishments, spiritual beings, divine trinities, prayer, etc etc., are minor and secondary superstitions dependent for their vitality on the two primary superstitions that gods and souls exist. When these primary superstitions are removed from the minds of the people they will abandon the secondary superstitions through necessity.

The knowledge and acceptance of our discoveries will kill forever the germs of religions.

We attack the foundations of all religions. When the foundation goes, the superstructure falls. Destroy the root and the tree withers and dies.

The Mission of the Church of Humanity.

The special object of our Church is to free and preserve mankind from the idolatry of imaginary gods and the superstition of a future life by publicly and systematically teaching by tongue and pen the non-existence of a God and a soul, and by uniting and organizing those who learn these truths into societies for their propagation and perpetuation.

Progress in the knowledge of God and life has not kept pace with progress in other departments of knowledge. This is owing mainly, to the existence of powerful churches established by our ancestors to teach their errors about these subjects. Our Church, therefore, corrects those errors by specializing the teaching of the truth about those two subjects.

We cannot be held responsible for our ancestors' mistakes, but we can be held responsible for their continuance. As soon as we discover them it is our duty to correct them. Our generation has corrected many of our ancestors mistake in various branches of science. Our church has found out their errors regarding the subjects of God and life. Therefore our duty to our fellows impels us to drive those errors out of their minds by driving in the truth about those subjects.

The Church of Humanity is the first and only church in the world which teaches the truth about God and life. All other churches teach untruths about these subjects. Many churches have been formed to teach new ideas of God and a future life and to teach the falsity of other ideas on these subjects.

As our Church is the only one organized to teach the facts that God is a myth and death the end of life, it is therefore the only Church which is able to save the people from religious idolatry and superstition.

Why We Call Our Society a Church.

Several have refused to join us because we call our society a "Church." We state therefore, our main reasons for adopting this name.

First, "Church" is the name under which people receive their teaching regarding God and life. As our discoveries relate to those subjects, it appears to us an appropriate name under which to teach them. All other churches teach errors concerning them it is therefore necessary to have a new church to teach the truth about them.

Further, our Church represents the final evolution of the churches. Other churches have abandoned minor theological errors, such as the belief in witchcraft. Some have given up belief in hell and the devil. We wish them to progress farther and discard their foundation errors—the beliefs in a God and personal immortality—and come in line with our scientific discoveries.

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Notify the editor of any change in address.

The members of the C. of H. should request some one to notify the editor in case of death.

The annual membership dues to the parent church is $1.00 in advance for all members over 16 years of age. They should be sent the treasurer. W. H. Kerr, on the anniversary of the date of their membership certificate. Dues of all members at the time of formal organization date from June 1, 1908, and are due on June 1 of each year. Dues should be paid promptly by all members.

FUNERALS—Members of the C. O. H. should engage in advance the services of one of the commissioned instructors to deliver their funeral oration, and instruct a relative or friend to telegraph its president for one when needed.

LOCAL C. O. H.—Members desiring a C. O. H. organized in their neighborhood should apply to its president for the services of our National Organizer.

INFORMATION—Readers desiring information regarding the teaching and work of the C. O. H. should mail their questions to the editor.

POSITIONS—Competent members who wish positions as instructors in the C. O. H. should apply to its president for places.

WANTS—Members and locals wanting the services of instructors should apply to the president for them.

BLANKS—Blanks for membership applications and for the formation of local churches will be furnished free on request to the president.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS—The president solicits donations and bequests with which to enlarge the propaganda work of the C. O. H.

GUARANTEE of GOOD CITIZENSHIP—The good citizenship of members of the C. O. H. is a guarantee that idolators will be better citizens when they learn our discoveries and cease idolatry than they are now.

MORAL DUTY—As soon as any one learns our discoveries it is his moral duty to join the C. O. H. and aid in making its discoveries known and perpetuated in organized societies and to cease aiding voluntarily all societies and individuals teaching untruths about God and life until they cease it and teach truths.

STUDENTS—Members who wish to prepare themselves for service in the C. O. H. as instructors should apply to its president for terms and a course of study.

NOT DESTROYING SOCIETIES—The C. O. H. is a builder of societies and not a destroyer of them. It seeks to make its discoveries known to existing societies to enable them to teach the truth about God and life instead of the untruths they now teach.

ONLY TRUE CHURCH—The C. O. H. is the only true church on earth that knows and teaches the truth about God and life. All who wish to know the truth can learn it from this church. Parents who wish their children to know the truth about these subjects should see to it that a local C. O. H. is organized near enough for them to attend.

ONLY PUBLICATION—"The Truth About God and Life" is the only publication on earth devoted to teaching the great scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of individual conscious life forever. All who wish the people to know these great modern discoveries should buy large bundles of these papers monthly and distribute them free among the people. For that purpose they will be furnished for 50c per 100 copies to any address.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—Any who wish to unite with the Church of Humanity can do so by writing out and signing the following application, and mailing it to the president with the $1 fee for certificate and $1 for first year's dues:

"Having learned and accepted the scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life forever, I desire to become a member of the Church of Humanity."

Name .....

Address .....

Editors who protest against a union of church and state should learn the discoveries of the Church of Humanity and then join in its protest against the union of idolatry and state and help to make the protest effective by teaching the people the truth about God and life. No one should object to the state teaching the truth about those subjects.

The Only True Church In The World.

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A farmer does not refuse to use an up-to-date, improved plow because an out of date and superceded agricultural implement also bears the name of plow. Nor does a doctor cease to call himself a doctor because he has discarded an old method of healing disease in favor of an improved method. Why, then, should we abandon the name "Church" when we have discovered new truths regarding those very subjects which other churches exist to teach?

Again, we style ourselves a Church because we adopt the main methods of organization employed by other churches. We must distinguish between errors and the methods used in teaching them. While the errors must be condemned and rejected, the methods used in teaching them may be quite legitimate and ought to be adopted for the promulgation and perpetuation of truths. Those methods of organization which make falsehood popular can make our discoveries popular too. When people can be made to believe and support untruth by certain methods, we can be sure that they can be made to believe and support truths by the same methods. Idolatry and superstition can be overthrow by the same methods by which it is enthroned. We seek, therefore, to teach the truth about God and life in the same way that errors about them are taught. It is not the Churches' methods of teaching, but what they teach, that is wrong.

Then, we retain the good and true teaching of all churches eliminating only that which is immoral and irrational. We teach morality, science and truth unadulterated by idolatrous practices and superstitious beliefs. Ours is the Ideal Church. It substitutes modern wisdom for ancient ignorance.

It is also a church which provides a home for the churchless and for those who have mentally outgrown the other churches. When a person backslides from the religious churches he will be able to slide foraward into the new and true Church of Humanity. Our Church is a social and educational institution which will be to those who have rejected religious beliefs and practices what other churches are to their members.

Furthermore, by being legally chartered and incorporated as a church the law will protect our rights and property equally with other churches.

Some have expressed hatred of the name "Church" because institutions bearing that name have been guilty of crimes. That, however, is not a sound reason for refusing to become a member of our church. Who hates the names "John" and "Mary," for instance, because criminals have borne them? Would a man named "Smith," for instance, change his name upon discovering that his grand father's grandfather committed a murder? We cannot justly hold the church goers of today responsible for the crimes of the Churches of centuries ago. What had they to do with them? If any blame attaches to the church members for the mistakes of their ancestors, then non-church members could with equal justice be blamed for the mistakes of their ancestors. We must not imitate the mythical Bible God in punishing children for the sin of their fathers.

What the Church of Humanity is Not.

We do not term ourselves "Freethinkers."

The name "Freethinker" does not signify that the poeple answering to it are free from idolatry and superstition. The title generally represents those who have cut off from the tree of religion some of its branches and foliage, such as belief in the Bible God and heaven and hell, but still retain its roots—the belief in a God and a soul. Most Freethought societies attack the effects of idolatry and superstition but leave untouched its causes.

Freethinkers are as wide apart in their beliefs regarding God and life as Christians are. A Freethinker can disbelieve and deny all the doctrines of all the religions on earth except those of God and a future life and still be a superstitious idolater.

How can anyone be freed from idolatry and superstition by one who believes in the two errors they are based on? Many Freethinkers are engaged in dethroning the Bible God but they enthrone another "God" in his place. Nothing is gained by substituting one object of worship for another. Such an exchange is of no more value to one than the exchange of counterfeit dollars would be. Idolatry cannot be overthrown by the creation of new idols or the repairing of old ones.

The Church of Humanity is the first and only Church which aims at the overthrow of all God idols without setting up in their place another God idol.

Freethought, therefore, does not necessarily mean true thought, and a Freethinker does not necessarily mean one who knows the truth about God and life.

Another weakness of Freethought societies is that they provide a platform for the teaching of diametrically opposing views on political, economic, social and religious questions. These societies are formed on the impracticable theory that people who are divided on fundamentals can unite harmoniously in one society. This, however, brings pandemonium internal strife and finally the disruption of the society.

A fundamental principle that should be observed in society building is that unrelated subjects should be kept strictly separate.

People can unite successfully only when they are agreed upon one central principle in which they are vitally interested.

No combination of unrelated ideas can be made that would be accepted by a large number of people. A man will not unite with another to aid him in the propagation of an idea which he endorses if, at the same time, he is compelled to aid in propagating other ideas which he does not endorse.

We are all free to work for any social, political, economic or scientific que tion in which we are interested. But we should work through a society which specially propagates the particular ideas to which we are partial.

This policy does not indicate that a person is a one-idea man. It indicates that he recognizes the necessity of keeping unrelated questions distinct and working for each one he is interested in through the proper societies. This method does not alienate from a man the support of people who believe in one or more of his ideas, but not in others.

Membership in the Church of Humanity, therefore, is limited to those who accept its discoveries. Our Church is organized for a special work. We confine ourselves to it. We are an organization of people who have learned and seek to teach others that God is a myth and death the end of life.

All people who know these truths, regardless of their opinions on other subjects, are welcomed by us. Our discoveries should be know and accepted by people of all political, social and economic parties like any other discoveries in nature.

We use our political power, as a Church, only in defense of our organization should it be attacked; and to protest against laws enacted in the interests of idolatry and superstition.

The discoveries of our Church are the soundest, shortest, simplest, and also the most vital basis that could be suggested for an organization aiming at the destruction of idolatry and superstition on this planet.

We are not Agnostics. Agnostics say that they do not know if there be a God or future life. With them these subjects are only in a debatable stage.

We refuse to have applied to us a title denoting ignorance of God and life.

Agnostic speakers and writers make the mistake of saying that they wait for evidence that there is a God and future life. As Gods and souls are not facts in nature, evidence of their existence can never be given. All who wait for it would still be waiting, even if they lived a million years. But while they are waiting for evidence, millions of children are being convinced that God and the soul are realities by fallacious evidence.

Agnostics fail to comprehend the proposition that the simple fact of their non-existence is the very thing that should be taught to free the people from their false ideas of God and life.

Children would never learnthat Santa Claus is a myth on Agnostic principles. They would be taught not to deny his existence, but to suspend their opinion and wait for evidence of his existence.

We, therefore, who know that God is a myth teach that knowledge to the people in an affirmative and aggressive manner.

We object strongly also to the epithet of "Infidel" on the ground that we show the truest fidelity to the facts of nature.

The word "Humanist" best describes a member of our Church.

We are not haters of priests and churches.

We do not abuse or ridicule idolaters and superstitionists because of their ignorance about God and life. They do not know any better. How can they know the truth when they have never had an opportunity to learn it? Ridicule and abuse have been tried by many writers and speakers, but they have failed utterly to convince people that God is a myth and personal immortality a dream. The man who indiscriminately charges Christians with being brainless idiots forgets that his parents, brothers and sisters, and wife and children are often included.

Our duty is to teach our discoveries in a dignified and courteous manner as other scientific discoveries are taught.

We are builders rather than iconoclasts. When we build our ideal Church we shall win over to it in time the members of other churches. The destruction of idolatrous and superstitious churches will thus be accomplished by their members deserting them to come to ours. Or, possibly, when our discoveries become more popular the other churches will progress, discard their foundation falsehoods and teach our fundamental verities.

Membership.

Membership in the Church of Humanity is confined strictly to those who have learned and accepted our basic truths, viz: That God is a myth and death ends life.

Those desiring to join our Church are requested to fill up the following form:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Having learned and accepted the scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life forever, I desire to become a member of the ***Church of Humanity.***

Name.....

P. O......, State.....

Street and No.....

This application, with $1.00 for Membership Certificate, and $1.00 for first year's dues, if appicant is over 16 years of age, should be mailed to the President, W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kans., U. S. A., or handed to the National Lecturer and Organizer, Prof. H. Percy Ward. A Certificate of Membership is sent to the applicant immediately after his, or her, application is accepted.

The Certificate of Membership will be found on following page.

The Universe Has No God

Man Has No Soul

The Church of Humanity

Certificate of Membership

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

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Of.....

has learned and accepted the scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death ends life forever, and is a member of the CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

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No. ..... President, C. O. H.

Great Bend, Kan., U. S. A. .....19 .....

History of the Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity was founded by Mr. W. H. Kerr, of Great Bend, Kansas, U. S. A.

He began to publicly teach his discoveries by publishing a pamphlet in the Spring of 1903, entitled, "The Most Marvelous Discovery of this Age. God is only a Fabulous Being like Santa Claus."

The first member of the Church was enrolled on March 23rd, 1903.

In December, 1903, Mr. Kerr began to edit and publish our monthly Church paper under the title of "The Christian Educator and God's Defender. In December, 1905, he altered the title to "The Truth About God," and in April, 1908, he again altered it to its present title of "The Truth About God and Life."

By 1908, 250 members were enrolled On June 7, of that year, a national convention of the members was held for the purpose of formally organizing and incorporating the Church.

The Church of Humanity is now a national incorporated Church, chartered by the State of Kansas.

In 1909, Ernest Haeckel of Jena, the eminent scientist, joined our Church.

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FIELD NEWS, WORK AND PLANS.

Prof. Ward arrived at Great Bend on Monday morning, February 7, none the worse for his continuous traveling of about nine days over sea and land from Liverpool, England. He plunged at once into his work for the Church by preparing his lectures and plans for the campaign of education. After getting comfortably established in a suite of rooms in our proposed college building he prepared copy for hand bills and other advertising for a series of lectures to be given here the next week. The Palace Theatre was engaged and a lecture given each evening for nine successive days. The titles of the lectures were as follows:

"Why I Left the Methodist Pulpit."
"Shall We Live After We are Dead?"
"Is There a God?"
"Is the Bible a Divine Revelation?"
"Why I Do Not Pray."
"Is There a Hell?"
"The Only True Church in the World."

Then arrangements were made to have two lectures on Sundays and to put in the week days in preparing literature for our church. The title of the Sunday lectures, Feb. 27, were, "Why Spain Shot Ferrer," and "Spiritualism Exposed." At the first lecture I read the following explanation and introduction:

Introductory Address by the President.

"Ladies and Gentlemen—Fellow Citizens: At the beginning of these meetings it may be well to give a brief explanation of their object.

In due course of time, the progress, or evolution, in knowledge, brings our race to a true understanding of the world and the universe in which we live and of our true position in it.

Pioneers in every department of natural science are extending the boundaries of knowledge in them until they arrive at the ultimate and final truths of nature. By systematically teaching those truths to the rising generation our entire race is, in time, brought to know and accept them as such.

By this natural, and forced, educational process our race becomes enlightened and civilized.

Owing to deceptive appearances to the physical senses and deficient reasoning from insufficient data primitive man arrived at erroneous conclusions on some phases of nature.

As more accurate data is gathered and more careful reasoning applied, those false conclusions are corrected.

Many have been corrected in the last few centuries, but some remain to be corrected by us.

Most prominent and important among the false conclusions of primitive man yet to be corrected are, the God and immortality ideas.

Through the misunderstanding of natural phenomena primitive man read a God into the universe and an immortal soul into man. By modern correct reading of nature it is discovered that no such characters exist in reality and that death is the end of individual conscious life forever, and the beginning of the permanent dissolution of the organism. Some people in all the leading nations and in all religions and churches and in all classes from the most humble workman to the greatest scientist are beginning to make this corrected reading of nature. These people are under a moral obligation to themselves, their posterity and to their race to make their discoveries known, accepted and perpetuated.

For that primary purpose they have organized and incorporated under the name of the Church of Humanity.

The Nature of this Movement.

This is the natural, orderly and inevitable evolution of the Church from a false foundation in myth, fable and superstition of the ancients to a true foundation in universal, scientific truths of nature.

All children born to our race who are old enough and intelligent enough to be taught anything about these subjects are entitled to know the true nature of God, and the scientific nature of death and what will become of them then.

It is the imperative duty of those who know these discoveies to organize and establish a system and method of teaching them.

All religion and piety and worship is eliminated in this Church and the truth about God and life is taught in the same way as the truths about other subjects are taught in our public schools.

Neither love nor hatred is felt or expressed for characters of fiction named God, Christ, angel or devil.

Proper moral ethics will be indorsed and taught, and crimes and vices condemned and punished.

The Relation of this Church to other Churches and the Clergy.

While rejecting and condemning the errors, vices and crimes of the other churches, the Church of Humanity will indorse all their good and true works for the uplifting of humanity, and will co-operate with them in all proper reform for the betterment of our race when it can be done without violating its special mission.

It seeks, and hopes for, friendly relations with all other Churches and the opportunity to make known to them its discoveries of the mythical nature of God and soul, and the true nature of death. It has a hearty welcome for the clergy and members of other Churches who learn and accept its discoveries and apply for membership.

It will endeavor to organize branch churches wherever a few desire them, and prepare to give the clergy who come to us positions as instructors in them at an increased salary, believing that their services as teachers of truth are more valuable than as teachers of untruths.

This will give all who learn the truth an opportunity to become members of a Church and have the moral and social advantages of society for themselves and their families, and to be factors in the life and movements of their communities.

The Meetings.

Our National Lecturer and Organizer will give you a series of seven lectures consisting mainly of evidences proving these great modern discoveries true.

I cordially invite you to attend them all, and to apply for membership in this Church as soon as you are convinced that its discoveries are true.

But if some can not be convinced of that fact by the seven discourses given, I hope they will not be discouraged. Remember, that people cannot learn to read and write in a week.

No branch of knowledge can be thoroughly learned in so short a time unless the students are far advanced in them. Some may never be able to learn these discoveries, but that is no valid reason for those who can learn them not doing so .

If a majority of you fail to learn these discoveries it may be due to two primary reasons—the lecturer's inability to present enough evidence to prove them true to you in so short a time, and to your inability to give due weight to the evidence he does give.

But I believe that if you will try as earnestly to do your part as he will his, that you will make much progress, at least, in learning them.

During these meetings if any desire information on any particular subject relative to this movement, they are invited to write questions and hand them to the lecturer, who will answer them on the following evening to the best of his ability consistent with the time he can devote to them.

I now have the pleasure of introducing Professor Ward, of Liverpool, England—the National Lecturer and Organizer for The Church of Humanity—who will address you and conduct the meetings."

Owing to the peoples' fear of their mythical God and fabulous hell, and of unfavorable criticism of fellow idolaters, not many had the moral courage and intelligent desire to turn out and hear our scientific discoveries taught. The attendance ranged from thirty to seventy-five, and perfect order and respect was observed all the time. A number of questions were asked in writing which were answered by Prof. Ward on the following evening. I heard nothing but favorable comment on the lectures from those who attended them. A few were convinced of the truth of our discoveries and applied for membership in our Church. Many more are well along in learning them. A permanent local organization will be established before Prof. Ward is ready to accept calls elsewhere. But applications for his services will be booked in the order received and he will get to them as soon as he can. He is a diligent and conscientious worker for the Church of Humanity, and all its members who wish its truths to get a firm hold in their respective towns through the founding of permanent societies for their teaching and perpetuation should apply for his services. He is helping on the preparation of catechisms and pamphlets for the Church. That is a big task, and will require some weeks, if not months, to complete.

Allee Samee Like Melican Heathens.

There is no use in American Leathens going to China to teach the natives that a God runs the sprinkling wagon, as they believed that superstition long before Christianity was first promulgated.

A returned missionary relates a story about a rioting mob of 7,000 Chinese near Lanchow, bent on destroying a steel bridge across the Yellow river because there had been no rain for a long time and they attributed the drouth to the anger of the gods at the people for allowing the bridge to be built. The only remedy thought of by the superstitious natives was to destroy the bridge and thus appease the wrath of the Gods and induce them to send rain. The incident is related to show the gross "superstition" of the natives. But it is a case of the kettle criticising the pot for being black, or of those living in glass houses throwing stones. No "heathen Chinee" believes more firmly in rain being regulated by a God and in influencing that God with prayers than do the heathen Americans.

Right here in the center of America, and of American civilization and wisdom as represented by the public schools, my children are forced by State power to daily pray to a fabulous God for their daily bread, and to sing idolatrous hymns to a Godified dead man. I am compelled by State power to have my children heathenized and to pay for their heathenizing. Although we have lawyers and doctors by the dozen, business men by the score, and school teachers by the hundred, none of them seem to have the necessary intelligence to understand the natural causes of rain when explained to them in text books in the simplest language. They still believe in the religious superstition that a God makes it rain by his arbitrary and oral command, and that he must be worshiped, praised, flattered and cajoled into regulating the supply as idolaters wish it.

Should there be a flood, or cyclone, or drouth in this neighborhood, the idolaters would attribute it to the anger of their God at the Church of Humanity for teaching its scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life. They would doubtless advocate the destruction of this Church to appease the imaginary anger of their imanginary God as the heathen Chinese did the destruction of a bridge for the same purpose. Hence it is perfectly clear that Americans have not progressed any farther than the Chinese in learning the truth about the foundation errors of their religious mythologies.

NOTICE. Those who pledged aid on Prof .Ward's salary may now send it in and as much more as they wish to contribute to his salary and it will be duly credited and receipted.

WANTED. I wish to correspond with a member of the Church of Humanity who is competent to act as lecturer for our local Church here when Prof. Ward leaves us to do field work elsewhere.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

No. 30.

Dear Comrades: Prof. Ward is here wonking for you. He is a diligent, conscientious worker. On Sundays he delivers two lectures teaching the discoveries of your Church, and during the week he is helping to prepare copy for the several pamphlets and catechisms for your Church. It will require much time to get out these necessary text books teaching our discoveries, and the necessary blanks and plans for the organization of local Churches. Before he starts out to organize locals it is necessary to get out th ; literature in suitable form for our members to use in their locals when organized. In the meantime I wish to book as many engagements ahead as possible for him. All of you who wish him to come and help to form a local church for you should send in your request soon so that routes can be planned to reach you with the least traveling expense. You may send in now the amount you pledged on his salary, and I will return your pledge and a receipt for the same. If you can possibly send in more than the amount pledged, do so; as we are far short of the year's salary.

Here is a statement of the amount of cash and pledges received:

Previously reported	$ 371 95
Frank H. Lovering, Newlon, Mont., ...	5 00
O. Ellsworth, Dennison, Texas, cash, ...	2 00
Frank Hendrickson, Malcolm, Minn., ch	1 00
Jesse Cooper, Sullivan, Mo., cash, ...	1 00
Wm. Millburn, Soldiers' Home, Wis., ch., ...	5 00
Joe A. Kimble, Vestal, N. Y., cash, ...	2 00
Ben Hudson, El Reno, Okla., cash, ...	1 00
Alexander Friedolin, Afognak, Alaska, ch., ...	1 00
C. W. Robbins, Danbury, Conn., ch., ...	5 00
Total cash and pledged, ...	$394 95
Balance to be raised, ...	$705 05

I hope all will double their pledges when sent in and that those comrades who have not yet contributed will now do so. Remember that none will help to make our discoveries known but those who know them.

Before anyone begins teaching anything about the nature of God and death to others, he should learn the truth about those subjects himself.

It is not the doubters who advance our race in any direction. It is the knowers and doers, workers and payers who do that.

Idolatry and superstition can never be eradicated in the public schools until they are eradicated in the minds of the patrons. That can be done only by teaching them the discoveries of the Church of Humanity.

A local paper says: "It is planned to decorate one of the rooms in the high school building to be known as the Y. M. C. A. room." Thus my property is mortgaged through bonds, and I am taxed to build and maintain a Joss house for adult idolaters to worship their idols in. The Supreme Court of Kansas, being idolaters, has made null and void the protection given me by the State Constitution, wherein it provides that "no person shall be compelled to attend or support any form of worship." It is claimed that the practice of idolatry and belief in religious superstitions make good citizens of the people, but it seems that it only makes them violate any law and commit any outrage they believe to be in the interest of their idolatry and superstition. There is only one remedy for this state of affairs and that is to have the discoveries of the Church of Humanity taught to the people until they learn and accept them.

Prima Facie Evidence of Insanity.

"Astabula, O., March 8.—The Rev. Frank Heitenan, pastor of the Finnish Congregational Church here, was taken to Probate Court today on an insanity warrant, and his friends have asked that he be committed to an asylum.

His assistant in a series of revival services which he held in January has also since become insane.

His predecessor in the pastorate was committed to an asylum, but later was released and returned to Finland, where he became Chief of Police of his native town."

When ninety-five per cent of our race learn and accept the discoveries of the Church of Humanity it will be considered prima facie evidence of insanity to be caught praying to a myth named God, or any other name, or to be caught teaching children that they have souls that survive death with consciousness and that dead people will become alive again.

The Church of Humanity has a Higher Standard of Morality than any other Church.

Before Prof. Ward began his lectures in Great Bend, the Methodist preacher warned his congregtion that it would open wide the gates to all kinds of vice and crime were people convinced that there is no God.

I wish to allay the fears of all the clergy and their congregations on that score by showing and proving to them that the Church of Humanity has a much higher standard of morality than they have. As examples of the commendable superiority of the Church of Humanity over other churches regarding morality I shall mention their relative positions on the vice of lying and the crime of seduction. When any person or society or organization has an opportunity to learn nature's truths from specialists who have discovered them and teaches them, or to learn them themselves by a due study of nature with an earnest and honest desire to know the truth, but who stubbornly refuse to do so and persists in teaching untruths, they must be regarded as wilful, deliberate liars. All churches and adults in this town have a chance to learn and know the truth about God and life, but only the members of the Church of Humanity feel under any moral obligation to learn the truth and to employ a teacher of it. All others can see no moral wrong in lying about these two subjects and in employing people on a yearly salary to teach lies about them. The Church of Humanity believes it is as much a moral duty to be truthful on these subjects as on any other subjects, while the other churches insist on it being best to lie about them. This should certainly give the Church of Humanity a great advantage in winning the favor of those who believe it wrong to either hire people to lie or to take service in that business on a salary.

As to the position of the Churches on the crime of seduction it is only necessary to refer to their attitude toward a fabulous character named God who is represented as seducing a Jewish maiden some 2,000 years ago. All Christian churches praise and thank it daily for that crime, while the Church of Humanity condemns it as an unpardonable example of immorality in a God, and prohibits the praise of it in their churches and homes.

The "white slave traffic" and "social evil" is not due in the least to a knowledge of the discoveries of the Church of Humanity, but are the natural and logical result of the praise and worship of a God created by men of such low morality that they gave him a son without requiring him to marry its mother, and help to support her and it. All people are prone to follow the example of their ideal characters and though the characters be purely fictitious, they have the same effect on their characters as if they were realities. This accounts for people who admire and worship an immoral God being themselves the most immoral in their sex relations. One seldom reads a newspaper without seeing accounts of idolaters following the example of their ideal God in immorality. To teach people that a God is a perfect example of goodness to be imitated by men who wish to do right, and that this God did not marry and support the mother of his child, is the most effective way of teaching that free love and permiscuity is right. Idolaters reason that it could not be wrong for man to do what a perfectly just and moral God does. The inhabitants and patrons of the "red light" sections of cities, and the "bad lands" of smaller towns are superstitious idolaters who never doubt the existence of a hell and a future life, and the reality of God.

The secretary of commerce and labor has asked congress to appropriate $100,000 to be used in stamping out the white slave traffic. I firmly believe that the money, if appropriated, could be used to best advantage in checking the evil aimed at by turning it over to the Church of Humanity to be used in making its scientific discoveries known to the people. Then none would commit those crimes and vices under the belief that a God had justified and approved them by setting a precedent. Instead of the clergy warning the people against the imaginary evil effects of our discoveies on rthose who learn them, they had better warn the people against the real evil effects of worshipping a licentious creation of fiction named God.

To show the evil effects on the morality of the clergy themselves from worshipping such a God, I call attention to that famous pamphlet entitled, "Crimes of Preachers," published by the Truth Seeker Co., 62 Vesey St., New York, wherein is recorded a total of 2919 crimes charged to clergymen within recent years, of which 1392 were against the honor of women in a sexual way. Scarcely daily papers fails to see an account a day passes when a reader of the of some clergyman's crime of this nature. I could fill this paper with such records as have come under my own notice, but shall give only samples of them.

"Ottawa, Kan., Jan. 8.—Rev. Wm. Stuckey, of Williamsburg, who has been on trial here charged with abducting Lorena Sutherland, his 16-year old parishioner, was found guilty by a jury today. Stuckey was found guilty on both charges, those of abducting the girl for his own immoral purposes and for abducting her for 'white slave' purposes."

Rev. Stuckey was a member of the Christian Church.

Here is a member of the Baptist Church who was equally as bad.

Arthur B. Stanley, a printer and local Baptist missionary of Detroit, deserted his wife and three children to elope with Edith Markham, who, as a vocalist, had assisted him in his evangelistic work. When arrested by detectives in a distant city, they were living under the name of Warren. The girl promised to return home as soon as her condition permitted.

But a Methodist preacher seems to have outdone both the others in immorality. Rev. M. A. Casey of the First Methodist Church of Tacoma, Wash., jumped his job when the authorities began to hear of his gross immoralities while pastor of the First Methodist Church of Everett. The first intimation of Rev. Casey's perfidy came at the birth of an infant, when the young mother confessed to an Everett physician the name of her betrayer. The names of a number of young women involved are being rigidly withheld by the investigating committee, as they would not tell their pitiable story without a promise of absolute secrecy of their names, says the account.

Samples of such immoralities of the clregy in other denominations could be given, but these will suffice for this time.

Morality, like charity, should begin at home. When the preachers have warned the people to beware of the real crimes and vices of the clergy and of superstitious idolaters in general, it will be soon enough to begin warning them against immoralities they imagine people will commit when they learn that God is simply a character of fiction and hence never seduced a virgin or committed any of the savage atrocities charged to him in the Bible.

The Church of Humanity has nothing to fear in a comparison of its moral standard with that of any other church. It challenges a critical comparison of the morals of its teachers and members with those of the clergy and members of other churches in full confidence that it would win the prize for best morals before an impartial committee. Besides believing in and practicing the good moral ethics of other churches it refuses to lie about God and life and to praise and worship a savage, sensual character of fiction named God. It has ceased the vice of idolatry forever, and belief in the superstitions of all religious mythologies. This puts it far in advance of all other churches in its moral teachings and practice and all parents who wish to raise their children right should join and aid this Church in its educational and organizing work.

The Idolatry and Superstition Incorporated in Books for the Public Schools.

In a series of readers adopted for the public schools of Kansas the idolatry and superstition of the people are taught to the children by the following statements in them:

Extracts From "First Days in Reading."

"They (the Pilgrims) had many good things. They thanked God for them all.

They thanked God for their new land.

This was their first Thanksgiving Day.

Are you (snowflakes) little angels floating in the sky? Robed so white and spotless, chaste and pure as love, Are you little angels from the world above?"

Extracts From "First Book."

"We thank God for the bright sun."

Extracts From "Second Book."

"Where did you (baby) get this pearly ear? God spoke and it came out to hear."

" How did they all just come to be you?

God thought about me, and so I grew.

But how did you come to us, you dear?

God thought about you, and so I am here."

In a "Child's Prayer."

God made my life a little light * * *
God made my life a little flower * *
God made my life a little song * * *
God made my life a little staff * * *

Columbus knelt under the tall trees. He gave thanks to God, who had brought them safely to the new land in the west. * * *

See how generous God is, in giving apples to us all. He gives to us so freely and so largely. * * *

He always tried to be generous with all that God gave him. * * *

'Tis God; oh happy children, He makes them all for you. * * *

Extracts From "Third Book."

And he said, "God will reward you." * * *

And there they knew neither cold, nor hunger nor sorrow—for they were with God." * * *

Do not be afraid little sparrow. God will care for those who love their native land so tenderly, because without his knowledge, not a single little bird can fall to the earth. * * *

"God be kind to the noble boy who is somebody's son and pride and joy." * * *

Ever since that time the Hermit Thrush has sung her sweet evening hymn that soothes the souls of men. * * * She found in the brave girl what they all saw and felt, one made and sent by God to do a work which his angels of love and help that fly on wings might be glad to do. * * *

Turn thy eyes to earth and heaven;
God for thee the spring hath given,
Taught the birds their melodies,
Clothed the earth and cleared the skies
For thy pleasure or thy food—
Pour thy soul in gratitude. * * *

You moon, have you done something wrong in heaven,
That God has hidden your face?
I hope if you have you will soon be forgiven,
And shine again in your place. * * *

So the child rode on bravely and happily, thanking God for the kindness of those men. * * *

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Dear Comrades: Prof. Ward will begin field work for you in the large cities on Sunday May 22. His itinerary as now planned is as follows.

May 22—Kansas City, Mo.
May 29—St. Louis, Mo.
June 5—Chicago, Ill.
June 12—Cleveland, O.
June 19—Cincinnatti, O.
June 26—Washington, D. C.
July 3—Philadelphia, Pa.
July 10—New York.
July 17—New York.
July 24—Boston, Mass.
July 31—Montreal, Can.
Aug. 7—Toronto, Ont.
Aug 14—Buffalo, N. Y.
Aug. 21—Detroit, Mich.

His plans are to give two lectures in each city to introduce our discoveries and form a C. O. H. in each. It is extremely important that all our members in, and in reach of, these cities attend his lectures and help in organizing the local. Organize a local by all means in each of these cities though there be no more than three who know the discoveries of our church. Elect your most active, enthusiastic member corresponding secretary. This will constitute a nucleus for our lecturers to work through in building up a strong church in each city. I ask each of you who live in, or near, these cities to write Prof. Ward at once that you will attend his lectures and aid in organizing these locals. Give him what information you can regarding available halls and local conditions. When he comes aid him all you can to make the meetings successful and insure the formation of a local. See, or write to, those in town you think know our diseveries and invite them to attend and help organize.

His tour of these cities will be successful and locals will be established in each of them if you will all do your duty.

He will be in each city a week andwill try to find and see all who have learned our discoveries and induce them to join our church and aid in forming the local. I ask each of you to aid him in this work and make each local as strong as possible to enable it to own a church edifice and maintain a resident lecturer on an annual salary as other churches do. But until the locals are able to do that our field lecturers can make the circuit of the locals at regular intervals and build them up until they are able to do so.

When the locals are organized then the secretary can advertise the meetings and engage a hall for the field lecturers and they can make dates for every evening while making the circuit. That will save time and expense.

Our churches will have to be established in the large cities first where there are large numbers to draw from and where people feel more free to investigate new discoveries and accept them when found true.

If he is successful in forming locals in these large cities then he can try his luck in smaller ones the next trip until locals are formed in all cities where possible Then as fast as we can secure competent lecturers they can be put on the circuit's of these locals at the least possible expense to them.

Now, comrades, I ask you to please do your very best to make Prof. Ward's work successful by aiding him in it all you possibly can. Write him a card here giving him your address and stating in what city you will attend his lectures. Then he can find you when he gets to that city or let you know where you can find him.

I wish to thank those who sent in the amount pledged on Prof. Ward's salary so promptly and hope the remainder will be sent in before May 18 when he starts on his circuit. The total amount received on his salary is $214.95, balance pledged $180. Amount yet to raise besides what is pledged $705.05.

This should all be raised by you and sent in soon as much of it will be needed by comrade Ward to pay expenses of his lecturing tour. Be brave, true, cheerful, energetic, enthusiastic, hopeful and persevering.

Be as true to our discovered truths and worthy object of making them known and accepted as the needle to the magnetic pole.

Never give up or surrender. Hold out faithfully to the last and do your duty bravely and cheerfully.

If our church can establish locals in these big cities it will be a grand achievement to be proud of all our lives.

The Church of Humanity Handicapped in its Propaganda.

It is an interesting study in the mentality of idolaters to observe how they sometimes try to warn the public against superstitions while engaged in teaching the most dreadful superstitions ever taught by man.

A case in point is the Lewis Publishing Co. of St. Louis. In an editorial in the Woman's National Daily of April 4 "The superstitious" are warned against a book predicting great calamities from the visit of Halley's comet next month.

"It has not been difficult," says the daily, "for the mischief makers to gather a mass of related superstitions which had their origin before the ingenuity of man had made possible a somewhat comprehensive knowledge of the forces and existing conditions in the space approximately near the earth.*** It is deplorable that any men or set of men should seek in this enlightened age to prey upon the false fears of the superstitious.*** This is not an age of superstition because men have found a way to penetrate what seemingly were inviolate secrets. The light which their knowledge has diffused has dispelled the darkness of ignorance."

In the same issue with this commendable editorial against a calamity howler that "seeks to prey on the fears of the superstitious" is printed the international Sunday school lesson designed to prey on the fears of superstitious idolaters, which shows the Daily is tarred with the same stick as are those whose depravity it deplores. The lesson is from the Bible—a book which contains more mischievious superstitions to the square inch than any other product of man. The total harm done by all other superstitions is insignificant compared to that done by the horrid superstitions contained in the Bible teaching the existence of a God and a future life. The hypocritical nature of the Lewis Publishing Co. is seen in its refusal to warn the public against these Bible superstitions as its letter to me shows. To let a few of the people know of the discoveries of the C. O. H. I sent a copy of the following advertisement to a number of publications for terms: "Two great scientific discoveries The Universe has no God and man has no soul. A world-wide movement to make them known and perpetuated. For particulars send a self-addressed envelope to the president of the Church of Humanity. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas, U. S. A."

In due time I received terms for the advertisement in all the Lewis publications, and I sent $10.00 for one insertion in the Daily, but it was returned with the following explaination: "We beg to return herewith Postal Money Order for $10.00 which accompanied your favor of 22nd inst., and regret to advise that we would prefer not to carry an advertisement such as you have submitted in the Woman's National Daily. The Woman's National Daily is independin character—we lend our support to no political party—religion or creed. Nevertheless, we know that the majoritiy of our readers are believers in God, and also believe that they would take serious exception to any advertising that advocated a contrary belief.

The merits of your society and the beliefs of same do not enter into this matter at all. It is purely a proposition where we do not feel that we can afford to offend our readers, and we would prefer not to carry any advertising of this kind. With best wishes we are very truly yours the Woman's National Daily

Cal J. McCarthy, Adv. Mgr."

And so the Daily is "Independent in character" but would not print a word of truth at advertising rates that conflicted with the religious superstitions of its readers. Independent? And it lends its "support to no religion or creed," but only publishes the Sunday school lessons, the religious superstitions of its subscribers in its "people's forum" and of its editor's in its editorials and the important doings of any idolatrous church that wants them published, but not at advertising rates could it announce the two greatest scientific discoveries of all the ages through fear of offending its idolatrous subscribers. This is pre-eminently "an age of superstition" but this advertising agent hasn't sense enough to know it, and he practically admits that he would not have the honesty to expose them if he did know it if they were held by the readers of the Daily through fear of offending them. In that very fear of his is a great deal of superstition, because some people are sensible enough to be grateful to those who dispel their superstitions by showing them the truth. But I infer from his name that these discoveries conflicted with his own superstitions and he turned them down from personal motives. The world is teeming with nature fakers proclaiming the existence of gods, devils, angels, spirits, souls, heavens, hells, immortality and future resurection of the dead, all of which are pure superstitions without one iota of reality in fact.

Yet this hyp eritical Daily while pretending to deplore the actions of men who seek to prey "upon the false fears of he superstitious" concerning Halley's comet will not publish scientific discoveries that will enlighten its readers and save them from having their false fears preyed upon by the superstitious nature fakers.

Yes, the Church of Humanity, for instance, "has found a way to penetrate what semingly were inviolate secrets" conc rningthe true nature of God and death, and "the light which their knowledge has diffused has dispelled the darkness of ignorance" where it has penetrated. But this cowardly Daily refuses to place this light before its readers through fear of offending them and losing a subscriber who does not want his "darkness of ignorance" dispelled. It will never be through such cowardly agencies as this Daily that the "darkness of ignorance" concerning the religious superstitions of the people will ever be dispelled. But we do not have to go as far as St. Louis to find such publications. Not a publisher in this town has the necessary inteligence to learn our scientific discoveries though I offered them every facility to do so free of cost to them. Neither have they the moral courage to advertise these discoveries and our church and the titles of Prof. Ward's lectures that others may have an opportunity of learning these discoveries in physical science. They fear offending a subscriber who, like themselves, does not want his darkness of ignorance dispelled. But such have been the handicaps of every discovery in nature that conflicted with the religious mythologies of the people. In all ages and all countries and all nationalities and races the people fight against the introduction of scientific discoveries that will "rob" them of some of their ignorance and religious delusions. These conditions, will be met with everywhere and must be expected as a matter of course by our church. No other scientific discoveries were fought against so long and bitterly and persistently and internationally as ours will be because they destroy the germ-ideas of all religious mythologies in every mind that learns and accepts them. Hence every conceivable plan and method will be employed by individual and organized believers in any of the world's religious mythologies to prevent their introduction and acceptance. But our church must ever be cheerful, hopeful, enthusiastic and persevering in the face of any and all difficulties. We must be sustained by the consolation that when our victory is won that never again will scientific discoveries in nature have to fight the opposition of religious mythologies for centuries before they can be made known and accepted and added to the world's wisdom.

WANTED. I wish to correspond with a member of the Church of Humanity who is competent to act as lecturer for our local Church here when Prof. Ward leaves us to do field work elsewhere.

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Extracts From "Third Book"

Till God released her of her pain;
And then she went away. ***

Be each, pray God, a gentleman.**
And we think for these the Lord contrives.***
Are the works and the hopes and the prayers of men
Only sparrows that light on God's telegraph strings, holding a moment then gone again?
Nay, He planned for the birds with the larger things. ***

Extracts From "Book Four."

I will never kill a harmless little bird for God hath given them to us to cheer, to enliven the nature that surrounds us ***

'Make room for the tired little fellow, kind God.' ***

God's in his heaven—
So near is God to man. ***

'God bless my brother and star' ***
Under the sod and the dew, waiting the judgment day. ***

Thank God you are saved. ***

'Saints in heaven' ***

'In God is our trust' ***

***and who, every night before going to sleep, always prayed to God with all her heart to make her wise and good. ***

We must obey God and be kind—like him—to everyone. ***

God forbid that I should think so. ***Freedom to worship God.

God bless you, O happy little singer, and God love us as we love thee.

The God who holds me now from perishing—will not the sameGod save me, when my child is on my bosom.

A voice whispered 'God' ***

*** And she knew that God had delivered her and her child in safety, into the heads of their fellow creatures. ***

We are happy now because God wills it. ***

Extracts From "Fifth Book."

God be thanked. ***

Oh, thank God, all who see it, for that older fashion yet, of Immortality. ***

But executes a freeman's will
As lightning does the will of God***

And may God grant ***

***but God is everlasting and incapable of change, and to him we may look with cheerful, unpresumptious hope while we discharge the duties of life. ***

'That God and nature have put into our hands.'***

Thou art, O God, the life and light
Of all the wondrous worlds we see***

"The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and confidence of the army. ***

"Let us then, rely on the goodness of our cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions." ***

"I say that the cause in which he suffered and for which he gave his life was adjudged by higher and fuller wisdom than his or mine, and I am glad that the omniscient God held the balance of battle in His Almighty hand."

***And God has granted you this sight of your countries happiness. *** by God so highly graced. ***

In those two deaths he read God's warning 'wait.' ***

***Whose body Nature is and God the Soul. ***

Good gentleman, thank God.***
Thank God for us, Thank God.***

Look how the floor of heaven
Is thick inlaid with patterns of bright gold. ***

His parents were sober, God-fearing people. ***

No, God forbid.***

***through the channels which God created for noble purposes, ***

For God's law***

***to have God's holy cause denied
***God of our fathers, known of old
—Lord of our far-flung battle-line—
Beneath Whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet***
Judge of the nations, spare us yet***

God keep the purest***

Grew quick with God's creating breath

***God pardon her for the lie, and bless her, as I am sure He did; for but for him no working man or woman could subsist upon such a wretched morsel as my dear mother took.

***and many and many a bitter night I lay awake, crying, and praying to God to give me the means of working for myself and aiding her. And He has, indeed, been good to me *** for He has given me all this.

Was God not good to me?***has its summit in heaven***under God's sky***In God's eternity.

Sacred land of the immortals, celestial body-guard to the Empire of Mankind. *** To the Heaven, though severe, is not unkind; Heaven is kind—as a noble Mother;***Land of Benedictions*** Those prayers still arise, and they are still heard;***and righteousness look down from Heaven***It is an atribute to God himself. *** the Almighty Father has clothed the earth for the use and profit of his children; ***Heaven itself mingled visib'y in the celebration,***at this close manifestation of Heaven in our affairs***that they should be caught up to Heaven ***

Sainted Patriots, May their spirits still continue to hover over their countrymen, inspire all their councils, and guide them in the same virtuous and noble path. And may that God, in whose hands are the issues of all things, confirm and perpetuate to us the inestimable boon which, through their agency, He has bestowed;*** 'Thank God' he exclaimed,***'Thank God, indeed' echoed his daughter, *** My God, My child ***God have mercy upon us. 'His Name be praised' God guide us*** for Heaven's sake. *** It's a mere and clear tempting of Providence.*** and be thankful to God***As if the finger of heaven were marking out the course of your settlements, inviting you to enterprise and pointing the way to wealth.***fill up the measure of your population as speedily as you can by the means which heaven hath placed in your power.*** Our helm is given up to a better guidance than our own***and our little wherry is taken in tow by the ships of the great Admiral which knows the way, and has the force to draw men, and states and planets to their good. Such and so potent is this high method by which the Divine Providence sends the chiefest benefits under the mask of calamities, that I do not think we shall by any perverse ingenuity prevent the blessings.

I will freely forgive him before God and the worldbut God delivered me and saved me from drowning, and supplied me with a great wooden bowl *** Flora, fear not—God is with us***and he knew that the God in whom they put their trust had sent them de'iverance.***

Oh, cherish God's best giving.

All this and much more about God, souls immortality, heaven and angels, I noticed one evening as I glanced through the series of readers used in our common schools.

In the light of the great modern scientific discoveries in nature that God is a myth and death the end of life forever, all these extracts are seen to be only the ignorant prattle of superstitious idolaters, though they be quotations from our greatest presidents, statesman, politicians, soldiers, poets, orators, jurists and educators, or from the common herd of ignoramuses. Every state should appoint an inspector who knows these discoveries to blue-pencil the idolatry and superstition in all books proposed for our common schools before they are allowed to be adopted. But the people will not permit this until the Church of Humanity convinces them that these discoveries are made and are true.

Idolatry and superstition must be driven out of people's minds before it can be driven out of the schools, and that can only be done by the Church of Humanity driving the truth into their minds. This indicates the prodigious amount of work cut out for this church and no member of it should shirk his or her duty.

The recent mine disaster at Cherry, Illinois, wherein hundreds of miners perished is conclusive proof that God is a myth and, therefore all these quoted speakers and writers were simply mistaken in thinking they got aid from a God or a heaven. But it will take constant teaching by the Church of Humanity everywhere to get the people to recognize that proof and accept our discoveries.

I did not see "Jesus" or "Christ" mentioned in the readers. That omission is a concession to the Jews in our State. I did not see "Holy Mary" or "Purgatory" mentioned. That is a concession to the Protestants. I did not see "hell" mentioned That is a concession to the Universalists. I. did not see "Devil" or "Satan" mentioned. That is a concession to the smartest idolaters, who are beginning to see an inconsistency in their idol creating a devil and then engaging in a sham battle with him for the possession of their imaginary souls. Every such omission is an improvement in these text books.

Now, I want the Church of Humanity to become strong enough in every state and nation to influence the authorities to eliminate every particle of religious superstition from their school books. I want 100,000 parents in Kansas to join the Church of Humanity, and say to the authorities in a voice they will heed: "You must not make superstitious idolaters of our children through the agency of the public schools."

All Who Know Our Discoveries Should Teach Them.

It is the imperative duty of all who know our discoveries to at once join our organization and aid in their promulgation.

These truths cannot promulgate themselves. People cannot possibly be rescued and preserved from idolatry and religious superstitions unless they are taught to know and accept our discoveries. This can only be done by establishing branch churches in every neighborhood for their special teaching. The nucleus of these pioneer churches can only be formed by, and of, those who have learned our discoveries. The duty of forming these embryo churches devolves entirely on those who can first grasp and understand these great discoveries and the vital importance of making them generally known and accepted. If those who know them do not perform this service for civilization of our own race no others can, and the very knowledge of these scientific discoveries will die with them. This would be a great calamity to our race because from necessity it must remain in heathen idolatry until it learns and accepts these truths, and it might be thousands of years before they would be rediscovered. Our race will be in perpetual warfare over the idolatry of its fabulous gods until it learns and accepts our discoveries, and there is grave danger all the time of it sinking to the lowest form of barbarism and wars of extermination over its religions. At this writing the Catholics and Methodists are nearly at dagger points in Rome over the idolatry of their idols. In parts of China the natives are in revolt against the Christian heathens who seek to induce them to worship their idols in place of the ones their mothers worshipped, and are driving them out and burning their missions. In turn the Christian idolaters are sending battleships to force the worship of their idols on the natives with shot and shelll. In Asiatic Turkey and other countries there is a chronic state of war between Christians and Mohammedans over the idolatry of their idols. In all countries idolaters force the worship of their idols on the children by state power. The United States is no exception to this rule. Right here in Kansas the Supreme Court has nullified our State Constitution to enable the state to force idolatry and religious superstitions on the children through the public schoools. I am the only person of all the millions in Kansas, so far as I know, who objects to having the state heathenize the children. My protest will be unheeded until many thousands of parents join me in the protest. None will do that until they have thoroughly learned the discoveries I have that God is a myth and death the end of life. In my helplessness to save my children from being heathenized who can blame me for doing all I can to teach our discoveries to others to get their aid in resisting state-enforced heathenizing of the children? The same or worse conditions prevail in all countries and nations and races and it is proper for those who learn our discoveries to desire a change in those conditions. To ever change them it is absolutely necessary for all who learn our discoveries to unite and form propaganda societies everywhere to make them known to enough people to force the change through the power of numbers who desire it.

Do you reader, wish the present and future generations, including your own posterity, to be saved from heathenism and savagery caused by their idolatry and superstition? If you do, cannot you understand that the only thing that can save them is a knowledge of our discoveries? Cannot you see that it is your duty to join the Church of Humanity and aid it in giving that knowledge to the people? It never can give it without aid from those who want it given. If you have learned our discoveries and remain out of the organization founded to teach them you are not doing your duty to truth, progress and posterity. All must be numbered with the superstitious idolaters until they learn and accept our discoveries, and the only way to let the world know that they have done so is to unite with our society and aid in its educational work of making those great discoveries known.

NOTICE. Those who pledged aid on Prof. Ward's salary may now send it in and as much more as they wish to contribute to his salary and it will be duly credited and receipted.

THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH IN THE WORLD.

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The Moral Effect of Our Teaching on Society.

It is claimed by idolaters and superstitionists that were people generally to accept our discoveries they would become criminal and vicious and the race would go back to barbarism, that if people learned there is no real "hell" hereafter they would promptly make a "hell on earth," and that if they learned there is no real God thy would "go to the Devil." We will prove that there are absolutely no grounds for such fears. The continuous good citizenship of the hundreds who have learned and accepted our discoveries and joined the Church of Humanity is positive proof that people will not become criminals on learning these great modern discoveries. A world-wide acceptance of these discoveries would put an end to all the hatred, quarreling, persecution and wars caused by the conflicting religions of the world and thereby be a blessing to the race. When it is generally known tht there is no real God then, but not till then, the fighting between worshipers of the different idols, and worshipers of the same idol, will cease and the race be unified on this discordant subject.

As the people learn there is no future life they will value the present one the more.. Before the race can be fully civilized it will be necessary to destroy the God and soul error by all people learning and accepting our discoveries.

Our progressive civilization is due to general acceptance of new discoveries in nature. Those who discover and teach nature's secrets are the promoters of civilization. Advanced knowledge in all branches of natural science is beneficial and tends to make people better citizens and better equipped for the duties of life. Learning the truth about God and life will further civilize mankind. It is as honorable and praiseworthy to learn and teach our discoveries as it is to learn and teach discoveries in any other department of science.

Children do not become wicked on learning that Santa Claus is not a real being. Why should they become wicked on learning that God is not a real being? There is no more reason to expect people would become criminal through learning new truths about God and life than they would through learning new truths about astronomy, geology, or any other science. The idea that the human race is so highly civilized that it can not possibly survive two more scientific discoveries is ridiculous.

The idolatry of a God and the superstition of a future life do not keep people moral. This is proven by the fact that jails and penetentiaries and other penal institutions are crowded with idolators and superstitionists. We do not claim that it is impossible for those who accept our discoveries to do wrong. Christain churches will not accept the crimes of their members as evidence that they are mistaken in their teaching about God and life. Neither should Christians regard the crimes of those who learn that God is a myth and death the end of life as evidence that they are mistaken. Some people committed crimes when the earth was believed to be flat and stationary. Crimes did not cease when all learned the truths that it is round and in motion. So there will still be criminals when all learn the truths concerning God and life.

The members of the Church of Humanity are as good children, wives, husbands, fathers, mothers, neighbors and citizens as are the members of Christian churches. They have retained all the good qualities they possessed before they joined our church and in some respects are morally better. The time and money they gave to teaching and hiring others to teach lies about God and life to heathenize the people they now devote to teaching the truth about those subjects and thus aid in civilizing the people. We know all the truths of nature the Christians know and we practice all the virtues they practice and in addition we have learned the truth about God and life. We prepare people to live and die right by teaching them our discoveries while other societies teach people to live and die wrong by teaching them lies about God and life.

The Church of Humanity teaches the only truths that can civilize the people while all other churches teach the only untruths that can heathenize them.

All people will be better and wiser in some respects after they learn our discoveries than they were before. They will find they have better moral natures than some idolaters give them credit for. Their morality will then not be based on the hope of a reward in a mythical heaven or fear of punishment in a mythical hell, but on the needs of a living humanity in the present and only life they shall ever live.

The Necessity of Organization.

Our duty is not done when we have freed ourselves from idolatry and superstition. Our duty is increased. We must aid in freeing others. The practice and support of idolatry will be forced on us and our children until a large majority learn and accept our discoveries. Only through proper and efficient organization can these discoveries be taught to the people. It is therefore the duty of those who have learned them to join the Church of Humanity which is the only church on earth organized to destroy the God and soul delusions by teaching the scientific truths about those subjects.

Century after century organizations of idolaters and superstitionists have made generation after generation worship idols and believe superstitions. It is, therefore, difficult to get the people to learn and accept the truths which conflict with their religious errors. We can counteract this organized teaching of error only by an equally efficient organized teaching of truth. Truth is crushed to earth and therefore error is exalted because supporters of the latter are organized and employ millions of teachers of it continually. Truth must have as good backing as lies have or it never can win the victory over them.

Our discoveries will eventually displace religious error if given equal strength and advantage in organization. It is perfectly right and proper that we who know the truth should organize to teach that God and soul are not realities so long as others organize to teach the untruth that they are realities.

As separate, unorganized, individuals we can do nothing to check the teaching of errors. Only through many people working together in an organization can the triumph of truth be established.

A society is a voluntary association of individuals organized to accomplish some special object in which they are all mutually interested and which they cannot accomplish individually.

It is demonstrated daily in hundreds of ways that people can achieve things by uniting in a society which they could never achieve as individuals.

Every educational, industrial and political society proves the superiority of organization over individual effort. A few organized police working in concert can rout an unorganized crowd. What could a mob of thousands do against a hundred well organized, armed and drilled soldiers? The feeble efforts to overthrow idolatry and superstition have been of the mob kind and have utterly failed as they always will until truth is backed by as good organizations as errors are.

Individuals have been hurling facts, arguments and evidence against superstition and idolatry enough to annihilate them but with little effect owing to deficiency of organizing ability.

Opponents of idolatrous churches have been playing long enough at trying to tear them down to prove their inability to do so. The only way to destroy a society teaching lies about God and life or to compel it to teach the truth about those subjects. It is to build up a rival society that will teach the truth. Then those who prefer truth to lies and prefer to have their children taught truths in place of lies will have an opportunity to make their wishes known and accomplish their desires by joining and supporting the truth-teaching society. Every one making this change will weaken the defenders of lies and strengthen the defenders of truths to that extent.

Idolatry and superstition can be overthrown only through the power of organizations teaching our discovered truths about God and life. No other teaching, method or plan can possibly do it. Hence it is imperative that as soon as a person learns that God is a myth and death the end of life he must unite with the Church of Humanity to strengthen it if he wishes those truths to prevail. In this way only can truths gain teachers, defenders, supporters, adherents, influence, respectibility and power. As fast as people learn our discoveries they must separate themselves from the superstitious idolaters by joining the Church of Humanity and organizing branches of it everywhere to teach its discoveries. We must organize to teach truth the same as idolaters organize to teach untruths. How can truths win against untruths if not given the same advantages in all respects?

Lecturers and Organizers

To make our great scientific discoveries known and accepted by the people they must be taught them in childhood and the teaching kept up through youth and middle age until they thoroughly learn the evidences that prove them true. That teaching and training can only be done through perpetual organizations for that special purpose. But enough adults must learn them first to form the nucleus of these branch churches everywhere and provide the necessary teachers. The teaching of our own discoveries can only be done by competent members of our church who have devoted years to the study of them for the special object of preparing to qualify as teachers of them. The teaching of our discoveries cannot be established without the services of specially trained and qualified lecturers and organizers. All parties and sects and societies employ them. We must employ them too.

The missionaries, evangelists and clergy hired by idolaters to teach the people lies about God and life have heathenized our entire race and will continue to keep it heathenized as long as it exists unless the few who have learned our discoveries will organize and hire competent lecturers and organizers to make these discoveries known and accepted. No people can ever be freed from idolatry of man-made gods and the superstition of continuous conscious life without learning our discoveries. They cannot learn them without the services of competent teachers of them. Such teachers cannot be had without an adequate salary. Their salaries cannot be provided except through the machinery of proper organizations. We must pay as high a salary to our teachers of truth as is paid by other churches to their teachers of untruth. Otherwise the truth can never be made known to the people.

The Duty of Parents to Their Children.

When parents have learned the truth about God and life it is their imperative duty to have it taught to their children. Every child born to our race that lives to be taught anything about these important subjects is entitled to be taught the truth about them. It is the greatest crime against our race to withold the truth from them and teach lies instead. Such a course would perpetuate the heathenism of idolatry and superstition and all their attendant evils. Up to the present time nothing but lies have been taught to all children regarding God and life. The Church of Humanity is the first and only society on earth to proclaim and defend the right of children to know the truth about these subjects.

Each child is born into the world totally ignorant of the God and soul errors. They are coaxed and scared into becoming idolaters and superstitionists by their parents and are compelled to attend schools and churches where idolatry is practiced and superstition taught. Religionists have learned that if a child is taught to worship their idols and believe their superstitions during its earliest years it will with rare exceptions remain an idolatrous superstitionist as long as it lives.

The children of this generation thus taught become the parents of the next generation and they, in turn, have the same lies taught to their children and thus idolatry and superstition are perpetuated age after age.

To save our posterity from idolatry and superstition we, too, must begin with the children. No parents in the Church of Humanity should allow their children to attend a church or Sunday school where superstition is taught and idolatry is practiced. If they do they are aiding to promulgate and support these evils. But we must not leave the teaching of the truth about God and life to our children to chance. Christians do not leave the religious teaching of their children to chance, and none leave the teaching to the children of reading, writing and arithmetic to chance. We can not successfully teach our discoveries to our children at home Few of us have the time, ability patience or facilities to do it. Christians do not rely entirely on teaching their religion to their children in their homes. Very few teach their children any branch of knowledge at home now. At a cost of millions of dollars Christians organize Sunday schools in which to train their children in idolatry and superstition.

When a number of citizens wish to give their children a secular education they unite and tax themselves to build and support schools and hire teachers. The members of the Church of Humanity must also organize Sunday schools for their children so that they can be given a course of study in our discoveries as a supplement to their common school education. We must follow the example of other churches in the forming of Sunday schools and welcome children to a knowledge of the truth as other churches welcome them to a belief in untruths . The children cannot organize and build their schools for themselves. We must do it for them.

Surely we should care enough about our children to protect them

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The Duty of Parents to Their Children.

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from idolatry and superstition by providing teachers of truths for them. Surely we should place as high a value on our own childrens' education in truths as religionists do on their childrens' education in untruths. Surely we should be as willing to work as hard and pay as much to have our children taught truths as idolaters do to have our children taught lies. Surely we should do as much to civilize our children as others do to heathenize them. Are not our children dearer to us than they are to idolaters?

If our children were being taught untruths in other branches of knowledge should we not provide them with books and teachers that would teach them the truth? All children are being taught untruths in the two most important of all subjects—God and life. We propose to provide them with books, teachers and schools that will teach them the truth about those subjects in the simplest form.

For example, in teaching a child the shape of the earth, we have it say "round like a ball" so it can understand its shape by comparison to a smaller object that it can comprehend better. Thus we give the child in one short sentence the final knowledge of the earth's shape that took our race thousands of years to learn. It is but comparatively recently that its shape was discovered and became generally known. We do not think it necessary that the child should first be taught all the false ideas and speculations as to the shape of the earth before its real shape was discovered. As the child grows older we teach it a few simple proofs of the earth's spherical shape in the shortest way.

So in teaching the truth about God we give the final knowledge in the sentence "God is a fabulous being like Santa Claus" so that children can more easily comprehend him by comparison with a myth they can understand. Our church cannot possibly survive unless we get the children of our members into it and teach them these discoveries. If we do not teach our children our discoveries how can they ever learn them? If we do not orgnize branch churches to teach our children our truths other churches will teach them their lies and win them for the forces of idolatry and superstition. They will be surrounded by idolaters, associate with idolaters, marry idolaters and teach idolatry to your grandchildren. They will become the writers, speakers, voters, law makers and public officials of the next generation and use their power to perpetuate idolatry and superstition.

Thus our discoveries would die with us, none would be left to support our lecturers and writers and as they died off there would be none to take their place. Truths, like lies must be taught to each succeeding generation or they will be forgotten when those who teach them die.

Make Your Dollars Support Truths Instead of Lies.

Those who learn our discoveries should not only resign their membership in all societies teaching idolatry and superstition and cease giving aid to them in any way but they should at once join the Church of Humanity and aid it financially more than they ever aided societies teaching lies.

Truth, like lies, must have financial backing to succeed. No teaching can be carried on successfully without money. Those who will not accept our discoveries will not pay anything to have them taught. Hence the financing of our propaganda devolves entirely on the few who do accept them. Those who know them must pay for the teaching of those who do not know them. Money talks. Make yours talk truths. If you do not your children will make it talk lies when they get it.

Mere wishes and hopes will not help us unless they are materialized into cash or its equivalent and donated to our cause. Convert your good wishes for our success into acts. Support our church in proportion to your means, and at least equal to the support idolaters in your circumstances give to their societies. Give all you can of service and money to the cause of truth while you live. After you die you can give it no aid. Make a bequest in your will to our church so that your money can hire teachers to proclaim these grand discoveries to your posterity and save them from idolatry thereby when you are voiceless forever.

Every dollar given to the Church of Humanity will be used in propagating the only truths that can civilize our race and redeem it from heathenism. The conflict between truth and lies will be largely fought out with dollars. Truth can only win in proportion to the number of dollars it is backed with. Are your dollars backing truths or lies? Millions of dollars are given annuallly for the propagation of religious mythologies. To propagate and perpetuate our scientific discoveries as thoroughly will cost as much in work and money annually as those errors do. The task is appalling. But the very magnitude of it should show us our weakness and the folly and foolishness of undertaking the task as unorganized individuals, and should drive us to organization for protection and self-preservation, and for more efficient work. The mighty task for us to do should inspire us with a mighty energy, enthusiasm and devotion to truth, and make us co-operate in peace and harmony among ourselves as we go forth to battle against the mighty organized hordes of idolaters and superstitionists.

Work for Our Church as Superstitious Idolaters Work for Theirs.

If truth is ever to triumph it must have as active and enthusiastic workers for it as lies have. Then resolve to serve our church as the members of other churches serve theirs. Our discoveries will gain recognition and adherents if we toil for them as religious mythologies are toiled for.

Our church is based on the scientific discoveries that no real God exists in the universe and that death ends life for ever, and its object is the overthrow of religious mythologies on this planet for ever by the substitution of these truths. Our church will rise or fall with the acceptation or rejection of these discovered truths.

If you want these discoveries to become known and accepted join the first and only society founded to teach them and aid it with all your abilities and wealth.

Our Reward.

The members of other churches are spurred to action by an imaginary heaven to be won and an imaginary hell to be avoided. We should be spurred to action for a real reward we are to get in this real and only life we shall ever live. Our reward will consist in a world redeemed from idolatry and superstition and all their attendant evils of religious wars, persecutions, strife, hatred and ignorance, and the consoling knowledge that we are doing what we can to help civilize the world for a perpetual habitation for our posterity.

I Want Thousands to Share This Predicted Praise and Blessing.

"Munice, Ind., Jan. 25, 1910.

W. H. Kerr: Dear Comrade—Enclosed find 25 cts. for which please send to my address 100 copies of the January issue of your paper for distribution among my friends and acquaintances.

You are laying the foundation on which will be built the grandest civilization in the history of the world, and long ages after you are gone millions of grateful men and women will sing your praises and bless your memory.

The tide of rationalism is rising higher and higher each day, and we may safely indulge the hope that before the close of the 20th century the Gods and Devils will all be driven from the sky and the priests of superstition banished from the earth.

That you may long live to carry forward the noble work of emancipating your fellow men from the debasing bondage of theological superstition is the sincere wish of your friend and co-laborer T. J. Bowles."

I want the good Dr. Bowles and a few thousand more to join the Church of Humanity and aid me in evoluting "the church" from a false to a true foundation and thus win for themselves equal praise and blessing that he sees so clearly with his prophetic eye. I am not the selfish man one comrade accused me of being who wants to have all the credit for this work and to claim and monopolize all this coming praise and blessing. No, indeed, I am not. I want it divided among thousands. If others will not come and earn it by aiding me it is their fault, not mine, if they fail to get a large share of those praises and blessing. I urgently invite the Doctor to come into the Church of Humanity and get busy helping Prof. Ward and thus earn a large share of it for himself. Prof. Ward is going to earn a large share of it, and no one will be better pleased and more willing for him to have it than myself. Comrade Long, our first financial backer, will receive a large share of it. Although he has been dead for several years his money is still printing and conveying our discovered truths to tens of thousands of people and all the colleges and universities in the United States. Some can do active personal work of evoluting the churches and others can furnish the money to pay them for doing it. Those of both classes will be equally entitled to share in this coming praise and blessing in proportion to the amount of aid they contribute to the great task of evoluting "the church" from a false to a true foundation. Do you reader, want a share in them? If you do, just get busy and earn it, and I assure you that none will be greater pleased than myself to see you win it and get it. Now I want to straighten out the Doctor's ideas in a couple of places to get them in accord with this movement so he can aid it more easily and effectively. The first kink to be straightened is where he thinks the home of Gods and Devils are in the sky. That is not their home and never was. No Gods and Devils ever did or ever will inhabit the skies. Their only place of abode is in the minds of superstitious idolaters. They are purely imaginary characters originally conjured up in the minds of ignorant barbarians to account for natural phenomena they did not understand and have been transmitted from generation to generation by education as real beings down to our time. Hence our task is to drive them, along with other characters of fiction—soul, Christ, Holy Ghost, angels, heaven and hell—out of the people's minds as realities. That can only be done by driving the two discoveries of the Church of Humanity into their minds. That is the only antidote that can possibly dislodge them and protect the mind against their introduction as realities through the efforts of the heathenizers.

The second kink to be straightened out is where he predicts that the "priests of superstition" will be banished from the earth. There will be nothing of the kind. It can't be done and the Church of Humanity doesn't want it done. Did the good Doctor never hear of evolution? Of course he has. Well that is to be applied to the solution of this case. The "priests" of superstition are to evolute into the Instructor and Organizer for the Church of Humanity and thus become teachers of truth and civilizers of the people instead of teachers of error and heathenizers of them. Prof. Ward is a perfect example of the evoluted "priest of superstition," and our comrades who pay him for his services are the perfect examples of the evoluted idolaters who formerly employed the priests of superstition. This illustration proves that the employers must first evolute from idolaters to civilized people before their priest can possibly do so. The people are the employers of the priests of superstition and they must first learn and accept the truth and then refuse to employ their priest until he, too, learns the truth and is willing to teach it Then his old employers will give him employment again. This is the natural and logical order of the evolution of "the church" from a heathenizing to a civilizing institution. If the good Doctor is thoroughly evoluted from a believer in the reality of God and immortality to a knowledge of the discoveries of the Church of Humanity, I urge him to unite with it and either help to evolute "the church" or pay others for doing it. I want to see the Church of Humanity so well organized and established with thousands of branch churches and hundreds of competent and qualified instructors employed before I die that I will not be missed.

The Church of Humanity Educates The Colleges and Universities in the Truth About God and Life

On January 27 and 28, I mailed twenty-four different numbers of our church paper to each of the 450 colleges and universities in the United States. Only one college out of the entire lot requested me not to send it any more.

Who can estimate the influence for truth these 10800 copies will exert on our higher educational institutions? This is an achievement for the members to be proud of and one that justifies many times all the aid they have given their church. Those who have kept a complete file of the papers can see what was sent to these educational institutions by referring to them by whole numbers I mailed to 302 of them Nos. 48 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 31, 30, 28, 27, 26, 25, 21, 13, 12, 6, 4, 3, 2, and of the C. E. & G. D. Nos. 17 and 11; and to 148 of them Nos. 48, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 40, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 21, 20, 18, 16 and C. E. & G. D. Nos. 17, 11, 9, and 4. A few consignments like this to these institutions would doubtless modify their firm belief in their religious errors to such an extent that many of them would allow Prof. Ward to lecture in them to their students. Thus, the road for truth is opened to our highest educational institutions by the Church of Humanity.

MORAL DUTY—As soon as any one learns our discoveries it is his moral duty to join the C.O.H. and aid in making its discoveries known and perpetuated in organized societies and to cease aiding voluntary all societies and individuals teaching untruths about God and life until they cease it and teach truths.

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Our National Lecturer and Organizer's Monthly Report.

Comrades: This, my first monthly report, is not of an encouraging nature. It must be borne in mind that in starting my field work I am mainly handicapped by two things:

1. It is the worst time of the year to commence indoor lecturing. The hot weather tempts even those who are in the habit of attending lectures to go out of doors into the country. Very few progressive and reform movements continue their indoor lectures during May, June, July and August.

2. Then, as the pioneer of an entirely new movement, I have to act as my own advance agent. Lecturers of other societies have their halls engaged and their advertising done for them before they arrive at the city in which they lecture.

I have to engage the hall in which I am to speak myself, attend personally to my own advertising, and hunt up likely helpers for our cause. I have to do this in nearly every place I visit a few days before my lectures take place. This in itself is a serious and inevitable drawback to the success of my first lecture tour. However, the information and experience I gain in the various cities I visit will be of invaluable use to myself and other lecturers of our church when I or they visit the same cities for the purpose of further propaganda.

Selsa, Missouri.

On Thursday, May 19, I delivered a lecture in the school house near Selsa, Mo., at the invitation of our earnest and energetic comrade, Mr. J. J. Herman,, of Blue Springs, Mo.

A few days before my lecture he drove me round to about fifty farm houses within a radious of two miles of the school house inviting the inhabitants to attend my meeting. The result was that about fifty were present. In the middle of my lecture there were several interruptions and I had to request one interrupter to keep his mind open and his mouth shut. He left the meeting accompanied by several others to whom our truths were evidently unpalatable. They then commenced to make a big noise outside the building, shouting "throw him out" and flinging clods at the windows which fortunately were protected by wire. Finding that these tactics interfered little with my lecture they resorted to more desperate ones. They burst open the door and despite the fact that women and children were present flung clods inside. One struck me pretty forcibly over the heart. Luckily the audience were on my side. I went on with my lecture and at the close of the meeting drove to Comrade J. J. Herman's home without experiencing further trouble.

This unpleasant experience of mine shows clearly that the idolatry of God and the supedstition of a future life still, as of old, make men savages. Some there doubtless would have murdered me, had the opportunity been favorable, as mercilessly as the idolatrous and superstitious Christians of Spain murdered Ferrer. It is the result of their having been manufactured into idolaters and superstitionists in childhood. And so long as children's minds are thus prostituted so long will human society be cursed by that bigotry, wedded to brutality, of which I received a sample at Selsa.

Kansas City, Mo.

I delivered two lectures at Kansas City, Mo., on May 19.

My afternoon lecture was an account of my mental evolution from the Wesleyan Methodist Church to the Church of Humanity. My evening lecture was an exposition of our two discoveries in nature, viz., that all gods are myths and death the eternal end of personal life. A pleasing feature of my evening meeting was the number of questions asked by several in the audience. I received a very orderly and most attentive hearing.

Financially and numerically, however, my Kansas City meetings were not a success, only ten being present in the afternoon and thirty-three in the evening. Each one present paid twenty-five cents admission.

One cause of this failure was the abominab'e weather. During the afternoon and evening the rain came down in torrents and consequently many, no doubt, were thus kept away.

For advertising my lectures I relied almost wholly on posters. I had 250 two-sheet posters printed at a cost of $15.90. The posting of them cost. $20. The bill posters did not by any means give me a fair show. It was only by constantly worrying him that I was able to get a few bills put up in the center of the city on the Saturday before my lecture.

Kansas City has four daily newspapers. Only one of them, the "Post," would insert a notice of my lectures and even it omitted all refenence to our scientific discoveries.

My main helper at Kansas City was our Comrade J. J. Herman, to whom I tendered my best thanks. Our Comrade, E. G. Whitney, of Kansas City displays great courage in openly selling our literature.

St. Louis, Mo.

From Kansas City I went on to St. Louis. Here I received encouragement from the "German School Association and Free Community of St. Louis."

This society very generously gave me the use of their fine hall, which seats over 400 people, free of all charge. I lectured there on Sunday afternoon, May 29th on "The Truth About God and Death." It was a free meeting but only about fifty men and women were present. No speaker could have wished for a more appreciative audience.

In view of the fact that I had 2,000 handbills announcing my lecture distributed, and a $9.90 advertisement of it inserted in the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat," the attendance was very disappointing.

I approached each of the editors of the six daily papers of St. Louis but not one of them deigned to notice my work for our church. I also mailed a bill of my lecture to each of the clergy of St. Louis but not one was present to learn the truth about those very subjects they are paid to preach about.

Chicago.

On Sunday, June 5, I am due to lecture in Chicago. Here the ground has been well prepared by our Comrade P. J. Campbell. He has engaged one of the largest theaters there—"The Garrick Theatre"—for my lectures. My morning lecture at 11 o'clock will be entitled, "Why Spain Shot Ferrer." In the evening I lecture on "The Truth About God and Death."

I am hoping that my Chicago meetings will make up for the poor meeting at Kansas City and St. Louis. In a great city like Chicago it is of the utmost importance that we have a brance of our church established. After all, the main object of our field work should be the formation of branch churches. If it is impossible to persuade my listeners to organize a branch after hearing only one or two of my lectures I may have to arrange to stay several weeks in a city until a branch is formed. This will lessen considerably my heavy railroad expenses, and I believe, have more fruitful results in organization. It is unreasonable to expect that a single lecture about our nature truths will erase from the minds of the listeners those errors about God and a future life which have been hammered into them since childhood by teachers of idolatry and superstition.

It is a great and difficult task to win a world from its false beliefs in God and personal immortality. No pioneer ever engaged in a more difficult task, and yet, no pioneer ever engaged in a greater task. But with patience and perseverance we shall establish firmly a few branch churches which will carry on our glorious mission when we are no more, and which will bring nearer the dawn of that bright era when none will degrade their manhood or womanhood by bending their knees to a mythical god and none will delude themselves with dreams or nightmares of an miaginary immortality.

How to Stop Volcanoes.

There is nothing in the papers recently about Mount Etna destroying cities as it was doing a few weeks ago. It may be 'that you don't all know how it was stopped. Well, it was very easy to do and I shall tell you how it was done so you can stop them if any break out in your neighborhood. Just scatter some relics and crucifixes in front of the lava stream and carry some as you parade around chanting and praying to your idols to stop it, and promise them if they will do so you will sling mud at the first person who dares to say they are myths, and it will stop—as soon as it would have done without any of that trouble and fuss.

That is the way the idolaters of Sicily stopped the activity of Mount Etna—so they believe—and the poor ignoramuses will never know any better.

Advantage of Being a "God."

When it comes to committing crimes "God" has a great advantage over other criminals. When he murders people, kills their stock and burns their buildings with his weapon——the lightning—as idolaters say he does, they kotow and salam and sing his praises and thank him profusely for being so good, and will throw mud at Comrade Ward for being so mean as to say he didn't do it. But I notice in the papers that Charles Nordmack, who was accused of shooting a man and his two children, a boy and girl, aged eight and ten, respectively, was convicted of murder and will be sent to prison.

Now, had he been "God" and used lightning instead of a gun to do the murdering with he would have been loved, adored, praised and thanked for it by the witnesses, lawyers, jury and judge instead of being punished.

Uncommon Sense.

One often hears of "common sense" as though it were a safe guide to go by. But it is not always. What is often needed is uncommon sense. A case in point is a New York child that manifested more sense in one respect than all Christendom combined. The case is reported as follows:

"There is one small girl in a New York school who has lost her faith in the saints—a faith that was implicit, says the New York Tribune. Her name is Elizabeth, and she can't 'earn to spell. She is always at the foot of the spelling cass. She does her best to learn, but if a wrong letter can creep into a word it sneaks in when Elizabeth tries to spell that word. Tuesday she came into the class beaming, but inside of two minutes she had spelled innocent "inosent" and flew "flough." The teacher shook her head.

"Elizabeth, what shall I do with you?" she asked. Elizabeth looked at her with a hopeless gaze, two tears trickling down her nose.

"There ain't anything to do," she said in a tone of finality. "I did the last thing this morning. I offered St. Anthony 50 cents if he'd help me spell right, and he hasn't done it, and I've no more use for him."

Had all people the uncommon sense this child used in dealing with St. Anthony there would be no prayers to God, Christ, Saints and angels or any other such myths.. Although billions of favors have been asked in prayers annually of these characters for untold ages not one has been granted by any of them as is proven by our discovery that they are all myths.

Let us have some more manifestations of uncommon sense from idolaters when they see that their prayers are never answered by the spooks they pray to.

Stopping the Shocks.

Some people tell me that I use such plain language in teaching the discoveries of our church that it shocks people so, and that I should not do it. Of course their remedy is for me to cease the teaching of these truths and begin teaching the lies that idolaters like to hear so well that they cheerfully pay good salaries for telling them. But I have a remedy for stopping the shocks and remain teaching truths. That is to tell the truth to the people so often that they will get used to it and experience no shocks whatever, I have no fears of these shocks killing anyone, and am anxious to give all people of the world a great shock by telling them the truths in print that God is a myth and death the end of life forever. Then the next time they hear them they will not be shocked so badly and the third time hardly feel it. Then if it is kept up the people will in time begin to like it and eventually call for it, and finally pay for it, refusing the lies as a gift and then prohibiting them. That is the natural way in which truth will gain the victory over lies if its teaching is kept up often enough and long enough.

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MISSIONARY WORK BY THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY

Between February 14 and May 8 Prof. Ward delivered 28 lectures in Great Bend. The aggregate attendance was about seven hundred, or an average of twenty-five.

The majority of the lectures were specially prepared by him for the C. O. H. and nearly all were on some phases of evidence proving its discoveries true. In time, as our church grows stronger numerically and financially some of them may be published in pamphlet form. The following is a full list of their titles:

"Why I Left the Methodist Pulpit."

"Shall We Live After We Are Dead?"

"Is There a God?"

"Is The Bible a Divine Revelatin?"

"Why I Do Not Pray."

"Is there a Hell?"

"The Only True Church in the World."

"The Dream of Heaven."

"Did Jesus Rise From the Dead?"

"Why the Spanish Government Shot Ferrer."

"Ghosts: An Exposure of Spiritualism."

"Idolatry and Superstition in the Public Schools."

"What is God?"

"The World's Great Thinkers."

"The Evolution of Man."

"What Becomes of us When we Die."

"The Origin of the World."

"Good without God and Happiness without Heaven."

"Does 'God' Convert Sinners?"

"Jesus not 'God'"

"Charles Bradlaugh."

"Miracles."

"The Origin of Life."

"How will the World End?"

"Socialism and Religion."

"The Ghost Father and Virgin Mother of Jesus."

"There is no God."

The Superstition of Immortality.

Comdade Ward took special pains with the preparation of these lectures to present the evidences clearly that prove our discovereries true, and I believe they would have convinced most any person who heard them all that they are. But none are so deaf as those who will not hear. Very few attended and they only occassionally. It seemed impossible to get the people interested in the truth except to shun it and fight it as if that would prevent it from being true.

I made special efforts to induce the people to attend so they would learn our discoveries and discontinue teaching idolatry in the public schools.

Two thousand hand bills were distributed; five hundred postal invitations mailed to individuals; phoned invitations to many; a comfortable and convenient hall secured and lectures made free to all, yet they did not care enough about the truth to listen to it.

We thought people would take more interest in the truth in large cities, but that has yet to be proven by actual test.

The test given Kansas City does not seem to indicate that they will.

The idolaters rejoice at our failure, but they have made an infinitely greater failure by not trying to learn our discoveries. They will believe they have proven that God is a real being by refusing to hear evidence that he is not, but that no more proves him a reality than Santa Claus is proven a reality by a child that refuses to listen to anyone who says he is not.

But there are ways to get people out to hear the evidence that proves our discoveries true and to accept them, and we must keep experimenting until we find them. It will not do to keep on heathenizing the children when the truth is known that the universe has no god and man has no soul and death is the end of life forever.

Although the lectures are disappointing is visible results the seeds of truth sown may germinate in many minds and drive out the obnoxious growths of idolatry and superstition later on and eventually result in much good. Five men saw the light of truth and united with the C. O. H., and I believe several more are "under conviction" of idolatry and religious superstition by their conscience and see the error of their ways by the light of truth.

Prof. Ward Mobbed.

A card from Comrade Ward, reads: "Had noisy meeting at Blue Springs. Door burst open and clods thrown in, one striking me over heart."

This was at a country school house near Blue Springs, Mo., where he lectured Thursday evening, May 19.

Comrade A. J. Herman had helped to arrange for the lecture, the title being "The truth about God and Death."

Who says we live in a civilized age and country? And in Missouri, too, where it is said people "want to be shown." Evidently some do not want to be shown the greatest of all scientific discoveries.

In a subsequent letter he says: "Luckily the windows were protected with wire and were thus saved from being broken. If the majority of the crowd had not stuck by me I might have been injured." That speaks well for the majority. There is always hope for any people learning our discoveries when a majority stands for fair play and is willing to listen to our teacher.

Comrade Herman gave good aid in advertising it. We hope the seeds of truth sown will germinate in the minds of many and result in the organization of a branch church to propagate and perpetrate these great discoveries at this very school house. That is what all school houses ought to be for—to enlighten the people. When they are enlightened they will not mob any one because nature did not produce a god, soul and immortality for them. Ward is no more responsible for this failure of nature than the mud slingers are. He is simply telling them what nature failed to do, and all their hatred and abuse aroused by their disappointment should be directed at nature and not at those who discover and teach the fact. I want the above statement always kept in mind when any superstitionist feels angry at our teachers. I want them to remember that all our teachers are just as sorry as they are that nature did not produce a real god with the three primary attributes assigned to their imaginary one. They would gladly give every penny they have any time for such a god if he loved and cared for our race. They need just such a god every moment to control the elements and protect life and limb from accidents and diseases. With such a god in existence there would be no need of money. Had such a god existed all objectionable features in nature would have been eliminated and conditions and environments be perfect for all. No one would then have any need of a soul for death would then be unknown. But since nature did not provide a god our teachers are glad they found it out so that they cannot be imposed on by idolaters and scared into worshiping a god that does not exist. They know that man cannot create real gods nor souls nor immortality nor resurrect the dead. Since it is true that the universe has no god and man no soul they rejoice they have learned these facts, but are not glad they are facts. Can you, reader, grasp my meaning clearly? It is very important that you understand that we are not glad there is no god and soul and immortality, but that as there are none we are glad we know it. If you keep this distinction clearly in mind you will understand our teachers better and know how to treat them right.

This mobbing of Ward, disproves another theory of idolaters to the effect that people would not behave themselves if they learn there is no god and no future life.

It is the idolaters to be the first to use violence and physical force to break up a meeting and injure a lecturer who is teaching the greatest discoveries of science.

All theories as to people becoming more rude and criminal were they to learn our discoveries must be reversed in the face of this proof that it is the idolaters who believe in and practice mob violence. Thus one false theory after another used to bolster up religious superstition go down to grief before demonstrated facts.

A Good Suggestion For Ward.

Owing to the Chinese and some other sensible people who object to being reheathenized by Christians it is suggested by the Marquis of Northampton that the British and Foreign Bible Society obtain an airship for the distribution of books in places where it would be dangerous to life to venture.

Now if this plan works all right in changing people from one form of heathenism to another, why not use it in changing a people from heathens to civilized people?

If superstitionists continue to throw clods at Prof. Ward it may be necessary for him to print his lectures and toss them out to the people from an airship.

Quite Naturally.

"St. Louis, June 5.—Saloon keepers are the best praying and the best paying men in the parish of St. Nicholas's Roman Catholic church, according to the pastor, the Rev. Father Adrain. He was a speaker at the first annual banquet of Council No. 1, of the Liquor Dealers' Benevolent association.

He said that of all the men attending his church none obeyed the laws of God and the state and took so much interest in church and charitable work as the keepers of dram shops."

In this class of active, praying and paying idolaters the priest doubtless could have included the prostitutes, boodlers and rich grafters of all kinds in his parish since it is as natural for criminals of all classes to take to religion as it is for a duck to take to water.

I was told once by a fellow who was so dense as to think that criminals were not Christians where I could get eight members for our church. On inquiry he referred to the eight saloon keepers of Great Bend who were violating the prohibition laws of Kansas. I told him that among the crimianl classes would be the last place I would expect to find a person intelligent enough to not be an idolater. I offered to back up my judgment right then and there by going with him to see them all and ask them if they believed in the existence of a God and a future life and for each one who said he did not I would give him a dollar if he would give me a dollar for each one who said he did. But he hadn't enough confidence in his judgment to submit it to a test.

The Ideal Church.

The ideal church is one in which the great modern scientific discoveries that God is a myth and that conscious life ceases forever at death; and whose members aid it all they can personally and financially to propagate these discoveries, and who prohibit the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious superstition in their homes.

Free Thought Not Always True Thought.

Some imagine that thoughts are not free and that if they were they would be true. But that is a mistake. In the first place all thought is free. Any one can think anything he wishes to that he has the ability to. Secondly, those who accept the title of Freethinkers are no more true thinkers than are others who do not accept the title. As I walked down the street once I got in conversation with a man who said he was a Freethinker and had been all his life. I thought I had found a prospective member for our church and was about to ask him if he knew the truths we teach. But he poured out such a torrent of abuse of the clergy and churches that I did not get the opportunity to ask him until we got to a Salvation Army orgies when he stopped to remark that there was what he called genuine religion as he tossed a quarter on the upturned drum and halted to admire the purity of heathenism that had no "church" or "clergy." Disgusted beyond measure at this sample of "Freethought" I thought to myself, "no good," and walked on.

Mud slingers can't suppress the scientific discoveries of the C. O. H. if its members will do their duty.

Members of the C. O. H. should put all their relatives and friends and neighbors on the T. A. G. & L. subscription list.

June 1 is the time for members to pay annual membership dues of $1. Please send them in with any unpaid dues.

The C. O. H. is as sorry as any people are that nature provided no gods nor souls nor immortality for man, but since it did not we rejoice that we have learned the truth that it did not. Note the distinction.

Mud-slinging idolaters are so angry at nature for not providing them gods and souls that they mob a person for telling those truths. They should recognize the fact that teachers who teach the facts in nature are not responsible for those facts, and jump onto nature about it if they are displeased.

Who will volunteer to take Ward's place if he is knocked out of the ring by mud-slingers? This is a question that will try men's nerves and their willingness to defend the truth. You need not wait for another war to test your bravery and heroism.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

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Dear Comrades: Elsewhere in this copy you will see accounts of Comrade Ward's mission. He is to lecture in St. Louis Sunday, May 29. I have heard from him since his arrival there, but his report of meeting will be too late to go in this issue.

His other dates are as follows:
June 5—Chicago, Ill.
June 12—Cleveland, O.
June 19—Cincinnati, O.
June 26—Washington, D. C.
July 3—Philadelphia, Pa.
July 10—New York.
July 17—New York.
July 24—Boston, Mass.
July 31—Montreal, Can.
Aug. 7—Toronto, Ont.
Aug. 14—Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade P. J. Campbell, box 373, Chicago, is arranging for the Chicago lecturer. All in reach of these places should attend the lectures and try to form branch churches at each place.

Do not expect too much of the people. They cannot learn to become reconciled to the discoveries of our church, in a few months much less to learn and accept them. Remember you are the first people in the history of our race to send out a man to teach the truth about God and life. Remember your representative, Comrade Ward, is the first to proclaim your discoveries from the rostrum to the people. These truths, of course, were always true and ever will be true but they are dreadfully shocking to the people because they never had suspected them. They have always been taught to believe they had an all-powerful and all-wise, loving, unseen, protector to save them from harm and to resurrect them after death, and that they had a soul that could never be killed. It is most horrifying to them to hear of the discovery that these things are fabulous. They will fight against hearing it as though to do so would prevent it being true. They will mob your agent and destroy his literature as though they could destroy the truth by doing so. I believe you will stand by him and defend him to the best of your ability. You should be determined that the people have a chance to learn the truth if you have to furnish a body guard with your agent while he tells them what it is.

By keeping a representative in the field all the time you are doing the noblest work that can be done by man for gradually the people will become reconciled to these truths of nature. It will gradually dawn on them that we are not responsible for them being true; that we are as sorry as they are that they are true. But,, since they are true, we are glad to know it, both for our own satisfaction and to know what to teach our children.

The second anniversary of our organization is here and I wish to remind you that your annual membership dues of $1 for the third year is now due and payable. Please send them in and back dues if any. They will help greatly on Ward's salary. Please send them in without asking me to waste time and stationery in mailing each of you statements. If you are not certain about paying last year's dues, just send it along too, and I shall make it all right by giving you credit on the books.

There is about $700 to raise on Ward's salary yet. In sending in your dues let all who can, add a five or ten dollars more for that fund. Comrade Ward is your agent to introduce the marvelous discoveries of your church to the world. He is the target for the riffraff to throw mud at and all manner of ill-mannerel abuse. Cheer him up by raising his salary promptly and cheerfully. None of you would do the work he is doing if you could and take the abuse he gets for several times his salary. And while he is doing his part bravely, don't forget to do yours.

The expenses of the local work here, exclusive of Ward's salary and $11 in collections were $150, but I paid all that myself, and none of it comes out of your donations.

Put all your distant relatives anl friends on our subscription list.

Send $3.00 for a monthly bundle of 100 copies for a year to distribute free. They will do good missionery work.

I expect "The Little Missionary," a pamphlet for our church, will be ready for delivery in a month. Price of single copies, 25 cents. Advance orders taken now.

Chinese Riots Justifiable.

The papers are bringing news now of Chinese driving out the Christian missionaries, burning their churches and breaking up their missions. The missionaries are concentrating near the coasts to establish their churches and mission work where they can be protected by Christian battleships. The Christians believe the Chinese must accept their brand of superstition if it has to be pumped into them with shot and shell.

In the light of the modern scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life it is seen that the Chinese and the followers of all other religious mythologies are fully justified in refusing to accept Christianity if they have to use force to do it.

Although they do not know these great discoveries, yet their own religious mythologies can be no worse than what the Christians are trying to force on them.

The Chinese and Japanese have been much more tolerant than the Christians would be under like circumstances. No Christian nation would allow them admission to establish missions to teach their religion and "convert" the Christians.

If the Christians wish to assist in civilizing the world they must do as the members of the C. O. H. did—learn the truth about their own religion and civilize themselves first by discarding it and accepting the discoveries of science that the universe has no god and man no soul, and that death ends life forever. Then they will be in a logical position to help to civilize others.

A Suggestion to the Church.

Comrades: Actual experience in field work brings out new difficulties and conditions that we must provide for as they arise to get our discoveries fairly before the people.

The first difficulty to provide for is advertising our discoveries, and the second is the expense and inconvenience of traveling when and where our lecturer wants to, and the third is the expense and difficulty of getting halls.

Now I have a suggestion to offer the church that to a great extent will overcome these three great difficulties and make us practically independent of idolaters regarding them. It is this:

Buy an automobile for our field missionary as a traveling university for the people. Its cost would be saved in car fare, hall rent and advertising in a year and tens of thousands more people could be reached. I bring out the three advantages thus:

Advertising.

Editors and publishers absolutely refuse to publish our discoveries in nature that the universe has no god and man has no soul, or to publish the title of any lecture on these discoveries showing plainly what they are about.

Bill posters refuse to post bills making these announcements. It is impossible to get our great scientific discoveries and the work of our missionary before the people through the ordinary channels of business. With an auto he could go into a town and parade the streets with banners and placards and some music and hand-bills and thus do his own advertising.

Traveling.

Many places he can not reach by rail, others reached only in the night and long waits be made to reach others. With an auto he could go any place at any time he was ready and stay as long as he liked without being rushed or made to wait on trains. He could stop at small villages where most trains do not.

Halls.

It is impossible to get halls at some places and only at extravigantly high prices where he can get them. Then they must be engaged for a certain time and paid for regardless of what turns up to prevent attendance.

With an auto he would have his lecture hall with him all the time and could talk from it as a platform at any time and place he could get people to listen. He could go to where people rest, loaf or lunch and talk to them and distribute literature instead of asking them to come to him.

He could travel in Northern states in the summer, in the Middle states in the spring and autumn and in Southern states in the winter, thus speaking in the open all the year round. I would name our church auto "The Traveling University." It would be the leading university of the world and take direct to the people a higher knowledge and greater truths than they could obtain at any stationary university now existing.

I can think of no better plan to escape the rigid boycott everywhere placed on our propaganda, and I am enthusiastic in this method of escaping it.

Now, comrades, what do you think of this plan? How much will each of you contribute on the price of a suitable auto for "The Traveling University" of our church? As soon as you pledge $2,500 I will enquire what a suitable one will cost. Some comrades perhaps can aid in this inquiry as some live where autos are built.

Now, comrades, let us see if we can out-general our idolatrous boycotters by putting out a traveling university. I want you to get enthused over it and to back up your enthusiasm with your purse. No other kind counts on the price of a traveling university. I shall back up mine with a pledge of one-fifth of the $2,500—$500, provided all the balance of you raise $2,000 by August 1, 1910. Will you do it?

Now, all fall in line under my pledge, but as close up to it in amount as you can possibly get. Make your pledges payable August 1, 1910. Cut out or copy the following pledge, then fill in name, address and the largest possible amount you can give for a traveling university to be owned by the C. O. H.:

Pledge.

"I hereby pledge the sum of $..... payable August 1 1910, into the treasury of the Church of Humanity for the purchase of a suitable automobile for said church to use in its propaganda work, provided the sum of $2,500 can be raised by pledge by said church for said purpose on or before August 1, 1910, and I am notified to that effect by the president of said church.
Name .....
Address .....

Please fill out this pledge at once—today—do it now——and forward to me by next mail.

Not Throwing Money Away.

A neighbor said I was throwing money away in my church work. But I can't see it in that way nor neither could he were he not an idolater. I feel it my duty to raise my children to be civilized citizens but Great Bend will not allow me to do that until a controlling number of its citizens are themselves civilized. They now take my money from me my force, hire professional idolaters with it then take my children from their home by force and compel them to worship their heathen idols, then criticise me for failing to save my own children from idolatry.

It is thus seen to be utterly impossible to prevent the heathenizing of my children until I can win over a majority of the citizens to oppose the heathenizing of their children also by getting them to learn and accept our discoveries. It will require lots of mony to do that if it can be done at all. This may seem an indirect way of saving my children from idolatry but it is the most direct course to take. The majority who have the controlling power will continue to use it to force idolatry on my children until they, too, learn that God is a myth and death the end of life and refuse to force idolatry on their own children.

"What Fools These Mortals Be."

That people who ordinarily act sensibly and intelligently can also act exceedingly foolish is best illustrated in the perpetuation of their idolatry and religious superstitions. In Great Bend, where the people have had the best opportunity of any on earth to learn the truth about God and life, they absolutely refuse to try to learn it and stupidly continue to enlarge their church edifices and build new ones to practice the idolatry and teach the superstition of primative man in as though they could force nature to reverse its universally fixed processes and produce gods and souls and immortality for them as a reward for their idocy.

At the cost of hundreds of dollars I have sent for the books of the greatest living scientists and of the best biblical critics containing proof of our discoveries and offered them to these people free, but they will not accept them or read them.

At the cost of other hundreds of dollars I brought a man from Liverpool, England, to tell them the evidences of our discoveries free of cost to them, but they stubbornly refused to hear him.

Were these people to act as sensibly in this matter as they usually do in others they would be anxious to learn these new discoveries about the true nature of the god they have been taught to worship, love and fear, and about what becomes of them at death and then teach these new truths in their churches to civilize their children instead of the old lies to heathenize them.

Subscribe for the "Truth About God and Life" if you want to know the truth about the most important of all subjects.

Join the C. O. H. if you know the discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life and help to have them taught to others.

The Only Safe Side.

The teachers of every religious mythology warnes each generation to get on the "safe side" by believing and acepting their "Mother's religion."

Now that advice is all right to follow provided the "Mother" was not mistaken. No one seems to have thought of that possibility. The very first step to take is to find out about that point. It is soon enough to accept your mother's religion when it is proven that she was not mistaken.

Did the mother know that there are several great religions claiming to be on the "safe side" but differing radically from each other? Did mother investigate their several claims to infallibility and determine which, if any is true? One had better enquire of his mother concerning these important points before deciding that she herself was really on the "safe side."

Now, here is a list of ten different religions, each contradicting all the others, but the devotees of each claiming with equal confidence that they alone are on the "safe side."

"According to James Freeman Clarke the "ten great religions of the world are: 1. The Confucian religion of China, founded by Confucius (B. C. 551-478). 2. Brahmanism of India. 3. Buddhism, a revolt from Brahmanism. in eastern Asia, founded by Sakyamuni (who died 543 B. C.) 4. The Magian religion of Persia, founded by Zoroaster. 5. The religion of Egypt; a polytheism or animal worship. 6. The Mythology of the Greeks and Romans. 7. The Scandinavian Mythology. 8. The Jewish religion. 9. The "Islam" religion, founded by Mohammed. 10. Christianity."

If your mother is living just call the old lady's attention to them and ask her what she knows about them. Ask her what particular evidence convinced her that the one she selected was the only true one and all the rest false. She will likely say that the sacred books of her's say so. But so do the sacred books of all the others say the same thing concerning them. She will also say her clergyman said so. But the clergy of all the others tell their followers the same thing. She will prove she is on the "safe side" by showing that her mother believed the same religion. But the mothers in all other religions will prove they are on the "safe side" by the same kind of evidence. You will very likely find out that the mother knows nothing about these other nine religions, probably does not know there are any others. You will find your mother is not very well informed on religions after all, and that she is not a very safe guide to go by in determining which, if any, religion is true. The same evidences she relies on to prove her's true is relied on to prove all the rest true by their followers. To be on the safe side one had better investigate the claims of all of the religions. Then compare them with nature as revealed by the light of the latest discoveries of science. Then one will find them all mistaken, and that the followers of none of them can ever be on the "safe side." It will be found by every close observer of nature's process that the C. O. H. is on the only safe and sane side. It knows and teaches the truth by being in perfect accord and harmony with nature as revealed by every physical science and by all our natural senses. It alone knows the true nature of God—that he is composed entirely of human gas, sometimes called pulpit gas. It alone knows the true nature of death—that it is the end forever of individual conscious life and the beginning of the permanent dissolution of the organism.

All who desire to be on the safe side should learn the evidences that prove our discoveries true, then join the C. O. H. and aid in teaching them to others. We can absolutely guarantee that none of our members will ever go to hell nor be punished by "God" in purgatory or anywhere else.

Can any religion make such guarantee? Can any other church give such assurance to its members? For the small annual dues of $1 this church will insure all who learn its discoveries and unite with it against "hell fire" and the "wrath of God" forever. Millions are paying the old line churches more than ten times that amount for such insurance, and then they are not certain they will escape.

The C. O. H. is going to reduce the rates charged for fire insurance in the "next world" because it has no risks whatever, having discovered there is no "next world." Better transfer your policy to the C. O. H. where rates are cheapest and you are absolutely safe from "hell" and "God."

Courts Disagree on Authority For Religious Training of Children.

A decision rendered by Judge Reynolds of the St. Louis Court of Appeals contradicts that of the Kansas Supreme Court regarding the proper authority for the religious training of children.

The Supreme Court of Kansas in the Billard vs. School Board case in Topeka a few years ago practically made the religious teaching and training of children compulsory by state authority through the public schools. A parent has no say or rights as to what that teaching shall be. That is delegated to the state by that infamous decision that annuls the clause in our State Constitution which says "no one shall be compelled to attend or support any form of worship."

Judge Reynolds holds that the proper authority resides in the father as to what his children shall be taught regarding religious subjects, and that he can not be required to rear them in any faith. An antenuptial contract to do so is not binding.

"The decision was in the case of Wade Cary, at St. Louis attorney, who married Miss Gertrude A. Brewer, daughter of Ben R. Brewer, a St. Louis lawyer. Miss Brewer was a Catholic and Cary a non-Catholic, and previous to their marriage an agreement was entered into that the children should be reared in the Catholic faith.

Two children were born. The eldest was 3 years old and the youngest 3 months old when Brewer filed suit to compel Cary to bring the children up as Catholics. Mrs. Brewer died June 23, 1908, and later Cary married a Protestant. The first child was baptized in a Catholic church, but the second was not. Judge Reynolds holds that the father or guardian of a child is the sole judge as to what training the child shall receive and no court has any right, directly or indirectly, to interfere in the direction of the religious training of a child. To do so, the court says, would be "incompatible with religious freedom."

In Kansas a father has no rights in the matter. The state heathenizes his children through the public schools and his protests are in vain. No parent can raise a civilized child in Kansas. The state will not allow it. In the light of the modern scientific discovery that God is a character of fiction—an idol—it is seen that all who worship him are idolaters. Nearly all agree that idolaters are heathens. The state through the public school system compels my children to worship God in praise and prayers. I want all the people everywhere who are opposed to state enforced idolatry to join the Church of Humanity so we can make a united protest against it to any state.

Insanity Gone to Seed and Being Artificially Cultivated.

In the budding reason of primeval man, in a world of strange phenomena of things and movements he could not account for, he had to guess at causes of all things from necessity. With no knowledge of the real cause of anything it was enevitable that most, if not all his guesses were wrong. He knew nothing of the size, shape and movements of the earth, sun and stars; nothing of the wonders revealed by the telescope, microscope or spectrum; nothing of the knowledge acquired through any science or by the arts of reading and writing; nothing of his own history, origin and destiny and no means of knowing. Under such environments he is certainly excusable for making wrong guesses. The charge of insanity certainly can not hold against him for imagining gods, devils, angels, souls, ghosts, heavens, and hells to exist and that dead people can be brought to life again, and many more equally absurd ideas. But for an educated modern man to believe such primeval guesses true, when his own senses and all of the vast modern natural sciences prove them untrue, the charge of insanity on such belief ought to hold against him. Then when he proclaims these crude guesses to be the highest and truest wisdom and infallibly correct it appears to be insanity gone to seed, and when taught to children in homes and societies and schools it appears to be the propagation of insanity. Some ideas and actions that are quite natural and reasonable in infants become sure proof of insanity in adults. Likewise many ideas and acts that are quite natural and reasonable in the infancy of our race become sure proof of insanity when it is mentally and educationally mature.

Many characteristics of infants are not expected or even permissable in a mature man. Neither should some characteristics of our race in its infancy be expected or permissable in its maturity. Some alienist has said that practically all members of our race have some symptoms of insanity, and in the continuation of their religious mythologies for facts is seen the proof of it. Such beliefs could no more be natural to a mature and educated race than is the special vagaries of infancy natural in the intellectually develped man. Hence those vagaries of our infant race are perpetrated as truths only by artificial culture. The enforcement of idolatry and religious superstitions in children will cease when it is generally seen in the light of modern wisdom to be as sure symptoms of insanity as would the creeping and jabbering like a babe of an adult.

God and Comet's Tail of Material of Same Name—Gas.

The scare given the world by exploiters of the comet's gas tail is over but the scare given the world by exploiters of a gas god is still on and growing worse all the time.

Unscrupulous charlatans predicted dire calamities to the earth and its inhabitants from contact with the comet's tail in order to get notoriety. The greater the destruction predicted the more popular became the prophet and the larger his following. In some places the scare seemed to be contagious. Some people committed suicide, many quit work, some sought safety in caves, others hastened to churches to get religion and implore protection of a gas god. So many people got the scare that it unsettled business and commerce to such an extent in some countries that the government had to take a hand in quieting the people. Astronomers of known ability and integrity were asked to ascertain the true effect of the comet on the earth and publish it in the papers to allay the people's fears. They found that the comet's tail was 20,000,000 miles long and contained 50,000,000,000 cubic yards of gaseous substance so thin it probably had only one molecule of gas to the cubic yard and weighed less than half an ounce all told and could not hurt a flea if the earth did go right through it. That quieted the people's nerves some and now that we are safely through it without any one being hurt by it the act of those governments in getting those who knew the truth to tell it to the people is seen to be justified. But what about the world wide perpetual scare about a gas god? That scare is still on and will be to the end of our race unless the people learn our discovery of its true nature. That scare has been the greatest scare our race has ever inflicted upon itself. It has caused more crimes and desolation than all other causes combined. Whole races have been exterminted, countries depopulated, millions of people tortured and slaughtered, civilizations destroyed, and the progress of our entire race turned back many times for centuries owing to the insane fear of a god composed of human gas produced by pirates on the destinies of our race for their own aggrandisement. Oh! Happy day for our race had some one discovered ages ago that all gods are composed of human gas and then some strong government seen the discovery was made known to all the world. Then no one would have been scared into committing crimes through fear of the vengence of any god.

Well, "better late than never," in this case. Our race must still be in its infancy or it could not be scared with such bug-a-boos. The discovery of the true nature of God is now definitely made. Some strong government, or rich philanthropist should now finance the work of making it known to the people and thus allay their fears of gods and save them from being led into crimes and vices by charlatans or ignoramuses through their fears.

The mighty omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God who created, governs and sustains the universe and uses lightning to strike down his critics is postitively discovered to be wholly composed of human gas and weighs half an ounce less than the comet's tail and is infinitely less harmless when one knows his composition.

Every time you hear anyone affirming anything of God to indicate that he is a real, live, intelligent being just remember that such person is then simply gassing and creating a god out of it. Then you will smile at his efforts to throw you into a fit of fear and he will soon get disgusted and quit trying unless you or some one else pays him to keep on gassing and you would be very foolish to do that.

A comrade writes that he is in favor of true religion, but "true religion" is as contradictory and impossible to have as a block of red hot ice. All religions are systems of teaching the existence of gods and souls and immortality, hence all are false. They are based on lies, propagated by lies and maintained by liars and ignoramuses. All religions must perish when our discoveries become known and accepted. Truths will take their places and truths of nature ought to be what all should desire to know.

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This Number is Dedicated to the Memory of my Son Albert, Killed in the Harvest Field by Lightning, June 29, 1900, Aged 12 years 2 Months, 17 days.

Over Albert's Grave I Proclaim the Scientific Discoveries That the Universe has no God, Man has no Soul and that Death is the end of Conscious Life Forever and the Beginning of the Permanent Dissolution of the Organism.

I Earnestly Admonish his Brother and Sisters and all who Have Love, Sympathy and Pity for Albert to Believe and Accept These Great Modern Discoveries and to Refrain From the Practice of Idolatry and Belief in Religious Superstitions as Long as they Live, and to Provide that no Religious Services Shall be Held Over Them When Dead.

(From the Great Bend Beacon.)

Lightning's Havoc.

In the north part of the county last Friday, about noon, lightning did much damage, in one case a young life being taken.

At W. H. Kerr's place, in Beaver township, the harvesting crew had just turned in for the dinner hour. A young 14 year old son of Mr. Kerr was driving one header barge. He delayed at the stack a short time, and when the rest of the men looked around to see what delayed him, they saw the header barge had been overturned. Going back, they found the boy dead, a few rods from the barge. A bolt of lightning had struck him, marking him from the head down along one side, to the waist line, then cutting across and disemboweling the body.

At Isaac Merkel's there were seven men in a barge going out to work after the noon hour, when a bolt of lightning struck the team of mules, killing one of the mules outright, but doing no injury to those in the wagon.

In the same neighborhood lightning set fire and burned up two or three wheat stacks for G. H. Horner, and one or more for Mr. Couchman.

The Correction in Same Paper.
DEATH OF ALBERT KERR.

Letter From His Father Telling of the Unfortunate Occurrence.

Dubuque, Kans., July 12, 1900.

Editor Beacon: I write to correct the notice of my son's death in last issue. On June 29, we were harvesting on the home place. We had cut but two loads after dinner when an electrical storm developed and I stopped on account of the sharp lightning. My son, Albert, 12 years old, was driving the barge which he had done for me during the last five harvests. I requested him and Mr. Shore, the loader, to get off the barge as I was afraid of the lightning striking them. Just then the lightning set fire to some wheat which I thought was mine on another farm and from which the fire could sweep to my home. I requested Mr. Shore to help Albert take care of the teams and taking one horse to ride I called to the other hands to come and help put out the fire. When they came by the header the horses were unhitched and leaving one barge and team there for Albert to mind they all, including Mr. Shore, came on as the shower was going around and the teams would need but little attention. As they came by the house I had a plow and shovels ready and loading them in the barge we went on. After going a short distance we could see the fire was not on my farm and we came back. When we got to the house my wife said the barge was blown over and she could see nothing of Albert. We went out as fast as we could, turned the barge up, searched the wheat but he was not there.

After searching two hours one of the neighbors found him in the uncut wheat where he had been struck and instantly killed while on the way to the house. His hat, shirt and overalls were torn to pieces but his body was not. There were two marks on the back of the head where the hair was singed to the scalp and a large blistered spot on the abdomen.

We thank the friends and neighbors who, disregarded the urgency of their harvest, came to offer their assistance and sympathy.

W. H. KERR.

Preachers Offer Their Service.

Two preachers came and offered their service to deliver the funeral oration. I thanked them for their kindness and explained that we could not accept any religious services whatever; that when we were all well, prosperous and happy we were able to investigate nature impartially and by doing so had discovered that God is a myth and death the end of life forever; that in the hour of greatest sorrow those natural truths remained unchanged and that all such misfortunes as ours were positive proofs of them being true.

As there were none who knew the truth about God and life to appeal to for service none were held at Albert's burial. But those who knew him will always remember him as an industrious little soldier of the field.

The Superstition of Idolaters Aroused and Rebuked Through the Papers.

My windmill had been struck by lightning and the tower slightly damaged. Ten days after Albert's death our house was struck and badly damaged by lightning one evening after the family had all retired. Some of the family, including myself, were bruised considerably by the plastering being forced down on us so violently. This aroused the superstition of our idolatrous neighbors and I was reliably informed that some of them attributed Albert's death to the wrath of their idol at my denial of its existence. I replied to my informants that no amount of guesses by the ignorant idolaters could induce me to be one; that I knew my discoveries were true; that there was no intelligence in lightning nor back of it to produce and direct it, and that no amount of it could convince me that there was; that all its actions proved there was not.

Finally I sent a copy of the following letter to most of the county papers and a number of Freethought publications, some of which published it.

Dubuque, Kans., Jan. 7, 1901.

Editor Clarion: It has been called to my attention that a number of Christians have affirmed that the death of my son Albert, by lightning last harvest, was God's punishment for my belief in his non-existence. In justice to myself and family I deem it my duty to make a public defense of my position, for which I assume all responsibility.

It is deplorable that people will accuse the God they love, of such wickedness, and more deplorable that they will worship a being whom the believe guilty of such atrociousness. No wonder more and more people every year are beginning to question the existence of such a being.

If God is just, why should he mur-

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der the innocent to punish the guilty? If God is all powerful, could he not prove his existence in a more humane way? If God is all-wise, did he not know I would never believe he murdered my son? Did he not know that if I did believe it, I would utterly hate and despise him to the last moment of my conscious existence?

The worst hell I could be consigned to would be to be clothed with immortality and be required to worship the murderer of my child throughout eternity. God's non-denial of the crimes charged to him by the Bible and his friends is not evidence of his guilt, but is most positive evidence of his non-existence No good being in existence, having the power to deny such accusations, would rest under them a moment. If God was a real being, and had the power to communicate to me, the first sentence would be, "I did not foreknow and could not have prevented Albert's death."

Were it true that a God uses the elements to bring sorrow and destruction on me and mine, as a punishment for my belief, would it not be also a proof that Christians are wrong in their belief when they meet with misfortune? I believe I can both see and hear as well as the average man, and throughout the realm of nature, so far as I have had opportunity and ability to investigate, I see no foot-prints of God and hear not his voice.

You may cite me to the Bible as a book giving full information about God. But is a book that contradicts itself hundreds of times, and contradicts known facts, the word of an all-wise God? Is a book that teaches or sanctions a score of crimes and vices, the work of a good God?

Christians, if I worshiped a God that had been accused of murdering your child upon any excuse, I would investigate the matter and try to find out if he really existed and was guilty. If he did not exist I would cease worshiping him. If he did exist I would repudiate him.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. KERR.

An Idolater Comes to the Defense of His Idol By Accusing Satan.

One of the papers allowed an idolater four times as much space as I used to try to switch the blame for Albert's death to Satan, being anxious to have him charged with being the author of all calamities and sorrows and hated accordingly if his God only be acknowledged and loved.

He headed his article, "God is not Cruel," and began as follows:

"It is not with any unkind thought to Mr. Kerr, but with a deep concern that the world and my fellow Christians might see the other side of the question he endeavors to treat. In the first paragraph he affirms that the Christians claim the death of his son by lightning was a judgment from God because he believed in his non-evistence. As I am a Christian and believe that the Bible is God's thoughts made audible to us I will endeavor to give a few thoughts from the sacred word on this line. We do not believe that the Lord had anything to do with the death of your son."

Then he proceeded to quote scripture profusely to prove that his mythical God was good and his mythical Satan bad, attributing all that pleases man to the former and all that displeases man to the latter. He was very long on quotations but very short on good sense and logic to apply to them, but with the usual cunning of an idolater defending his idol he skipped all passages that conflicted with his purpose.

I wrote a rejoinder and mailed it to the editor asking him to allow me a fourth as much space to defend myself but he, being an idolater, refused to give me any.

That goes to prove that the reason the people remain heathen idolaters is that each one plays pope unto himself by instantly placing all proof, reason and logic against his religious superstitions on the index prohibitorious tablet of his mind. He is taught to believe that all such proof, reason and logic are snares of a fictitious devil set to trap his fictitious soul to take to a fictitious hell. Therefore he prohibits his mind from considering them as rigidly as he prohibits his legs from walking him into a real fire, and does all he can to prevent the minds of others from having an opportunity to consider them.

I did not preserve a copy of my letter, but a summary of the points I called my critic's attention to were about as follows:

First: That if he really believed his theory that his Devil ruled and controlled the elements then he should pray to him for rain and for the prevention of floods, storms and lightning instead of his God.

Second: That according to the Bible his God did use the elements for the destruction of man good, bad and medium, and referring him to some of the many accounts he skipped, such as the destruction of the world by flood; the plagues of Egypt; the destruction of individuals, armies, cities and tribes by lightning, drouths, storm and plague.

Third: That as Christ subdued a storm Satan raised to destroy him, as he claimed, then Christ, did he still exist and have the same power could over rule Satan's orders to the elements and prevent them doing harm to man. As he does not do that he is not worth the ink his name is written with as a protector to anyone.

Fourth: That since his idols do not protect man from the power of Satan in this world it is sure proof they would not do it in any other world had nature produced any other.

Fifth: That since his idols do not protect man's life from destruction by Satan it is unreasonable to think they would protect his soul from Satan had nature produced souls.

Sixth: That since he believes that both Satan and I are enemies of his God it is no more reasonable to believe that Satan would punish me on that account than would my critic murder a neighbor's child because the neighbor would not love and worship the critic's greatest enemy.

Seventh: That since he believes his God created Satan and has full power over him he must hold his God responsible for all Satan does as though he did it himself.

Eighth: That a list of the objects struck by lightning proves clearly that it is the weapon of neither gods nor devils, and that it is not intelligent nor controlled by any intelligence whatever. It strikes people, stock, buildings, trees, the ground and other objects indiscriminately regardless of who is killed or injured.

Some very devout idolaters and children of idolaters have been killed by lightning in this county. Just a month after Albert's death, a boy his age, of idolatrous parents, was in a barn when it was struck by lightning and set on fire. The family and hired man rushed in to rescue him, but could not find him. After the barn burned down they found his charred corpse. A Methodist church near my farm was struck and burned with all its contents.

No idolaters give up their religious untruths on account of all this sure proof that they are untruths. Why should I renounce the scientific truths I have learned that is proven true by all this evidence?

Ninth: That if he would take his nose out of that lying Bible long enough to forget his fear of the gods and devils hatched in the brains of barbarians and muster up a little good sense with which to examine the elements he would find that none of them had any intelligence with which to sensate the commands of his gods and devils though they shout themselves hoarse giving commands to them.

Then a continuation of his research for truth in a sensible manner would lead to the sure evidence that his God, Christ, soul and Satan are purely fictitious characters.

All should learn these discoveries, then join the church of Humanity to aid in making them known that all may act sensibly though in deepest sorrow.

The Worship of God and Satan Prohibited for Same Reason.

I prohibit the worship of God in my home on the grounds of my discovery that he is a myth and therefore an idol of the imagination whose worship is as base idolatry as is the worship of images whittled out of wood or stone by hand. I have no more hatred for him than I have for those material idols whose worship I would prohibit in my home. But, had I not made this great discovery and continued to believe God to be a real being I would have prohibited the worship of him in my home just the same as now, but it would then be on the grounds of his wickedness—the same grounds on which I would prohibit the worship of the devil in m yhome in whose existence I would then also believe.

To me it appears remarkably strange that idolaters are so unreasoning, inconsistent and illogical as to refuse to worship the devil on account of the wickedness attributed to him, but worship God for the very reason that the wickedness attributed to him out-devils the devil in the ratio of 1,000,000 to 0 since he is represented as being directly responsible for all the devil's wickedness as well as his own—he having, they believe, created the devil and has power to destroy or to control him.

As illustrating the confusion of ideas, inconsistency of action and illogical reasoning of religious superstitionists I shall refer to specific cases.

The idolater who laid the blame of my son's death by lightning on Satan, and subscribed himself, or herself, as "Yours in the Master's service, N. G. Wells," said of his theory after giving Bible quotations in proof of it:

"It is evident that Satan's wars are more directly waged against the righteous. Yet in his endeavor to destroy God's children he destroyed both good and bad alike. * * *

That Satan as the prince of the power of the air has power over the elements is shown by his destruction of Job's property. Knowing the certainty of eventual defeat by Chirst, his sole object is destruction. * * *

The tempest which Christ stilled on the sea of Galilee was of Satan's raising. * * * But Christ's greater power was shown by the simple words 'Peace be still.' In the multiplicity of destructive storms, cyclones, earthquakes, tidal waves and other disturbances of the elements the enemy of souls is no doubt pleased to have them all laid to the charge of Almighty God. It furthers his work of deception to have men believe there is no personal devil going about seeking whom he may devour. He would fain have them believe that the Lord of glory is responsible for all the works of destruction that are multiplying as the end draws nigh."

Much more of the same kind of reasoning and conclusions based on Bible quotations and a desire to have me and his readers believe that Satan was responsible for my son's death is in his more than two column criticism of my rebuke to Christians who claimed that God was the cause of it.

But with all his belief in Satan being the master and ruler of the elements and the murderer of my son he never even suggested that I should love and worship him and pray to him to not kill any more of my family. He never advised me to pray to Satan for rain in times of drought, for my daily bread that depended on favorable seasons, for protection from hail, cyclones, lightning, floods and blizzards. Oh, no, not at all. He wanted me to believe Satan caused all the destruction of life and property from the elements and to hate him for causing it. Now that particular part of his reasoning and logic is right and consistent with his premise. But to continue to carry out his reasoning and logic consistently he should hate God for creating Satan and Christ for not countermanding Satan's orders to the elements to destroy life and property as he did the tempest that Satan raised to destroy him on the sea of Galilee, and both of them for not leaving standing orders with the elements to not obey Satan in anything.

However, the state of Kansas does not agree with my critic. It says officially through the state text book commission "As lightning does the will of God," in a text book adopted for its public schools.

Evidently the majority of idolaters in Kansas believe their God runs the elements to suit himself without consulting Satan, or even allowing him to interfere with them.

To be as consistent as those who believe Satan does this business they should hate God for all destruction of life and property he causes by the elements as they would hate Satan for it. But so inconsistent are they that instead of hating him and teaching all school children to hate him for his vast destruction they read about every day they worship him in hymns of love and praise and thanks for his goodness and beg him in prayers to keep right on being so good. These idolaters would be horrified at finding those who lay the same destruction to Satan giving him the same kind of praise and worship and advice in prayers, yet it would be as sensible, reasonable, logical and consistent for them to do so.

Superstitionists should hold the same attitude of mind to each of these characters of fiction when

they believe them guilty of the same acts. Why should they hate the devil and worship God simply because they believe God both able and willing to out-devil the Devil in devilitry.

For my part I intend to treat these two characters the same. Then the friends and enemies of each can not accuse me of partiality.

As they are both myths I shall never worship either one, nor allow any one else to where I have authority to prohibit it.

On the theory of idolaters that they are both real beings I would not worship either one nor allow any one else to do so where I had authority to prohibit it because of their responsibility for the evils of life.

Why This is a Memorial Number.

Some comrades may wonder why I have made this a memorial number in memory of my dear Albert and why the church should be interested in him.

In the first place it is largely due to the little fellow's aid on the farm in raising the crops which enabled me to devote my time and some money to the propagation of my scientific discoveries that the universe has no God, that man has no soul and that conscious life ends forever at death, and to aid in the founding of the C. O. H. to spread and perpetuate them.

Secondly: I desire that he be given due credit by all who are benefited by the C. O. H. and its truths for the faithful part he filled in helping to make me financially able to begin to help to carry on the work of the C. O. H.

Thirdly: I want his brother and sisters to remember that if they ever allow idolaters to heathenize them into the belief in the existence and worship of any god that it will be a greater insult to the memory of their dear little brother than if they were to love, praise and worship a human fiend who would have sneaked up behind him and struck him dead with a sledge hammer without the slightest provocation or warning. I want them to know that the reason I prohibit them from going to idolatrous churches and Sunday schools is that I do not want them to be heathenized, and that the reason I prohibit the practice of idolatry in my home is that I want them to grow up in a civilized way to remain civilized citizens through life. I want them to know the truths I have discovered and to live and die in that knowledge and to regard the idolatry of gods as the lowest and most degrading vice of any people.

Fourthly: Some idolaters who know of Albert's death and its cause seem to believe that all my activity in teaching the mythical nature of God is actuated by hatred of him and a desire for revenge for killing, or allowing Albert to be killed. The spreading of this theory by them would tend to undo the value of my scientific teachin by attributing false motives to me. Therefore, I desire to head off any bad effects by the promulgation of that false theory by declaring that I have not the least bit of hatred for God, Christ, Satan, or any other myth. Anybody would be foolish to hate a character that he knows does not exist. Knowing God to be a myth I know, of course, that he had no more to do with killing Albert than had Santa Claus. I made the discoveries that God is a myth many years before Albert was born, and am very glad I did.

Fifth: As a matter of fact all people living are living without a real god and all who have died have lived and died without a real god but they did not know it. But I want to give a practical example in my family of how people should live and die without a god when they know there is none. There is only one way to stop idolatry and that is to cease practicing it and prohibit it in the homes of those who know the truth. Parents who know the truth must explain it to their children that God and Christ are myths and that to worship them in songs of praise and prayers is a degrading vice, and that they must refrain from doing so as they should from all other vices. It is the duty of such parents to prohibit their children from practicing idolatry as they prohibit them from practicing other vices and crimes.

Information Wanted.

All parents in Great Bend want their children heathenized by the public schools and insist on enforcing it on mine. As I do not want mine heathenized I ask if any readers of this paper know of a public school in the United States wherein religious mythologies are not taught as truths, and for the address of its officers if they do. I would prefer to send my children to a distant school where religious lies are excluded to the ones at home where the insane ideas that gods, devils, souls, ghosts, heavens and hells exist and that dead people will ever come to life again.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

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Form a Great Study Circle by the Endless Chain Plan.

Comrades: I have a lot of back numbers of different issues amounting to many thousands that should be read by your relatives, friends and neighbors. To place them in their hands I suggest that you start a great study circle on the endless chain plan to include all your choice friends, and they theirs and so on. The plan is this: Each of you send 25 cents for a year's subscription for each of your choice friends with their names and addresses plainly written. I shall then enroll them in the study circle for a year's reading of your church paper. In addition I shall mail each of them a bundle of twelve different back numbers of our paper and ask each of them to place at least two of their best friends in the study circle in the same way. Each one should write a card to each one they place in the Study Circle telling them about it. Let us see how large a Study Circle we can create in this way.

Dear Comrades: The lecture dates of Comrade Ward are cancelled owing to a misunderstanding between us as to who was to pay his expenses. There will be no further field work for the present. But we will push the work right along in every other way we can. Can any of you suggest any plausible methods we have not yet tried? Suppose you try to think out plans for the propaganda work of our church and send us the best of them written out briefly. I believe we should try out all the good plans any member can think of. Think out plans on the following:

First: How to get a larger circulation for the church paper.

Second: How to get more members for our church.

Third: How to get branch churches organized.

Let all members study out plans for greater progress in these three lines of our work and send them to me for trial.

Here is one good plan to try out for increasing our number of subscribers. It is the endless chain plan. Each subscriber is to send in 50 cents and the address of two relatives, friends or neighbors he wishes the paper sent to for a year. As a reward I shall mail twelve different back numbers to each of them. They in turn are to send 50 cents and the addresses of two they want informed of our discoveries. To each of them I shall mail twelve back numbers of our paper. The chain is to be kept going in this way. Let each comrade help to start the chain by sending in two subscriptions. I suggest that when they do so they drop a card to each of the parties informing them that they have subscribed for a church paper for them teaching some new discoveries about God and life that they should know and for them to pass it on to two of their friends in like manner making another link in the chain of people who are to know these great discoveries. Here is a plan to try out for the organizing of branch churches by the members themselves without the aid of an organizer. Wherever five members can get together they can elect their officrs and send me an application for a charter for a branch C. O. H. and I will send it as soon as any member has found four more who will join the C. O. H. He can send their application for membership and ask for a blank application for a charter. When he gets it he can call them together and proceed to organize by electing the necessary officers to fill in the application properly and and then mail it to me with a request for a charter. I believe in this way the members themselves can form the nucleus of branch churches. After all, nothing can be done unless the members themselves do it. The progress of the C. O. H. depends entirely on its members. Comrade Ward failed to do practically anything at building up the C. O. H. by which alone the value of his services to it is measured. Possibly he could do better in England where he knows the people and environments better. I hope he can find some way and method of successfully propagating the discoveries in England and organizing the C. O. H. there to perpetuate them. The success of the cause we work for is too important to be jeopardized by any misunderstanding between any of our members. The cause must always take precedence over any personal considerations among us.

It may be that the general public is not ripe for the services of a field worker in our cause, and it may require much more educational work through our literature before it will be. Then, again, a field worker who knows Americans better and could use different methods might win phenomenal success where Comrade Ward failed. I am willing to try out any others who wish to undertake field work for the C. O. H. We all know that in any cause some can win success where a vast majority can not. It is no disgrace to any one to make a try in a good cause though he should fail to be successful.

Superficial Reasoning of Free Thought Editors.

I have long since come to the conclusion that the reason Freethuoght publications can make no headway at all in freeing tme people from idolatry and religious superstitions is that the editors of them are not themselves free from belief in the fundamental errors on which all religious mythologies are based—the god and soul fallacies.

All their fight against churches, clergy and Christianity is based on criticisms of the superficial things mistaking them for fundamentals. Then when they find people in the idolatrous churches who acknowledge their criticisms to be well taken they think them hypocrites. Idolatry and religious superstitions have a deeper base than has Christianity which those editors fail to see.

Christianity itself is simply one of the branches of the tree of idolatry, and draws its vitality from the two roots of that tree in common with all other religious mythologies instead of from the distinguishing feature which differentiates it from them. All Freethought editors and authors fail to recognize this vital distinction, and when they have succeeded in convincing Christians of the erroneousness of distinctively Christian dogmas they think those Christians should abandon the idolatrous churches. They fail to see that they did not touch the vitals of their supersitions at all—the God and soul errors.

An example of such writers who fight the nonessential dogmas of Christianity while holding fast to its vital root errors is Mr. L. K. Washburn, the editorial contributor to the Truth Seeker and former editor of the Boston Investigator.

In the Truth Seeker of June 4 under the caption "Christianity and Adam" he says:

"There is a certain class of Christian believers who deny the original foundations of Christianity, and yet claims that this faith fulfills its divine mission. They assert that no intelligent Christian regards the story of human origin, as related in the second chapter of Genesis, as possessing any scientific value, or looks upon the narrative of the first man's disobedience, as told in the first chapter of Genesis, as worthy of serious consideration, but they declare that man needs to be saved and that the only way that he can be saved is by accepting God's means of salvation.

We have always supposed that Christians believed that the Bible was a divine revelation, that what it contained was the truth of God and that it was necessary to accept this book as a religious guide in order to be saved. And we have also supposed that everyone who did accept this book never doubted or denied the divinity of anything which it contained.

Those persons who connect themselves with a Christian church and look upon Genesis as a book of foolish fables are not Christians, but hypocrites.

Christianity has no other foundation except the foolish story of the third chapter of Genesis. That is what every Christian church in the world stands upon. If that story is false, there was no sense in nailing Jesus to the cross for the sins of man. If that story is false, what did God tell it for? The only sensible answer to this question is, That God did not tell it; but this answer is the death of Christianity."

Christian idolatry will never die owing to the death of anyone or all of its distinguishing dogmas so long as the Christians believe in the common root errors of all religions—the existence of a god and souls.

Mr. Washburn, in common with all Freethought editors, never touch these vitals of Christianity. They all criticise some of its non-essentials under the impression that they are **working on its vitals.** They are fighting Christianity instead of fighting idolatry. They believe in the base of idolatry themselves but not in the distinctive Christian dogmas. That is why none of them will aid the C. O. H. in its efforts to overthrow

idolatry by teaching its discoveries that the universe has no god and that man has no soul.

I suggest that those editors try to learn these discoveries and then help to overthrow idolatry by attacking its vitals instead of the mere non-essential distinctive dogmas of Christianity. There is no way of successfully attacking them except by teaching the people the modern scientific discoveries that the universe has no god, that man has no soul and that death is the end of life forever.

That teaching never can be done successfully except by forming societies of those who know it to spread and perpetuate it.

It would be a grand thing if all those editors would learn these discoveries and then join the C. O. H. and help to teach them to their subscribers until they learned them and all joined the C. O. H. and organized themselves into branch churches to hand the teaching down to their children. What do you Freethought editors think of the proposition? Do you think you can learn them? You are incompetent to teach them to your subscribers until you do, that is self-evident and is proven by your subscribers failing to learn them. They think if they are true you would learn them. They forget that there are several hundred thousand editors in the world who can not learn them and the Freethought editors may be just as unable to learn them as the rest are. However, I suggest that they try, and keep on trying, until they learn them so thoroughly that they can leave the "if" off in stating, "If there is no god," and "If there is no soul," and, "If there is no future life," and not say they are guessing at it either as the editor of the "Freethinker," London, in his February 27 issue. I want them to be able to say they know these truths and able to teach them to their subscribers.

"As Lightning Does the Will of God."

The above quotation is from one of our school readers. It is placed there by idolaters to scare children with a savage character of fiction named God, so that they, too, will be idolaters. The scare thus given them lasts in their minds all through life. No difference how old or how wise they become they dare not try to learn the discovery that God is a myth through fear of being struck dead by lightning. Idolaters believe that they could commit every crime in the catalogue of crimes without any danger of being struck by lightning for doing so because those who read know that all kinds of crimes are being committed every moment and no God strikes the criminals with lightning for doing them.

But the only thing supposed to arouse the vengence of God is criticism or denial of his existence. He can watch the foulest of murders with calm indifference but flies all to pieces with rage and gets busy with his weapon of lightning when anyone criticises him. That is a trick of god-makers to keep people from investigating them to see if they are relatives. Every year several hundred people are killed by lightning in the United States, but not a member of the church of Humanity has been killed by lightning though it has nearly 500 enrolled members. This proves conclusively that no one ever was or ever will be killed by lightning on account of learning and teaching the discovery that God is a myth. How can a myth like Santa Claus use lightning or anything else to do his will? How can a myth have a will? It is time to take that plain lie out of the school books. If parents do not want their children to grow up to be liars they should stop lying to them. Some idolaters are beginning to recognize that it is wrong for parents to lie to their children about Santa Claus, and for mothers and nurses to scare them with lies about a devil and other fictitious characters. It is worse yet to buy a book and hire a teacher to teach your children lies about lightning doing the will of God. It is still worse to compel others to do it who know the truth and do not want their children heathenized. All churches teach that it is wrong to lie and right to tell the truth. The members of the Church of Humanity are the only people who take that teaching seriously and obey it literally in their teaching about God and life. Nothing surprises and vexes idolaters more than for people to follow their advice and stop lying about these subjects and begin telling the truth. We now insist on them following their own teaching and stop lying about lightning doing the will of God an dteach the truth that he is a myth.

It is alleged by some investigators that ignorant savages first conceived the god idea to account for all natural phenomena. They imagined an intelligent being caused every movement in nature. This quotation and many more in all our school books prove that the people are still in the savage state of development. In their ignorance they still imagine the lightning and other movements in nature to be caused by an intelligent being. It is time to "cut it out" and cease teaching lies. Idolaters will claim they cannot find out that this statement in their reader is a lie. If they would go about it in a sensible way they could find that out very easily. The first thing for them to do is to ask an authorized teacher in our church to tell them how to find out the truth. They will be instructed to read our literature and hear our authorized lecturers and follow their instructions. That will be to make some use of their brains in the right way—observe things, read the news, apply their information thus gathered to their statement in the reader and see if it is true. For example, take this item in today's paper about the 5-months old babe of Mrs. Edward Miller, near Ramah, Colorado, which was killed by lightning in its mother's arms. Now that is sure proof that lightning does not do the will of "God"—that there is no intelligence whatever directing the course of lightning—that there is no intelligence to control it—that God is a myth. Take that lie out of the school reader. So long as it remains there it is proof that our school books are written, adopted and taught by savages who still put intelligence back of natural phenomena as controling and directing them.

Idolaters will come forward with dozens of reasons and excuses why God killed that child. All of them will be irrational, absurd, idiotic. There is only one true explanation and any member of our church can give it. It is that nature's movements are not controlled by any intelligence whatever—God is simply a character of fiction like Santa Claus and knows nothing about the existence of lightning and children. So just please stop lying about him to scare the school children and fools Adults have no moral right and should have no legal right to scare children with fictitious characters. Every school of all kinds should unite in helping to unheathenize the people by teaching the modern discoveries that the universe has no god and man has no soul to the children. But schools can not do that until our church convinces the parents and school officers that these discoveries are true and then secure enough votes to force those who are too stubborn and ignorant to learn the truth to cease teaching barbaric lies in our public schools.

But some idolaters will accuse me of trying to deprive that poor mother of the consolation of worshiping the murderer of her child and of the hope of living with him sometime. None but fools would consider such acts and hopes a "consolation." Almost every day one can see accounts of children being murdered by people. No one wants the "consolation" of worshiping those murderers and very few want the hope of living with them. Some of them are lynched, some are sent to prison and others to asylums. Why should a "God" who uses lightning to kill babes be treated with any more respect than a human murderer? None but fools, sycophants and cowardly ignoramuses will do it.

There is only one civilized attitude to take in our relation to God—learn the discovery that he is a character of fiction, join the Church of Humanity and aid in deheathenizing the people by helping to have this discovery taught to all. Then all will know that God is not guilty of any of the crimes charged to him. None will hate or love him when they know his true nature. No unscrupulous villain will then be able to scare people into doing wrong with a myth named God.

Later:—Since writing the above I have seen a number of accounts of people being killed by lightning among which are mentioned six of a party of excursionists at Berlin, June 12, and on same date seven were killed at Breslan and eleven more within three days in the Province of Silesia, Germany. Richard Constable, a farmer living near Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Charlotte Hicks of Kansas City, Misouri, and W. E. Grimm, a farmer living near Greenwich, Kansas, were killed recently by lightning.

Some idolaters believe this is the work of a devil and they hate him as they should do were their superstitions true. Other idolaters believe it the work of a God and they worship him as they should not do were their superstitions true. A god who would kill these people should be hated for it as much as a devil would be for killing them.

No double standard of morals should be used in determining how these characters should be treated for committing the same acts. It is just as undesirable to be killed by a god as by a devil. If one is to be hated when believed to be guilty so should the other. If one is to be worshiped when believed to be guilty so should the other. When people apply good sense to the study of God and Satan they will learn that they are both myths and worship neither of them.

Wars of Extermination Ahead—Help to Avert Them.

In the activity of martialing the Christian hosts under the slogans of "World evangelism" and "the world for Christ;" in the prodigious amount of money raised to carry it out; in the activity and vast preparations for war of leading Christian nations to back it up with force; and in the unions and friendly relations growing up among all sects, there is clearly seen the beginning of a world-wide scheme to Christianize the world by force.

All other religions are considered mythologies by the Christians and must be wiped out and supplemented by what they believe is the "true religion." They believe their savage creation of fiction named God demands it. In their profound superstition they believe those demands should be obeyed though it cost a hundred million human lives to do it.

In such a war the Christians would easily be victorius owing to their combined armies and navies being vastly superior to that of the combined armies and navies of the followers of all other religions. The Christians though in the minority, see their advantage and are preparing to use it. They are now enlisting thousands of misionaries and raising a fund of millions of dollars to send them as the advance column with Bibles to establish outposts of Christianity among the followers of all other religions. They are to act in aggressive concert in a world-wide, harmonious, united, systemized, plan of "conquering the world for Christ." They are to be backed by the navies of Christian nations when needed. There is to be no more retreats of the Christian misionaries anywhere. In the recent conventions of interdenominational laymen at Chicago and of the world's Sunday schools at Washington is seen a practical consolidation of all the leading protestant sects for Christianizing the world.

In the recent refusal of King George to subscribe to that part of his official oath offensive to Catholics and of the thanks of the Pope for doing so is seen an indication of that growing friendship that will lead to a mutual understanding and common working agreement between the primary divisions of Christianity.

In Kansas all protestant sects, Jews and Catholics have united to force the worship of their idol on all through the agency of the public schools at the expense of the taxpayers. What Kansas has done on a state scale is done on a national scale in most Christian countries, and and partly in this, and is to be done on a world scale backed by the Christian navies.

When any people objects now to being heathenized by the Christians battleships are sent at once to enforce it.

Of the world's population of 1,544,510,000, only 534,940,000 are Christians, but with the exception of Japan they own all the big navies and are in a position to force the acceptance and worship of their fictitious God on all the world.

There are, according to Dr. Zeller, the director of the statistical bureau at Stuttgart, 300,000,000 Confucians, 214,000,000 Brahmins, 175,000,000 Mohammedians, 121,000,000 Buddhists, 10,860,000 Jews, and 188,710,000 are of lesser religions.

It is not probable that the followers of these various religions could be united in a contest against the Christians. By taking them separately they could easily be vanquished and policed by the Christian powers after the slaughter of a few millions of them who would rally in a fanatical mob to defend their "mother's religion" against the "foreign devils.'

I see no posible way of averting these inevitable slaughters except by unheathenizing the Christians. That can only be done by making known to them the modern scientific discoveries that God is only a character of fiction and death the end of life forever.

The Church of Humanity is the only society actively engaged in this great educational work. Those who wish it success should join it and aid it personally or financially.

Each member should get busy and subscribe for a monthly bundle of papers to distribute free and let their neighbors know what's going on in this old world towards correcting its religious errors.

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A Part of Decision of Supreme Court of Illinois

Prohibiting the Reading of the Bible, Repeating the Lord's Prayer and Singing Religious Hymns in Public Schools.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Springfield, Ill., June 29.—(Special)—The Illinois Supreme court in a decision today delivered a sweeping blow at all forms of religious services and instruction in the common schools of the state. The decision bars from the class room the Bible, prayers and hymns of every sort.

Although the court has frequently ruled on the various features of this question, it has never before gone squarely on record. The decision was written by Justice Dunn. Justices Cartwright and Hand dissented, but their opinion has not been filed.

The decision was given in a case brought by the Catholic residents of Winchester, Scott county, to prevent daily religious exercises in the schools of that district. In the lower court they were refused a writ of mandamus, but the Supreme court reverses the lower court. The petition set up that the pupils were required to hear read each day portions from the King James version of the bible, that they recited the King James version of the Lord's prayer, and that they sang hymns, one of which was mentioned—"Grace Enough for Me."

Religious Liberty Violated.

"The exercises mentioned," the court says, "constitute worship. They are the ordinary forms of worship usually practiced by Protestant Christian denominations. Their compulsory performance would be a violation of the constitutional guaranty of the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship. One does not enjoy the free exercise of religious worship who is compelled to join in any form of religious worship.

"If these exercises of reading the Bible, joining in prayer, and the singing of hymns were performed in a church, there would be no doubt of their religious character, and that character is not changed by the place of their performance. If the petitioners' children are required to join in the acts of worship, as alleged in the petition, against their consent, and against the wishes of their parents, they are deprived of the freedom of religious worship guaranteed to them by the constitution.

"The wrong arises, not out of the particular version of the Bible or form of prayer used, whether that found in the Douay or the King James version, or the particular songs sung, but out of the compulsion to join in any form of worship. The free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship

All Sects Equal in Law.

"It is not a question to be determined by a court in a country of religious freedom what religion or what sect is right. That is not a judicial question. All stand equal before the law—the Protestant, the Catholic, the Mohammedan, and Jew; the Mormon, the free thinker, the atheist.

"Whatever may be the view of the majority of the people, the court has no right and the majority has no right to enforce that view upon the minority, however small. It is precisely for the protection of the minority that constitutional limitations exist. Majorities need no such protection; they can take care of themselves.

"The reading of the Bible in school is instruction. Religious instruction may not be the object of such reading, but whether it is so or not, religious instruction is accomplished by it. The Bible has its place in the school, if it is read there at all, as the living word of God, entitled to honor and reverence. Its words are entitled to be received as authoritive and final. The reading or hearing of such words cannot fail to impress deeply the pupils' minds. It is intended and ought to so impress them.

Instructed if They Hear.

"They cannot hear the scriptures read without being instructed as to the divinity of Jesus Christ, the trinity, the resurrection, baptism, predestination, a future state of punishments and rewards, the authority of the priesthood, the obligation and effect of the sacraments, and many other doctrines about which the sects do not agree.

"Granting that instruction on these subjects is desirable, yet the sects do not agree on what instruction shall be given. Any instruction on any one of the subjects is necessarily sectarian because, while it may be consistent with the doctrines of one or many of the sects, it will be inconsistent with the doctrine of one or more of them.

"The petitioners are Catholics. They are compelled by law to contribute to the maintenance of this school and are compelled to send their children to it, and besides contributing to its maintenance to pay an additional expense of sending their children to another school. What right have the teachers of the school to teach those children religious doctrine different from that which they are taught by their parents? Why should the state compel them to unlearn the Lord's prayer as taught in their homes and by their church and use the Lord's prayer as taught by another sect?"

No Problem in Chicago.

"I think the question has been settled in the same way by the Supreme courts in other states," said President Alfred R. Urion, of the Chicago board of education. "It is a delicate question, but the school authorities of Chicago long have taken the stand that the public schools are not for religious teaching but for the education of children of all nationalities and of all religious beliefs. As a matter of public policy and for the highest development of our public schools I believe they should steer clear of creeds and sectarian teaching. That is the only way dissension can be avoided and the schools be made to accomplish their highest mission."

Mrs. Elsa Flagg Young, superintendent of schools expressed a similar opinion.

"I believe that moral training and the teaching of the fundamental principles of truth, honesty, right living in private and civic life, and common humanity have an important place in the public schools," she declared. "But the teaching of anything that might be construed as sectarian is liable to jeopardize the main mission of the public schools—education for all."

Comments: I have not seen a full text of the decision, but from the above explanation by the Tribune and extracts from the decision it appears:

1. That the objection to the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions in the schools of Illinois was not made by people who know the truth, but by a strong sect of idolaters who objected to some points of differences taught by other idolaters.

2. That the Supreme court did not base their decision on a knowledge of the truth about God and life, but on a desire to prevent the wrangling of idolatrous sects over their particular points of differences to be excluded from the schools. To insure peace, they had to exclude all that any strong sect objected to. Very likely the foundation errors underlying the religious superstitions of all sects—the God and soul fallacies—are taught in the school books and will be continued, as no idolatrous sect objects to it.

3. That a part of the court did not concur in the decision. Probably none of its members would have given such a favorable decision had a member of the Church of Humanity asked it in the name of truth and civilization. In Kansas where the various idolatrous sects seem to have agreed on what and how much religious superstition is to be taught in the schools, the Supreme court refuses to consider the rights of those who wish none at all in the schools.

4. That some of the good points of the decision are: (a) "The exercises mentioned constitute worship." This gives the lie direct to the Supreme court of Kansas, who said it did not in order to evade the clause in the constitution which provides that, "nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship." (b) "One does not enjoy the free exercise of religious worship who is compelled to join in any form of religious worship." (c) "If these exercises of reading the Bible, joining in prayer and singing of hymns were performed in a church there would be no doubt of their religious character, and that character is not changed by the place of their performance." (d) "If the petitioners' children are required to join in the acts of worship, as alleged in the petition, against their consent and against the wishes of their parents, they are deprived of the freedom of religious worship guaranteed to them by the constitution." (e) "The free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship." (f) That "the atheist" "stands equal before the law" with idolaters. (g) "The reading of the Bible in school is instruction. Religious instruction may not be the object of such reading, but whether it is or not, religious instruction is accomplished by it."

The time must come for civilized people to ask congress and legislatures to penalize the teaching of idolatry and religious superstitions in the public schools, and require the teaching of the scientific discoveries therein that the universe has no god, and that man has no soul, and that death ends conscious life forever. This must be done for the promotion of true knowledge on those very important subjects. It must be recognized that these are uni

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versal, scientific truths, and that it is the imperative duty of the state to enforce their teaching through the public schools. This course would soon bring, truth, peace and harmony among all our citizens on these vital subjects. It must be recognized that the true nature of God and life and what becomes of man at death, are not religious questions at all, but that they are scientific questions to be discovered and learned by the scientific methods of finding out all other truths of nature, and that it is the duty of the state to teach the truth about these subjects through the public schools the same as it does other important nature truths that all children should know. No truths of nature are so important as these to know. All children are entitled to know these truths and it is the imperative duty of the state to teach all children within its jurisdiction.

This knowledge and recognized duty should form the basis of all requests to courts to prohibit the false teaching and enforce the true one in our public schools, and the decision of all courts should be based on it, instead of on a desire to prevent the wrangling of idolaters over their religious superstitions they want forced on the children by state power.

It must be recognized that all children have an inalienable right to to know what becomes of them at death and that it is the duty of the state to teach them that knowledge.

Reasons Why "An Appeal" Will Be In Vain.

Under the caption, "An Appeal," the following appeal to Rationalists to get together in a compact organization, has been published in the Freethought publications of America. I shall number the sentences and my comments on them correspondingly.

AN APPEAL.

Ladies and gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, address you in the interest of humanity, and in commemoration of the heroes and heroines who have died for human liberty. We believe that such a cause will strongly appeal to you.

2. We are members of the Indiana Rationalist Association, The Buckeye Secular Union, The American Secular Union, The Rational Association of America, the Independent Religious Society of Chicago and the Paine Historical Society; and are subscribers to all the leading Freethought papers in America.

3. We urge each one of you to unite at once with one or more Freethought societies, and to subscribe for one or more Freethought papers. We are perfectly sure that if you do so that future generations will sing your praises and call you blessed

4. You will also have the proud satisfaction of seeing the stainless flag of freedom waving upon the dismantled ramparts of the motley hosts of superstition.

5. If gods and devils and priests, the only enemies of the race, are ever overthrown, it must be done by organized Rationalism.

6. There is no example in the whole history of the world where an organized priesthood ever relaxed its fiendish grip from the throat of liberty.

7. The Ethopian could change his skin and the leopard his spots as easily as a Pope or a priest could become a lover of humanity and freedom.

8. We therefore beseech all Rationalists—every one of you—to get together in a compact organization and help to inaugurate a reign of reason in the Republic bequeathed to us by Jefferson, Paine and Franklin.

9. The vile old strumpet of orthodox religion sits in the palaces and parlors of the world, and compels mankind to do her bidding and to do her homage.

10. By the perfect organization of her ignorant dupes, she compels our politicians and our so-called statesmen to become her panderers, procurers and tools for her infamous uses.

11. This vile old hag intrudes herself at every birth, and at every death at every marriage and in our schools with her dismal crooning; and would if she was unrestrained, do as she has done in other lands where unrestrained and unopposed. She would make of our own fair Columbia a despotism like that of Russia or Spain.

The Freethinkers actually outnumber the forces of superstition fully two to one; and if we were but organized we could easily rid our land of priestly rule and tyranny. Ladies and gentlemen, let us organize and get busy.

DR. T. J. BOWLES,
Pres. Indiana Rationalist Association
WM. Y. BUCK,
SCHUYLER LaTOURETTE,
JOHN C. BECK,
JOHN H. PRINCE,
Officials Ind. R. A.

Comments.

1. This opening sentence in the appeal, for a compact organization is too indefinite as to its base and object to arouse any interest or enthusiasm for it. What "interest of humanity" is to be served and who are "the heroes and heroines" who are to be commemorated? People differ as to what the true "interest of humanity" is on most any subject, and refuse to celebrate the achievements of anyone who died a martyr to a cause if they do not approve of the cause.

2. If these six societies have the same base and object, then these men acted unwisely by joining more than one of them, since by doing so they encouraged division, schisms and weakness in their small numbers which defeats the very object of their appeal "to get together in a compact organization." If they are antagonistic societies, then these men are fighting their left hands with their right—destroying through one society what they are trying to build up through another. The American Secular Union is practically defunct, because it was composed of members of antagonistic ideas on fundamentals. Some of the other societies, if not all, are composed of members who disagree on fundamental subjects, which will prevent their growth and cause their early dissolution.

3. Freethought societies and Freethought papers do not necessarily mean those that know and teach the truth. It would be best to find out first which ones, if any, did and then it would be time enough to make such requests and recommendations in their favor.

4. The fact that only two of this committee—Dr. Bowles and Mr. Buck—are subscribers to the Truth About God and Life, and not one of them is a member of the Church of Humanity but are all members of the Paine Historical Society and the Independent Religious Society of Chicago, indicates clearly that they are included in "the motley hosts of superstition" that they profess to be opposed to.

5. Gods and devils are not enemies of the race. Characters of fiction can not be either enemies or friends of anything. No one who has learned the discovery that they are myths will make such an assertion. This is further evidence that these officers of the Ind. R. A. are included in "the motley hosts of superstition."

6. The priesthood organized or otherwise exists only at the command and to supply the demands of an idolatrous and superstitious people. Were the existing priests to all resign in a body today and refuse to longer perform the duties required by the idolaters who employ them, the idolaters would hold meetings and elect and employ a new set of men to act as priests before twenty four hours.

7. Popes, priests and preachers exist to supply services demanded by an ignorant, superstitious, idolatrous race. When our race learns the discoveries that the universe has no god, man has no soul, and that conscious life ends at death, there will be no demand for the services of a priest and his occupation will be discontinued for want of patrons.

8. The class appealed to—Rationalists—is as indefinite as the base and object of the proposed "compact organization." All people claim to be rational from the worshipers of the characters whittled out with a knife on a totem pole, to the worshipers of characters named God and Christ whittled out by the imagination. Thomas Paine was as irrational in his religious ideas as any other idolater. The discovery that no "Creator" exists shows that Mr. Paine's imagination was as defective as any idolater's when he imagined he saw the evidence and proof of the existence of a loving "Creator" and of immortality.

9. Why this adjective "orthodox?" Is not unorthodox or any other variety of "religion" just as untrue? I suppose it is because they are members of an independent religious society which is not "orthodox." If they knew the truth they would not be members of any religious society, because religion is a false teaching concerning God and life.

10. Then there must be a religious society still more independent than this so-called Independent Religious Society of Chicago. I guess they know there is, because it compelled the authorities to tear down the advertisements of this Chicago religious society and to refuse it the use of its meeting place. If one feels a longing to join an "independent religious society," why not unite with the most independent one?

11. That "vile old hag," "orthodox religion"—intrudes herself at every birth, death and marriage, because she is commanded to do so by superstitious idolaters, and paid a big fee for her services. I am surrounded by "the vile old strumpet of orthodox religion" but she does not intrude her self at births. deaths and marriages in my family. Should she do so, she would be politely but plainly informed that her services were not wanted. Not until people learn my scientific discoveries will they dispense with the services of the clergy, and not until people do that will their occupation be discontinued.

12. "The Freethinkers actually out number the forces of superstition fully two to one." Ha! ha! That's a great way to pull off a joke. But perhaps they don't know what constitutes superstition, and consequently didn't know it was a joke. The only superstitions worth while to devote time and money to educate the people out of is their beliefs in the existence of gods, souls, and immortality. The officers of the Ind. R. A. do not recognize these beliefs as superstitions, or else they do not know the beliefs of Freethinkers. The first theory must be the true one. They believe these superstitions themselves and therefore do not recognize them as superstitions. No one believes his superstitions to be such as long as he believes them true. To get at the "total forces of superstition" just add the number of Freethinkers to the others, and you have it. Freethinkers who believe in the parents of all religious—the god and soul superstitions—can never be organized to free the land of the teachers of them. Just think of the utterly prepostrous idea of Freethinkers organizing to "rid our land of priestly rule and tyranny" when they know they would have to beg those same priests to come back and serve them whenever they had a birth, death or marriage in their families. The Free thinkers need the clergy to teach their families the superstitions they believe in as much as any other idolaters do, and they are generally found to be aiding in the building of joss houses and the raising of the clergyman's salary and feel proud and all swelled up to be known as liberal helpers in such matters. The very idea that such people could be organized to free the land of clergymen whom they could not do without is laughably ridiculous.

Not one of these five officials of the Ind. R. A. who signed this appeal for a compact organization of Rationalists will join the Church of Humanity because they do not believe its discoveries true, that there is no god in the universe and no soul in man. Not one of the six societies they say they are members of believes these discoveries true, and consequently does not teach them. Not one of the Freethought publications they urge Freethinkers to subscribe for believes or teaches these scientific discoveries. Why, some of them will not even publish them at advertising rates for the Church of Humanity. The Blue Grass Blade, which these people will admit is a Freethinkers' paper, omitted the second line of my advertisement which said "The universe has no god and man has no soul" because the editor does not believe these truths.

It is as utterly impossible for Freethinkers, or any other people, to be free from religious superstition until they learn to know and accept these discoveries as it is for a leopard to be free from spots while its hide is on. If these officers of the Ind. R. A. or any other people wish to aid in freeing the race from the need of the services of the clergy, they must begin to do it in the only way it can ever be done—learn that there are no such beings as gods and souls in the universe, and that death ends conscious life forever, and then unite with others who have learned the same discoveries to spread and perpetuate this knowledge until all people learn it. Then none will have any need of the services of clergymen and their occupation will then become useless and valueless, and they will seek others from want of employment.

When any attack the Bible as a god book, Christ as a god, or a god son, the Bible God as a reality or Christianity or any other particular religion as being false, they are simply wasting time and energy on the foliage of the tree of idolatry and religious superstition instead of attacking its roots—the god and soul superstitions—from which all religious mythologies obtain their strength, nourishment and life. Help to kill these root errors by helping to make known the great modern scientific discoveries that the universe has no God, and that man has no soul. Then down will tumble all the religions including Christianity and all their branches and foliage with them.

First Lesson for the Preacher's Class in Matrimony.

According to press reports there is a preacher in St. Louis who believes that young people should have some special instruction in the duties of marriage to fit them for "the profession of life," and he proposes to organize classes of the young people of his church for special instruction.

Now that is very commendable in him, provided he begins the instruction right and uses the proper text books. However, I wish to digress a moment to say that it is the duty of the state to provide such instruction for the young at the proper age in the public schools, and I am pleased to note that some educators are beginning to advocate it. But to return to aid the preacher by preparing the first lesson for him to give his class in matrimony, I shall prepare the statements and questions for him as well as the answers for the class as follows:

Preacher—Marriage and the co-operation of the sexes in the founding of homes and the rearing of children are the duties of all normally minded and mature people, and are proper, natural and important subjects for young people of your age to consider rationally and seriously.

In much less important matters the state provides you with schools, text books and competent teachers to aid you in acquiring knowledge useful to you in the duties of life and good citizenship. But the state has neglected its duties in providing you with proper instruction regarding your duties and requirements in preparing for and entering on matrimony

For want of such knowledge many thousands have lost their lives, thousands of prospective happy homes have been destroyed, thousands of lives blighted and the divorce courts called on to correct in part the mistakes made through ignorance. To make up in part for the neglect of the state in providing you with proper instruction through its public schools in the preparation for matrimony, I have enrolled you in a class for convenience in instruction. Each of you may take a copy of this first lesson leaf, and when I read the part assigned to me, you may read audibly in concert the part assigned the class.

Lessons in Matrimony.. No. 1.

Teacher—to begin the study of matrimony you must unlearn the false teachings you have received about it from the teachers of religious superstitions first.

Class—Are we to disbelieve that marriages are made in heaven; that it is useless to pray to God to select life companions for us?

Teacher—Certainly. The new civilization accepts the scientific discovery that God is a fictitious character like Santa Claus and therefore can have no consideration in thought and acts of modern peole. Many who believed and acted on that superstition felt under obligations to accept the first offer of marriage believing it an answer from a god to their prayers, only to find out later that they could not have made such a mistake had it not been for these religious superstitions.

Class—What other religious teaching regarding marriage is untrue and should be disbelieved?

Teacher—All teaching that purports to be the acts, desires or commands of God should be disbelieved and ignored, since it is discovered that God is a myth. The allegation of idolaters that a God creates us and provides for us, you must remember is untrue.

Class—How, then, are people created and provided for?

Teacher—Children are the reproduction of parents, the same as the young of all animals and are the natural result of marriage. Their parents should be prepared to maintain and educate them until they are able to take care of themselves.

Class—What are the most important matters to be considered when contemplating matrimony?

Teacher—Some of the most important matters to consider are the proper age physical maturity and development, ability to help to care for and provide for children, consent of parents and the selection of a life companion whom you can love as long as you live. You can not be too particular in your selection of a life partner, since your own happiness depends on making the right choice.

Class—In selecting a life companion of the opposite sex, what should be the most important qualifications to consider?

Teacher—The most important qualifications are those required in yourself as given in my preceding answer You should both feel sure you are making the best choice possible, one never to be regretted and one that no divorce court will ever be asked to free you from.

Class—Should one select a religious person for a life companion?

Teacher—Certainly not, unless you are confident that the one chosen has the intelligence to learn and accept the requirements of the new civilization, which requires all to learn and accept the modern scientific discoveries that the universe has no God, man has no soul, and that death ends conscious life forever. You should desire the other parent of your children to be intelligent on all subjects that all must take sides on and no idolater should be considered intelligent on the subject of God and life. You should desire a companion who knows or has the intelligence to learn the boundaries of individual life that he or she may aid in making your life pleasant, knowing that there is no other world or life in which to correct the mistakes and neglect of this. All must know these discoveries to have a correct idea of life and its duties.

Class—Do you know of a suitable text book to recommend to the class that will give us true information on the beginning, development and end of the body and life of people?

Teacher—I do not know of a specially prepared text book for you on the subjects, but in the place of such a book, I suggest that each of you get and read a copy of "The Evolution of Man," by the greatest living scientist, Professor Ernest Haeckel. He is a member of the Church of Humanity, and knows and teaches its discoveries that the universe has no god, that man has no soul and that conscious life ends at death. You will get much useful knowledge in it regarding the embryology of animals including man. Our next lesson will be taken from the information contained in this book. I hope the time will come when the state will provide young people with such information through the public schools.

The class is now dismissed to read all of Professor Haeckel's works. Perhaps when you do that you will not need any lesson in matrimony from a preacher.

P. S. A clergyman should be the last person on earth to assume to be competent to instruct a person in "the profession of life," since he has such an untrue idea of its beginning and duration.

Oh, the Stupidity of Man!. Thy Name is Idiocy.

No wonder lies prevail over truths In most every paper one sees accounts of hundreds and thousands and millions of dollars being raised for the propagation of idolatry and religious superstitions, and never a penny being contributed for the propagation of the truth about God and life.

On the brow of all people should be stamped the slogan, "Millions for lies, but not one penny for truth."

Here is an item from the "War Cry," the Salvation Army paper, showing how the idolatrous town of Wichita shells out for the propagation of religious lies:

"We have just had a most successul campaign. We needed $5,000 to lift our mortgage and for general repairs; we went in with the slogan, 'Five Thousand in Five Days.' Ex-governor Stanley took the work in hand, called together the best men of the city and said, 'Gentlemen, we can do it. The Salvation Army is worthy of our support, and in spite of the fact that Wichita is just now subscribing $870,000 to churches and charities, we will see these people through. Wichita never failed yet.'

"Captain Houser, who built the beautiful hall and quarters, has done marvelous throughout this campaign, working from early till late to help make it a success."

In Great Bend they are building three new churches—two to replace old ones. One is to cost $20,000 I hear. It would seem that a sane person would want to know if a God he is asked to love, fear, and worship is a real being. That ought to be the first thing to consider. But alas, it seems that none want to know the truth that the universe has no God. In their stupidity they seem to believe that if they refuse to believe the truth and refuse to aid its propagation, and support untruths that the facts in nature can be reversed thereby—that untruths will become true and truths will become untrue. They do not seem to know that though they built a hundred churches in Great Bend at a cost of a million dollars each, the lies they teach would still be lies, and though I should discontinue teaching our discoveries they would ever remain true. I offered a hundred dollars worth of new books to the library committee free, but the offer was turned down. They feared there might be some arguments in them and some proofs cited tending to prove our discoveries true. They believe facts will not be true if they fail to learn them.

An ostrich sticking its head in the sand when it sees danger and then believing there is none, is no more stupid than the idolater who sticks his head in th Bible when he hears of our discoveries and swears that his God and soul and heaven are realities. Poor, stupid human beings! On the subject of religious superstitions they manifest less intelligence than any other mammal, the sheep not excepted. But the people of these two towns are no more stupid than the people of other towns, states and countries. All our species, regardless of nationality, race color and name, are submerged in the mental mire of idolatry and religious superstitions. The Freethinkers and Rationalists are no exception to the general rule. None can be excepted unless they know our discoveries and prove they do by working and paying for their propagation and are prohibiting the practice of idolatry and the support of religious superstitions in their families and wherever they have power to do so.

Another "Simple Minded' Idolater Seeks Redress for his Foolishness.

One William H. Brown of Medford, Massachusetts, threatens to sue Mrs. Eddy for $50,000 damages, covering $12,000 cash which he says he lost and the remainder for his inability to practice his profession of medicine. He has a long story in the New York World about how he was duped through the influence of Christian Science teaching and healers. Although this simpleton believes he is entitled to reparation in the sum of $50,000 for allowing himself to be duped by dispensers of religious superstitions, he doubtless would not give twenty-five cents for this paper a year from which to learn those truths about God and life that would save him from being duped again by other gospel dispensers. If he is entitled to recover damages for his ignorance and foolishness, then every man, woman and child who has patronized gospel shops are entitled to recover damages for theirs. If Mrs. Eddy can be made to dig up for fooling her followers, then the teachers of all brands of religious untruths should be made to dig up damages for their victims on the same grounds. But there are doubtless tens of thousands of clergymen who are themselves pitiable dupes of religious superstitions and are perfectly unconscious of the wrong they are doing in making dupes of others. Their innocence cannot be condoned. Their ignorance can no more be pleaded as a justification for their wrongdoing than it could be in the commission of any other crimes. It is their imperative duty to learn the truth about God and life and cease teaching untruths. If they refuse to do so voluntarily, then they should be compelled to do so by law. A school teacher is required by law to learn the truths about the subjects he is required to teach. The state should take over the subjects of God and life and require them to be taught in the public schools and require the teachers to learn the truth about them and to teach it to the children the same as they do other truths of nature. All parents who care for the welfare of their children should demand it. Hundreds of people are victimized every year by religionists, and parents should insist on the state giving their children true knowledge on these subjects so they can protect themselves from being victimized by such people.

China Wishes to be Considered "Civilized."

The idolatrous "Christian" nations will never admit that any idolatrous nation not "Christian" is civilized until it can lick one of the biggest Christian nations. Japan has been considered a civilized nation since she licked the big Christian naton of Russia. A report says that the Chinese commission now in Europe is negotiating for guns and ammunition. When China mortgages her future generations for all time to build up and equip an army and navy equal to those of the greatest Christian country and then licks one or two of them, we will hear no more about the Chinese being heathens.

The Other Forms of Wrong Doing.

"St. Louis, July 22.—The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Missouri has adopted resolutions providing for the appointment of committees to wait upon city and state offcials and request action or legislation to prevent the exhibition of pictures depicting prizefights, elopements, murders, robberies and other forms of wrong doing."

The "other forms of wrongdoing" that should be suppressed if these are are those pictures showing idolaters performing their heathen rites and ceremonies, the Passion Play and all such ancient and modern relics of ignorance and religious superstitions.

The first thing to do in beginning to be moral is to stop lying about God and life and tell the truth about those subjects.

Didn't Count 'Em All.

Under the caption "113,000,000 Heathen" the Christian Herald finds the abode of the heathen, counts him and tells what is being done to make a change in his heathenism as follows:

"The millions still unreached by the Gospel are these: Asia 42,000,000; Africa 70,000,000; Arabia 3,000,000 Syria, 550,000; the Siniatic Peninsula 50,000; eastern Summatra and adjacent islands, 3,250,000; Madura, Bali and Lombok islands, 2,000,000; Malay Peninsula, 1,000,000. Total, 113,000,000.

In all 788 Protestant missionary societies are at work in foreign fields. The annual combined contributions are $25,350,000. There are 5,522 ordained missionaries, 982 physicians, 2,503 men lay missionaries, 5,406 married women, 4988 unmarried women, or a total of 19,280 foreign missionaries. There are 5,045 ordained natives and 92,918 unordained teachers, preachers, Bible women, etc. The total living baptized Christians are 3,006,373; adherents, 5,281,871. The native gifts aggregate $2,800,000."

Heathens are those who believe in the existence of false Gods. As it is now positively discovered that the universe contains no real God it is seen that all who have not learned this discovery are heathens, as all our race are taught to believe a God or gods exist. The Herald should add the followers of all religions to get at the total number of heathens which is over 1,500,000,000.

The Requirements of the New Civilization.

The great modern scientific discoveries that the universe has no God man has no soul and that death ends conscious life forever will require so many changes in the thought and action of individuals and societies to conform to this knowledge that it will constitute practically a new civilization which is now incomprehensible to idolaters.

In the light of these marvelous discoveries it is clearly seen that the old civilization that requires a belief in the existence of gods and souls and immortality and require the worship of those gods to escape a hell and gain a heaven in a future life, is in reality no civilization at all, but is the continuation of ancient ignorance idolatry and religious superstitions which constitute the essential characteristics of heathenism.

The very foundation of societies built on these ancient heathen ideas must be broken up and these scientific discoveries put in their places and taught instead of them to give such societies stability and durability, else such societies must inevitably perish for want of support when the people learn these discoveries, as they must do to escape perpetual heathenism in our race.

Some of the most important requirements of the new civilization made necessary by these vital discoveries are enumerated as follows:

1. The teaching of these scientific discoveries by parents, editors, authors, societies, schools, and educational institutions.

2. The total and permanent cessation of the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions for truths.

3. The prohibition of all such idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions by all legislative bodies

These three steps are necessary to take by individuals and societies to permanently eliminate the religious heathenism in them and place them on a firm basis of scientific truths in harmony with the requirements of the new civilization.

The initiative in this movement must be taken first by the individuals who first learn these modern discoveries. They must inaugurate the new civilization by putting their knowledge into practical use without waiting for organized societies and educational institutions to do it. They must themselves cease the practice and support of idolatry and religious superstitions and prohibit it in their homes and families, and teach and support and defend the teaching of these great discoveries.

Then these individuals must form societies composed exclusively of those who have learned these discoveries for mutual aid and defense and to facilitate the propaganda of the new civilization.

These societies must then use all honorable means to induce courts and legislative bodies to recognize the claims and demands of the new civilization and aid in its establishment.

All Idolaters are "Simple Minded," And All the Clergy Alike Guilty.

An account in the Topeka Daily Capital of July 27 tells how a brace of "prophets of the Restored Church of the Messiah" got $1200, the entire savings of a "simple minded" shoemaker named William R. Klee. William Moody and "Israel" Alfred J. Dennis, who did the job, were jailed "charged with having extorted the $1200 from Klee by means of threats and promises of future reward in heaven" says the Capital.

Well, why has this "simple minded" shoemaker any kick coming? He got all anyone ever got or ever will get for their money invested in idolatry —threats of punishment in hell if they do not shell out and promises of future rewards in heaven if they do. Since it is scienfitically discovered that God and souls are myths and death the end of life, it is seen that all the billions who have died got nothing more for their investment in idolatry than did this "simple minded" shoemaker.

The millions of people now living will get no more for the millions of dollars they have invested in idolatry than Mr. Klee got. Are they not more "simple minded" than he for not prosecuting those who held them up with threats and promises of future rewards and punishments? If there is any law to punish Moody and Dennis for obtaining money under false pretenses in this case, are not all the clergy equally guilty? The discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life ought to be sufficient grounds to prosecute all who obtain money from people under threats of future punishments and promises of rewards. Why not use this knowledge as a basis for the prosecution of all who obtain money under such threats and promises? All "simple minded" idolaters are as much entitled to recover damages and punish their betrayers as this shoemaker is. It is the duty of the state to protect the "simple minded" from being imposed on by sharpers. The state should use the scientific discoveries that God and souls are myths and death the end of life as a basis to prosecute and close up all idolatrous institutions as public nuisances and as criminals who obtain money under false pretenses. I would like to see the "simple minded" everywhere have the spunk and gumption this shoemaker manifests and jail the religious fakirs who betray them with false promises into a separation from their earnings.

All Murders Prove Our Discoveries True.

Last night, July 27, a young farmer was killed in his tent near Great Bend, the object being robbery. His funeral will be preached next Sunday. Not a word will be said in that sermon to give the audience a hint that his murder proves our discoveries true, that God and souls are myths, but all that will be said will be said with the object of confirming and perpetuating the lies that they are realities. That is what the preacher is hired to tell. Those who hire him to tell them are the principals in the perpetuation of the vice of idolatry. They are the employers of such teachers. There always has been and always will be plenty of people so low in moral development that they will engage in any vice or crime they are paid their price to engage in. Probably not one of the clergymen in Great Bend or in Kansas, knows that he is engaged in teaching the lowest and most degrading of all human vices—idolatry and religious superstitions. But should it ever dawn on them that they are, and should they then have the moral courage and honesty to cease it, the fact remains that there would be plenty more to take their places who would teach those lies for pay, though they knew them to be lies. It is thus seen that the discontinuance of the teaching of idolatry depends entirely on the employers. When the employers refuse to hire people to teach lies about God and life their duty is not half done. They must then hire people to teach the truth about those subjects.

All should have the intelligence to recognize the murder of this young man as being sufficient proof of our discoveries to convince them that they are true and to justify all in fully accepting them as established scientific facts. To teach that God is a real being in the face of this evidence that he is not, seems to me a form of idiocy. To teach that this young man had a soul in face of this proof that he had none, seems equally idiotic.

Had people souls there would be no murders because the souls would report the murder and point out the murderer. The souls would stay with the home folks and comfort them instead of going to a heaven as idolaters imagine they would do. The belief in the existence of gods and souls and other religious superstitions appears to be a form of self abuse of one's intelligence and reasoning faculties. The assertion of Freethinkers and agnostics that none can know the state of the dead until they die is as idiotic as any idea can be. This murdered man can no more know that he is dead than can a dead rabbit know that it is dead, and the dead rabbit can no more know it than a dead tree knows that it is dead. Freethinkers and agnostics are as deep in the mire as idoaters are in the mud, and none will ever get out until they learn and accept the discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity.

Germany Taking Wrong Course.

A dispatch dated Berlin, July 22, says the government has ordered tnat the Mormon meetings be raided and the propagandists deported. There is a party of twenty-one Mormons from Utah organizing a mission in the heart of Berlin, and the government will not stand for it. It is simply a case of the strongest sects of idolaters protecting their particular superstitions against invasion by using the government to drive out weaker ones. If the government were not composed of idolaters it could render the teachings of the Latter Day Saints harmless by requiring the discoveries that God and souls are myths and death the end of life, taught in all schools within its borders.

It is the Idolaters Who Suicide.

It is claimed by some superstitionists that were people to know there is no god and no future life there would be nothing worth living for and suicide would be general. This is illogical reasoning and untrue in practical demonstration. All people learn that it is not posible for them to live a thousand years on earth but none refuse to live at all on account of that knowledge.

All people know that they can never get a trillion dollars but they do not throw away their hundreds and thousands on account of that knowledge.

When people believe they are going to starve to death, instead of throwing their provision away they conserve it to make it last as long as possible. This is proven by people who are shipwrecked at sea and cast off in life-boats with scant provisions, or under any other circumstances where food is liable to fail.

Using the same logic and practice regarding the knowledge that death ends conscious life forever people do not throw what they have away but try to make it last as long as possible.

Not so with superstitious idolaters who believe their lives are eternal and can not cease nor be destroyed. It is logical, practical and desirable to suicide when they believe conditions in the next world or life are more desirable than in this. Hence it is very reasonable that large numbers of such people should suicide in any country when conditions become almost unbearable and they are unable to remedy them.

This theory is proven correct by the statistics of suicide in Russia where many live under very unfavorable conditions but where all are superstitious idolaters.

A dispatch dated at St. Petersburg, April 3, says:

"The enormity of the suicide wave that has ben sweeping over Russia, particularly St. Petersburg, is made apparent by the report of the bureau of statistics showing that there were over 1,432 suicides in St. Petersburg alone last year. Of this number 135 were children between the ages of 11 and 17. This number of suicides in a population of 1,500,000 is believed to be without a parallel, not excepting the period in French history when suicide was considered fashionable. No attempt is made by the bureau to explain the prevalence of suicide in Russia, to the study of which leading European criminologists and medical experts have applied themselves."

I firmly believe that a great majority of those suicides would have been prevented by a knowledge of our discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life.

Those people all believed they were going to a better and happier world where they could see their loved ones whom perhaps the government had killed while pleading for relief, and where they could personally beg God to remedy conditions for their loved ones left behind.

I firmly believe it is the imperative duty of all governments to provide for and enforce the teaching of these scientific discoveries in all schools under their jurisdiction.

The discoveries taught by the Church of Humanity were always true and always will be true. Your acceptation or rejection of them does not in the least modify them, but it is a duty you owe to yourself and your family to learn and accept them and thus help to evolute "the church" from a false to a true foundation.

Each member should get busy and subscribe for a monthly bundle of papers to distribute free, and let their neighbors know what is going on in this old world towards correcting its religious errors.

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THE "SOUL" LIE.

Lesson I.

There is absolutely no justifiable excuse for believing, teaching and perpetuating the lie that people have souls. The excuse that people prefer that lie to the truth that they have none is not a worthy ground for its continuance. There are many other lies that could be taught that would please most people better than the truth, such as continuous life on earth, that each one has a bank account of a billion dollars in his favor, that each one is next in succession to the throne of a great empire whose ruler is about to die, that each one will get a warranty deed to the earth in a short time. Why don't parents teach their children these pleasing lies? Why don't the people hire professional liars on yearly salaries to induce all to believe them? They are nearer true than the lie that people have souls that survive death with consciousness that they pay so much to be taught to believe.

No lie is more easily detected and proven to be a lie than the soul lie if people would only recognize and give due weight to the daily evidences all around them that it is a lie. The only explanation why they do not do it is that they love the lie so much that they shut their eyes, ears and minds against the truth, and fight against its promulgation, while they gladly volunteer to teach the soul lie and hire professional teachers of it to perpetuate it. All churches teach that it is wrong to lie. Then why don't they stop lying about people having souls? The Church of Humanity are the only people on earth who follow the teachings of the churches in refusing to lie about the soul and teach the truth about it instead. All other churches violate their teaching to always tell the truth, when the soul is the subject of consideration.

It is so easy to learn and to know the discovery that people have no souls that those who teach that they have must be considered wilful, deliberate liars on that subject.

When the truth about any subject is easily ascertained but people refuse to try to learn it and proceed to lie about it, their ignorance cannot be accepted as an excuse and they must be condemned severely as wilful liars who would lie about anything else if it pleased them better than the truth. Some who are teaching the soul lie may think this indictment too strong in their case, and that they are honest and truthful enough to cease teaching it if they knew it to be a lie. If such there be, I wish to show them that they are mistaken in their own case. Test your desire for the truth by answering these three questions: Do you wish to learn the discovery that people have no souls, and that death ends conscious life forever? If you cannot answer, "Yes, I do," truthfully, then my charge stands against you. Are you willing to hear, read, and accept the evidence proving that man has no soul and that death ends life forever? If you can not answer "Yes, I am," truthfully, then my charge stands against you.

Are you willing to give 25 cents a year for a teacher to point out the evidence and proof to you that man has no soul and that conscious life is ended permanently at death? If you cannot answer "Yes, I am," truthfully, and prove it by subscribing for this publication in which to get the teaching, then my charge stands against you.

Were any one to say that he wished an education on any subject and then refused to make any effort to get it, and to pay as much as 25 cents for aid, you would know that he was lying to himself and to everybody else who heard him.

But as you are reading this you may think you are willing to read and weigh the evidence honestly that man has no soul. Well, see if you are willing to read, study, and weigh this sample of sure proof that the soul is a myth.

What the Soul is Supposed to Be.

Owing to the scarcity of words in the English language, or to carelessness in their use, some words are used to express many different and unrelated ideas. The word "soul" is one of them. I make no denial of the existence of real things, attributes and feelings, to which the name "soul" is applied by our dictionaries, such as a person, energy, courage, fervor, affection, life, vitality, mind, reason, etc., but only of those purely imaginary things and states expressed by the word "soul," such as a separable, surviving entity, supposed to inhabit man, and to continue an independent conscious existence with all his senses and mental faculties unimpaired after death—"a pure or disembodied spirit." This supposed entity is what I have in mind and always mean when I use the word "soul." It is what I have discovered does not exist in reality. Man has no soul. But now for a sample of the proof that he has not. To find that proof we go to no book, neither ancient nor modern, to no writings, neither sacred nor profane. We go direct to the study of man, not the study of what he says or writes, but of what he is physically and mentally. We must look for evidences and proofs that he has no soul, and then affirm and teach them as such to propagate the discovery that he has none. We must not go about the task even as the most advanced Freethinkers and Agnostics do. They examine man in search of a soul and when they fail to find it they claim their work is done and wait in expectation of the discovery of new evidences of the existence of a soul. They are doomed to remain waiting to the end, or to accept fallacious evidence that the soul is a reality. Hence Freethinkers and Agnostics can be of no use to the progress of true knowledge and civilization.

The proper course is to search for the evidences and proofs that man has no soul, and then when we find them to join the Church of Humanity and aid in having others taught to see recognize, understand and accept them. In searching for such evidence and proof, we must always keep in mind the nature assigned the supposed soul and that the proof of its absence proves its non-existence.

Proof That No Soul Inhabits a Live Person.

Were people of a dual nature, composed of body and soul, as affirmed by the superstitious, the soul would manifest its existence to all so clearly that none would need to be told they had a soul. None have to be told they have a head. A soul would be as self-evident. If people had souls, they could and would make use of them as they do their hands and feet. The soul would be the most important and useful member of the firm. It could separate from the body at any time and go in search of all kinds of information and report it to the body. That it does not do so is proof of its non-existence. It would stand guard over the body when asleep, and a robbery, murder, or other crime would be impossible on a body when sleeping as the soul would wake it at the approach of danger. That it does not do so is a proof of its non-existence. A soul that connot separate from a live body when it has the body to aid it, cannot separate from a dead body when it can get no aid. That proves the soul a myth. A body that could not live after a separation from a soul could never have lived before the entrance of a soul. Therefore no soul ever entered the body and it is a myth.

Proof That No Soul Separates From The Dead.

Were souls realities they could and would report all deaths to friends and relatives and inform them where the body was. That they do not do so is sure proof of their mythical nature. Instead of souls going to heaven, hell or purgatory as idolaters believe they do, they would stay with their chum souls of live people and have a much better time than in any soul-heaven ever concocted in the imagination of idolaters. That souls do not do so is sure proof of their non-existence. The absence of all evidence of acts of souls proves their mythical nature. Souls could not exist without manifesting some energy that would prove their existence. The absence of such manifested energy proves their non-existence. Each reader of this may know of many cases where a soul would have been a very useful partner to have had. You may know of many murders, robberies, and other crimes that could have been prevented by the souls of the victims had they possessed such things. Abilene, Kansas, is now greatly agitated over the murder of a girl, Bertha Benignus in her bed on Sunday night, August 14. A reward of several hundred dollars has been offered for the apprehension of her murderer. Had Bertha a soul that cared for its tenement the murder could not have happened. If it did in the temporary absence of the soul it would find the murderer and report him to the authorities, and be the chief witness in the case. Had her soul murdered its "house of clay" all the other houses of clay would have sent their souls out to capture it.

By following this method of looking for evidence and proof against the soul lie, you will soon gather enough evidence from the newspapers to convince anyone who wishes to know the truth that man has no soul.

No Future Punishment and Reward Should be Considered.

Those who have learned my discovery of the true nature of death have entirely eliminated the consideration of punishments and rewards after death for their acts. When considering the advisibility of any act such superstitious ideas never enter as a factor in determining a course to take When I read or hear of people saying that they wish to do right so that if there be a future life they will be all right, I know that they have not learned the discovery that conscious life ends forever at death. I also know that they have unworthy motives for doing right. They are like a spoiled child that considers only the possible reward or punishment from parents in deciding what to do. They do not consider the rights of other people and their property from the proper ethical view point.

In choosing a course of conduct or line of action no one should consider in the least particular the religious superstitions about rewards and punishments after death for one's conduct in life, for death ends life permanently. I would prefer to hear people say they wish to do right because death ends life and they would have no chance after that to correct their mistakes. It is all wrong to teach children that they should regulate their conduct so as to escape punishment and gain reward in a future life. Teach them to consider only such reasons for right doing as exists in this, their only world and life. On the death of a bad citizen one hears remarks that he will get his just punishment in hell, and when a good citizen dies they say he has gone to his reward. All such remarks only show the hold religious superstitions have on the people. There is no punishment for the wicked nor reward for the good after death. None should be taught it. None should expect it. The future life is a myth. If people fail to get their rewards and punishments in this life, they have missed them forever.

A young man of this town was killed recently in an auto race at the fair grounds. After eulogizing his many excellent traits of character a local editor remarked, "Whatever reward is in the hereafter for being true to one's self and living with a clean heart and right ideals George will receive." This young man got his reward for being such a good citizen every day and hour of his life. He was square with the world on that score and needs no more reward to satisfy the idea of justice. The fact that such a good boy was killed by an accident that a God could easily have prevented, proves conclusively that no real God exists. To imagine a God that would kill such a boy and then reward him for being good, requires a very flexible imagination, one that can imagine a God with such a changeable idea of right and justice that he will kill a man one minute for being a good citizen and reward him the next minute with a visit to see his murderer.

WE DO NOT WANT AGNOSTICISM.

"The Truth Seeker" says: "We want an honest Agnostisicm, not a lying Christianity."

The Church of Humanity has no use for either an honest or a dishonest Agnosticism. It wants only people who know that God is a myth and that death is the end of life.

An adult who has any sense ought to be ashamed to set up the claim that he does not know these truths.

The primary object in organizing model modern churches is to have churches that teach the people, and especially the children, the truth about God and life. Who dare say there should be no such churches?

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"A Correction' Criticised.

Some time ago the local priest had an article in a local parer entitled, "A Correction," wherein he took exceptions to statements in an Associated Press dispatch regarding the refusal of the Catholic church in Nantes, France, to give absolution to Catholic children in public schools using text books interdicted by the church. He says:

"Second: The truth about the matter is, as I know from unbiased sources, that those parents are refused absolution in French atheistic public schools, when they can send their children to other schools, in which their faith and morals are safeguarded. This measure is justifiable in case of France. French public schools under the present regime are absolutely godless, not merely anti-Catholic, but anti-christian and anti-religious and in many instances anti-patriotic, the teachers through the connivance of the government, being thoroughly imbued with the spirit of atheism."

As to his above statements I wish to make the following criticisms:

First: If by "atheistic," "godless," "anti-christian," anti-religious," and "the spirit of atheism," he means that the French schools and teachers know and teach our discoveries that God is a myth—that the universe has no God—then it would seem impossible that the Catholic church would be be given an opportunity to refuse absolution to those who sent their children to such schools. They would necessarily know what is taught in them and know it to be true or they would not send their children to them from choice. That being the case they would no more think of asking to be absolved from offenses against God than they would think of asking to be absolved from offenses against Santa Claus.

Second: If such is the case, they sent their children to the public schools to have their "morals safeguarded." It would be extremely immoral to send them to a school from choice where they were to be taught to believe in and worship God when they know there is no such a being. They would naturally want their children in a school where truths would be taught them.

Third: The priest intimates that he is more solicitous about the morals of children than their own fathers. That is certainly an unwarranted assumption. He is not supposed to have any children of his own so I can not appeal to his parental affections, but I do appeal to all natural fathers to verify the statement that they can love and care for their own children better than for others..

He further says:

"In our country such intolerance, persecution and anti-religious fanaticism, as are in vogue under the ruling clique of France, would be utterly impossible.

I venture to say, if our public schools would be such hotbeds of irreligion an antipatriotism, as Combes, Brand, etc., have made those of France, our American fathers would not wait for priest or preacher, but they would go to the root of the evil, and at the polls they would relegate to the political scrap-pile such a liberty crushing and conscience oppressing clique."

To this I will say:

We have a much worse "liberty crushing and conscience oppressing clique" in America than there seems to be in France from his own statements. There they seem to have two sets of schools—one for teaching superstition and one for teaching truth—and parents are free to send their children to either one they choose. Not so in America, at least in Great Bend. They all teach superstition and parents are compelled to send their children to them.

Second: This refusal by the state to provide schools teaching truth, and its compulsion on parents to send children to schools teaching idolatry and religious superstitions, is an outrage on parents who do not want their children heathenized. It is a "liberty crushing" and "conscience oppressing" requirement that should be remedied.

I want enough American fathers to go to the "root of the evil" by learning the truth about God and life, and then join the church of Humanity and at the polls "relegate to the political scrap-pile" the parties responsible for the heathenizing of our children by state power.

Third: He evidently believes that his ideas, or those of his church, are the standard guage of religious, moral and patriotic ideas and that all others should accept them as authorative and conform to them. But people will necessarily differ in opinion according to their knowledge, belief or interest on most any given opinion or act as to whether it be religious, moral or patriotic or not. Nearly all opinions and acts in each class being subject to different interpretations, and each one's opinion subject to change, it follows that there can be honest differences of opinion on many subjects in each class. No priest nor any one else should assume that another is necessarily intentionally dishonest, immoral and unpatriotic who differs from him in opinion or knowledge on any given subject.

I would be very glad indeed were the discoveries I made known and taught by the French public schools. But in all I read of the trouble between France and the Catholic hierarchy there was no claim made by France or any of her citizens that the grounds for opposing the church was a knowledge of these truths. I do not know of a person in France who claims to know these truths. The admissions of public officials I have read shows them to be believers in the existence of a god or immortality or both these errors. From my viewpoint the trouble seems to be only between superstitious idolaters of different sects or combinations of sects. That would account for patrons of the public schools applying to priests for absolution, and is the only reasonable explanation for it if they did. I do not know of, nor can I hear of, a school of any kind in all the world that teaches the truth about God and life. How can there be when it has only been comparatively recently discovered and proclaimed that the universe has no god and that conscious life ends forever at death.

Third: In the light of these great modern scientific discoveries it is seen that in "our country" we have just such intolerance, persecution and religious fanaticism as never was generated by any "anti-religious" movement. My children are taken by state force and placed in schools that are "hotbeds" of idolatry and religious superstition to be heathenized against my protest, and the state takes my money by force to pay for it. Could "intolerance," "persecution" and "fanaticism" go farther? But I am following a suggestion of his in not waiting for the "priest or preacher" to remedy it, and am going "to the root of the evil" by appealing to "American fathers" to learn the great modern discoveries that God and Christ and souls are myths and then "relegate" them to the "scrap-pile" of discarded heathen ideas.

Discredits Her Own Teaching.

In her monthly letter for July to the members of the Materialist Association, Mrs. E. M. Bliven makes an assertion that discredits her teaching that there is no future life. In her criticism of an idolater she says:

"He takes it for granted that there is a future life and a God; yet he knows no more about them than a man who never entered a weave shop knows about weaving. Mr. Railton got all his ideas of a future life and a God from a pious mother, or preachers, priests or church people, not one of whom had ever seen a God; and they had never been dead to know whether there is any future life."

It is the last clause of the quotation which surprises me when penned by one who teaches that death ends conscious life forever.

If she really thinks a person must die to learn if there be a future life, she repudiates her professed knowledge that there is no future life and leaves herself exposed to the same criticism she employs against idolaters, since she has never been dead.

Mrs. Bliven usually gives good arguments, and cites good evidences to prove that death ends life, but she made a great mistake in that assertion that no one will make who really knows the discovery that death ends conscious life forever, The idea that a dead person can know if he is dead or not is so ludicrous that it surprises me that Mrs. Bliven should fail to see its absurdity.

And It Worked On Them Also.

Some of the Freethought editors have been "taken in" by the endless chain prayer scheme to the extent of publishing it in full and giving it as wide publicity as they can, presumably on account of their don't knowism and cautious desire to be on the "safe side" "if there is a God," and "if there is a future life." The editor of the "Ingersoll Memorial Beacon," Chicago, comments on it in the July Beacon as follows:

"Several years ago copies of a kind of sneak thief prayer, which some depraved religious fanatic had gotten up, with a view of 'converting' people to his own superstitions by means of intimidations and false pretenses were sent us. We then expressed our opinion of such performances and hoped that the good sense of even the average person would soon put a stop to this so-called "endless chain" method of proselyting. But here it comes again from several of our subscribers, and reads as follows:"

Then he proceeds to publish it in full just as the "depraved religious fanatic" intended to scare him into doing, but which he "hoped that the good sense of even the average person would put a stop to."

The "several" of his subscribers who sent him copies of it were to send out only nine copies each, but here he has sent a copy of the prayer to his full subscription list. When the prayer comes to my home I toss it into the waste basket with instructions to my family to pay no attention to it. That is the way I put an end to the endless chain prayers that come my way, but Freethought editors put a stop to them by mailing a copy to each of their subscribers. That shows the difference between a man who knows the truth about God and life, and those who do not. No religious liar can intimidate a man who knows our discoveries into repeating his prayer with any amount of threats of punishment by his idol gods.

If the editor of the Beacon and other Freethought editors could learn the truths that the universe contains no God, that man contains no soul, and that death ends life forever, and would then teach them to their subscribers until they learned them, those subscribers could not then be scared into continuing the chain prayers through threats of vengeance from gods by religious liars.

The Proper Application of the Title, Religious Liar.

Readers may notice the growing frequency of my use of "religious liars" applied to idolaters and may wonder why I am getting harder on them. The explanation is that when I can see and understand the truth so easily and note with what persistence religionists continue to teach, uphold and defend what appears to me self evident lies, and with what persistence they continue to shun, abhor, suppress and fight against what appears to me self-evident truths, I cannot escape the conclusion that they are wilfully, deliberately and intentionally lying in many of their religious assertions and teachings. I can see no justifiable cause for that discrimination between liars that condemns the liars on all other subjects and praises them on the subjects of God and life. Why should a person be considered doing wrong, and a bad citizen when found to be deliberately lying on very important matters and the same person be considered doing right and being a good citizen when he lies in support of a system of mythology?

I believe it to be as reprehensible to tell, teach and encourage the teaching of religious lies as secular lies. If any discrimination is made between them it should be against religious lies and liars. To prey upon the hopes and fears and affections of people through lies should be considered worse than to prey upon their pocketbooks through lies in commercial matters.

Among the most prominent teachings of idolaters that I consider self-evident lies and all adults of ordinary intelligence who teach them to be wilful liars are:

1. That a God makes people.
2. That dead people will come out of their graves alive again.
3. That heaven and hell are realities.
4. That people have souls that separate from the body at death, and continue independent, conscious, intelligent entities.
5. That books were written, dictated or inspired by gods.
6. That God, Satan, angels and spirits are real beings.

All adults of ordinary intelligence can learn by due effort that these primary religious teachings are all lies. That they persist in teaching them for truths because they dislike to know they are not true, makes them entitled to be classed as willful liars. When it becomes as unpopular for people to tell these lies as it is to lie about other things, they will stop it and stop employing people to tell them and stop engaging in the business of telling them on a salary.

To make these lies unpopular we must appeal to the people's prejudice and preconceived ideas against lies and liars which I heartily endorse.

The True Reason People do not Learn and Accept the Truth About God and Life.

The marvelous advancement of the people in material progress, and knowledge on all subjects except God and life is certainly astonishing. But the fact that they do not learn the truth about those two subjects will be more astonishing to coming generations when they will have learned it.

The greatest puzzle to them will doubtless be to find a cause for the present state of affairs, wherein such wise, progressive people are found to be the most abject idolaters and believers in the most idiotic religious superstitions of ancient barbarians.

I shall herein give them the key to the solution of the puzzle and have the Kansas Historical Society and other such societies preserve it for them. The primary cause of the people not learning and accepting the truth about these two subjects as they do about other subjects is the reward of a heaven and the punishment of a hell attached to them as an inducement to accept them and preserve them from change by each succeeding generation. Progress in knowledge of these two subjects alone was interdicted with severest punishment man could imagine and preservation, as handed down, with the greatest rewards that could be imagined.

This system of imagined rewards and punishments attached to religious lies as an inducement to accept them for truths is the only explanation why they were not detected, exposed and discarded in favor of truth centuries ago. But now a few have detected the fraud and are uniting in a society named the Church of Humanity to expose it. We feel very indignant towards our ancestors for perpetrating the wicked fraud on us, of concocting idols for us to worship, and the imaginary rewards and punishments to compel us to worship them. We do not thank them for imposing on us their heathen idols under the name of God, Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost or any other name. We have uncovered their ingenious plot to subjugate their posterity for all time to their mental idols and religious superstitions. We have found out that their proffered rewards and threatened punishments are entirely imaginary, having no place or existence in the universe and never can have. We have found out that their God-idols are purely mythical, having no place in the universe and never can have. We cast these idols and the rewards and punishments to induce us to fear and worship them away with scorn and contempt and accept without any mental reservation the great modern scientific discoveries that the universe contains no God, that man contains no soul, and that conscious life is ended forever at death. We have brought our knowledge of God and life to that perfection where it is in full accord and harmony with the world's wonderful progress in knowledge on all other subjects. Of all people of earth the Church of Humanity are all that are entitled to be called civilized. No believers in the existence of a God or of a soul or of immortality are entitled to it. The line between the civilized and the uncivilized people must now be sharply drawn between those who declare they have learned and accepted our discoveries and those who do not. I want future generations to know that their ancestors now living are superstitious idolaters from choice, because of their selfish hopes of winning impossible rewards for being such and of their foolish fears of impossible punishment if they are not. They are now joining and supporting idolatrous churches and other societies, and are doing all they can to keep intact and pass on to their posterity the religious lies as they received them. They shun, detest and abhor the Church of Humanity for finding out and exposing the religious lies and for discovering and teaching the truth. I want their posterity to hold them in that contempt for their stupidity and cupidity they so richly deserve. Parents who have an opportunity to learn and know the truth about God and life but stubbornly refuse to do it and hand idols down to their posterity with promises of rewards for worshiping them, and of punishment for refusal to do so deserve only severest execration from that posterity.

But side by side with the idols, impossible rewards and punishments and all other religious lies handed down by idolaters to posterity goes the discovered and proclaimed truths by the Church of Humanity that the universe contains no God, that man contains no soul, and that death ends conscious life forever, and while their foolish ancestors now living reject these truths we have full confidence that posterity will be able to see with that clearer mentality that will enable them to accept the truth and reject the lies.

Lecture Titles Should Indicate the Nature of the Lecture.

Mr. Frederick Mains, of Chicago, writes me a letter containing some ideas and suggestions that I believe to be detrimental to our propaganda work, and I take this opportunity to make my position clear on the subjects because many more may believe as he does. A part of his letter follows with his ideas numbered correspondingly with my comments:

"I am in receipt of yours of July 19th, and in reply will say that while I am of the conviction that it is wholly unreasonable to believe in the existence of a personal God, or any power prior to, back of, or above nature, or to believe in the doctrine of immortality, (1.) I find that other people are so sensitive on these subjects that it is the part of wisdom in trying to serve the cause of truth, to avoid their prejudice if possible, and present this subject in a way that we can appeal to them without antagonizing their preconceived ideas too much. (2.) Always the question is, how can truth get a hearing? People who are in ignorance or under bondage to superstition must be approached in a way that will in the first instance secure a hearing, otherwise it is impossible to assist them. (3.) For this reason and others I am selecting subjects for lectures which do not indicate necessarily the position taken by me in discussion, but in dealing with the subjects I make my position certain and unequivocal.

I have read the copy of the paper enclosed in part and noticed the sad misfortune which came to your family and to your little boy. One such experience is enough to demonstrate that there is no intelligent power overruling or guiding the affairs of this world or of the human race."

(1.) In serving the cause of truth about God and life I deem it the part of wisdom to tell the truth in the plainest words it can be expressed in. I do not seek to avoid antagonizing the prejudice of superstitious idolaters against truth. That prejudice must be squarely met and overcome by an appeal to the peoples' prejudice against lies and liars. Had some people learned these truths centuries ago, and then adopted this method of teaching them the people would not now be so sensitive in the protection of religious lies. Possibly they would now be prohibiting their teaching by law.

(2.) The people will always remain ignorant and under bondage to religious superstitions until they are taught my discoveries about God and life in such plain words that they can understand them. I believe most people are in favor of a teacher using words to express his teaching in the plainest way. We can approach people with our discoveries in the name of truth, progress and civilization, which they claim to love, favor and promote. Their prejudices and preconceived ideas on these points should favor us in securing a hearing.

(3.) I believe a lecturer should indicate clearly the nature of his lecture by its title. Any other course would be hypocrisy and trying to get a hearing under false pretenses that people would be quick to resent. I care nothing about the position one takes on these subjects; I simply want to know if he knows the truth about them and is able and willing to teach it in the plainest words possible.

Yes, the death of a child proves God to be a myth.

I Appeal to The Peoples' Prejudice and Preconceived Ideas for Support.

Some accuse me of being too radical in teaching my scientific discoveries by antagonizing the peoples' prejudice and preconceived ideas on the nature of God and life. I cannot remedy this to escape the criticism because the truths I discovered are antagonistic to the lies the people were taught to believe. To teach these truths at all one must from necessity antagonize those lies and the peoples' prejudice and preconceived ideas in their favor. But from another and more important viewpoint, I do appeal to the prejudice and preconceived ideas of the people for their support and encouragement. That is their professed and confessed hatred of liars and lies and their professed and confessed love of the truth. All parents, churches, Sunday schools and ethical societies, teach the people that it is wrong to lie and right to tell the truth. They are taught to hate and detest the liar and to love and admire and praise the truthful.

The peoples' prejudice and preconceived ideas on these subjects are right and firmly fixed. It is to this world-wide, uniform and preconceived idea of all people to which I appeal for aid and encouragement. There are only two things I ask all to do. They are, first, stop lying about God and life, and second, tell the truth about God and life. In making these requests I am in perfect accord with the prejudice and preconceived ideas of all people, and that is what I appeal to to win their aid and encouragement. None will dare to suggest that people should be required to tell the truth about all other subjects and lie about these.

Now if the people will only stick to their confession of hatred for lies and liars, they will reject, detest and condemn the teachings that God, soul and immortality are realities because it is a lie. They will reject, detest and hate the teachers of that lie because they are liars. They will accept and love the teaching that the universe has no God, man has no soul and that conscious life ends at death because these are truths. They will love, aid and praise the teachers of these truths because they tell the truth about God and life.

Testing a Theory.

Mrs. Julia C. Coon, a member of the Church of Humanity, objected to paying membership fees, dues or donations to the Church of Humanity, on the grounds that teachers should do their teaching free of charge. She doubtless read the criticisms in Freethought publications against the clergy getting such large salaries for doing so little, that she concluded that no educator should have any pay for his work on general principles. She will now have the best kind of a chance to test the practicability of her theories, as she has engaged in the business of trying to do some teaching herself through a paper of her very own, which she names the "Liberal Outlook." I received a copy of the first issue, and I fully expect it to be the last one of the Liberal Outlook, because I know she will find her theories about teaching for nothing impractical.

She was attracted to the Materialist Association and did all she could to get all members of the Church of Humanity to join it because there were no fees and dues to pay in it. All who wished to do nothing had a chance to join a do-nothing society free of costs. All first-class Liberals who are so far advanced in Liberalism that they are willing to let the other fellows do all the work and paying joined the M. A. Mrs. Coon will be surprised to find so many first class Liberals who will read her paper if she will be so good as to follow her theories and mail it to them free with postage prepaid.

No "Genuine College."

Writing on the "Genuine College" in the Baker University News-Bulletin for July, M. W. Stryker says:

"The genuine college is bent to discover, to awaken, to excite noble emulation; to make for sanity of mind and body; to teach the soul to swim; to rub men as close as life will rub them; to promote an accuracy and a promptitude that are not pedantry, and a vision that is not dreaming; to develop intellectual poise and reach, along with accuracy of expression and oral leadership; not to lose the unit in the mass; to stimulate a common moral sentiment which shall shame the dullard, the superficial, the unsocial, and repudiate the snobbish, the profligate and the false."

Then there are no "genuine colleges," as they are all short on some of these specifications. Who ever heard of a college that repudiated the false ideas of its students concerning God and life? Every college believes it necessary to teach the religious lies believed in by its students in order to hold them. On all other subjects the colleges control the students and require them to learn the truth about them regardless of their ignorance, prejudice and preconceived ideas concerning them. But when it comes to the subjects of God and life the ignorance of the students from the backwoods settlement controls the colleges, regardless of their superior facilities for learning the truth. Every college provides a chapel for the ignorant to perform their idolatry in and a liar to lead them and promote their religious superstitions instead of providing them with a teacher who knows the truth about God and life to educate them out of it. It is the liar's duty to tell them the same religious lies taught them by their parents through fear of losing their patronage though the parents be unable to read or write. Will any college ever be able to throw off this incubus of religious lies imposed on them by ignorant, superstitious people? Will enough parents ever learn the truth about God and life to maintain a college for the education of their children where religious lies are prohibited and the teaching of the truth required?

No college can make the change until its patrons demand it. One of the objects of the Church of Humanity is to educate and organize enough parents to maintain such a college for their children.

Poor Man! He Can't Do Right Because His Wife Objects.

An extract from a letter from a Chicago lawyer recently, says:

"I have several times during the last few years received invitations to join your movement, but as my wife is extremely sensitive as to any suggestion in disbelief of immortality, in consideration for her feelings I have abstained from sending an application for membership."

I have nothing but the greatest contempt for a lawyer or any other man who refuses to do right on account of his wife's objections.

Who ever heard of man refusing to do wrong because his wife objected to it. A man will use tobacco and liquor over the protest of his wife; he will sell, mortgage or gamble his home away over the protest of his wife; he never asks his wife's consent to visit the red light district when he goes to the city; he never considers his wife's wishes when he wants to practice idolatry and engage in teaching religious superstitions. When men make God-idols and compel their wives to worship them, they do not consult their wishes. When men can commit every crime and vice over the protest of their wives, how can we account for them refusing to do right over their protest?. There is only one explanation in this lawyer's case, and it applies to all men who refuse to join the Church of Humanity and aid it on account of their wives' objection. It is because they are so full of religious superstitions themselves that they are afraid to do so, and the whine about the wife's objection is simply the fool's excuse.

Ignorant, heathen men concocted every god-idol and forced all women, including their wives to worship them without asking their consent. When men become civilized and enlightened enough to learn my discoveries that the universe has no god and man has no soul, they will cease idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions themselves and unite to propagate these discoveries regardless of the protests of their idolatrous wives. Men forced religious lies on the women without their consent. If necessary, they must force truth and civilization on them over their protest. It is now customary for the most idolatrous member of the family to rule the household in matters relating to the teaching and support of religious lies Let the time come when the most enlightened member of a family rules the household in matters relating to the teaching and support of scientific truths.

None But Liars Need Apply.

The New York Presbytery, which last year installed some young clergy men who acknowledged they disbelieved some lies they were expected to teach, and for which it was taken to task for doing by the general assembly at Atlantic City, has provided against taking in any more such applicants by requiring them to subscribe to and promise to teach, the following five lies:

1. The Holy Scriptures are free from errors.
2. Christ was born of a virgin.
3. Christ suffered for our sins.
4. Christ rose from the dead with the same body.
5. Christ showed his power by miracles.

So long as congregations insist on employing people pledged to teach them lies about God and life instead of truths about those subjects, they have only themselves to blame for being deceived. When they conclude that the truth is really more desirable than lies and offer to employ truth teachers only, they will get them but not before.

Breaking a Prayer Chain.

One of my children received a letter recently containing a copy of an "Ancient Prayer" with the following remarks and request:

"This prayer was sent to me; I send it to you. It is an exact copy of an ancient prayer. Copy it and see what happens.

It is said in Jerusalem that he who will not copy this prayer will meet with misfortune, but he who will copy it for nine days, beginning the day received, and mailing a copy each day to a friend, on the ninth day will experience great joy and will be delivered from all calamity.

Make a wish while writing this prayer and do not break the chain.

Please send it on.

(It must not be signed.)"

I did not have to wait nine days to "experience great joy" from the effects of the prayer. I did that the day I received it, as I tossed it into the wastebasket after copying the writer's remarks. I experienced greater joy in explaining to my child the nature of the humbug, and in advising her to not be made a fool of by such superstitions than the writer will by writing and mailing nine copies of the prayer with the trimmings. If any reader of this gets a copy of a fool chain prayer, and is too superstitious to break it, just mail it to me and I will do the job for them free of costs.

I "experience great joy" in having sense enough to save myself and children from being driven by superstitious fears into the "calamity" of having to write and mail nine copies of that prayer.

LETTER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Great Bend, Kansas, Sept. 1, 1910.

Prof. A. F. Senter, Supt. City Schools. Dear Sir: I write to call your attention to the scientific discoveries made and taught by the Church of Humanity that the Universe contains no God, that man contains no soul and that conscious life ceases at death for ever, and to ask you to please have no religious exercises whatever held in any of the schools under your supervision.

I am a citizen and tax-payer of Great Bend, and a patron of its schools; have three children to attend them—and I have devoted much time and expense to learn the truth about God and life that I may know it definitely for my own satisfaction and to be able to give my children right instruction concerning these most vital subjects. This entitles me to more consideration at your hands than those who have accepted ancient traditions for truth without adequate effort to ascertain the facts.

After going to the trouble and expense to discover the truths of nature on these subjects, I feel it to be the greatest outrage to force the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions for truths on my children by the state through its public schools, and I appeal to your sense of right and justice and to your interest in the truths of nature to protect me and my family from the monstrous outrage that has been heretofore perpetrated on us by the school board and teachers.

Under another cover I am mailing you some back numbers of our church paper in which you will find samples of some of the lines of evidence proving our discoveries true.

Hoping for the relief asked for, I am yours respectfully,—W. H. Kerr, President C. O. H.

Money Prizes Awarded on the Wrong Side.

The money prizes are all offered for the most successful liar about God and life in winning converts to those lies when such prizes should be offered for the most successful in teaching the people the truth about those subjects and winning the most people from idolatry and religious superstitions.

Billy Sunday is credited with making active idolaters of 300,000 people, for which he draws prizes said to aggregate $20,000 annually. Other successful idolater makers draw prizes of from $100 to $200 for each effort they make in heathenizing the people. Very little will be done in rescuing the people from idolatry until the sentiment and attitude of many parents are so changed that they will give as big prizes for rescuing their children from idolatry and religious superstitions as other parents give to have their children heathenized. When that time comes, and it should be here now, such parents will marvel at their former idiocy for paying for the heathenizing of their children instead of for their civilizing.

Idolatry a Menace to Government

Those who defend and support idolatry and religious superstitions on the theory that they are an aid to a government in scaring the people into being peaceful, can witness their theory being disproved by the idolaters of Spain and Portugal who are now engaged in religious riots which threaten to develop into rebellions against the government. It is not a question there of truth against error for no faction knows the truth, but it is a contest of non-Catholic idolaters against Catholic idolaters for favors and aid for their particular brand of religious superstitions from the general government. Thus it is seen that what was supposed to be an aid to a government in keeping the people subdued becomes a menace to it instead. Governments may sometime in the distant future learn that it is the best policy to have all its subjects taught my scientific discoveries about God and life in their public schools, instead of the idolatry and religious lies of ancient savages.

A Rush Order for an Antidote.

"Mr. Kerr. Dear Sir: I am sending you a few cents for which please send me a few copies of your paper. The Holiness people are all going crazy here. They run their meetings all night sometimes, and it is nothing for one to go off in a trance for four or five hours. I am a Freethinker and a subscriber for several Freethought papers. Please rush these copies to me as I want to distribute them before the meetings close. A. M. Lewis, Beardstown, Texas."

I mailed the papers at once, but I doubt if they will do any good while the religious craze is at its worst stage. Friend Lewis should begin shortly after it cools off and administer a dose of our truths to the patients monthly for several years before he need expect no more returns of it. The attacks will grow less and less violent, and come on at longer intervals as the truths take effect, until they cease entirely.

HARD TO BREAK BAD HABITS.

All who get into the habit of using tobacco and intoxicating drinks and drugs know how hard it would be to break these habits by discontinuing them. The habit of lying about God and life is generally formed in early life through the teaching and example of older people. When the habit is once formed it is as hard to break as any other bad habit. Laws are enacted to prohibit adults from teaching children to use tobacco, intoxicating drinks and drugs. There should be laws enacted to prohibit adults from teaching children to lie about God and life.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity.

No. 34

Dear Comrades: Some of you are willing to distribute our church papers and others are willing to pay the printer's bill for them. I would like to have a list of all who will distribute the papers and the number each will distribue monthly, and another list of those who will help to pay the printer's bill for them and how much each will pay monthly. In this way we can get the workers and payers to co-operate in our educational work to the best advantage. Comrade E. G. Whitney of Kansas City, Mo., writes that he will take and distribute 1,000 copies monthly of our church papers if some one will pay for them. Now, who will do that? It would be only $2.50 a month for a bundle of 1,000 papers delivered to him. Comrades in other cities may be willing to donate their time to distribute a large bundle monthly if others will donate the cost of printing them. In this way of getting the workers to co-operate. I think we can have an active band of helpers to boost the C. O. H. and its educational work. Without such active boosters the C. O. H. can be nothing and do nothing and its early demise will be inevitable. Most of its members are old and dying off and no adequate efforts are being made to educate their children and others in our discoveries to enable them to become members of the C. O. H. The C. O. H. can't grow until more people learn its discoveries. They can not do that without the assistance of its members. How many of the members will volunteer to assist them by placing our church papers in their hands?

Let us see if there are ten comrades who will take and distribute 1,000 copies each, monthly, to educate the people in the truth about God and life and prepare them for membership in the C. O. H. Let us see if there are ten other comrades who will donate $2.50 a month to pay the printers bill on them. In this way 10,000 copies could be distributed monthly and that many people educated in our discoveries and made eligible to membership in the C. O' H. It is the plain duty of each comrade to aid in this educational work. If our present force can educate 10,000 in our discoveries it will be their duty to join the church that taught them the truth and then help to educate 100,000 more people in our discovered truths. The reading season with its long evenings are coming on. The schools are all beginning again. Let us begin our educational work with renewed vigor all along the line. All who can distribute a bundle of the church papers monthly please send in address and number wanted, and all who can aid in paying the printer's bill please send in their donations monthly. Let us get to our educational work of preparing people for membership in the C. O. H. at once.

ONLY TWO REQUIREMENTS.

In changing from a heathen to a civilized peson there is only two necessary requirements. First, stop teaching the religious lies that there is a god and a future life, and second, begin teaching the scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life. It ought to be easy to become civilized since all churches are teaching the people to not lie but to tell the truth. It only remains now to recognize the fact that it is meaner to tell religious lies than it is to tell political and commercial lies.

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Sure Proofs of Our Discoveries That God and Souls Are Myths.

Lesson I.

No discoveries can be proved with surer evidence than can those of the Church of Humanity that the Universe contains no real god and that man contains no real soul. The sure proof of these facts are all about us all the time but none recognizes it except the Church of Humanity. It is the only society on earth that is organized and incorporated to teach the people to see and recognize the proof of these truths of nature. This proof, like that of the earth being round, always existed, but like it the people could not recognize it as such. Like it a few people recognized it first and they must teach it to the people if the great mass of them are ever to know it. Like it, it may take these few hundred of years to teach the world to see, recognize and accept the proof of these discovered truths and cease to believe that gods and souls are realities. What will make the teaching of these great scientific discoveries most difficult to teach is the religious mythologies that have come down to our time that make superstitious idolaters of all people and cause them to fear to learn and accept them. But a little start has been made by this church in teaching its discoveries and it hopes to increase its propaganda work until many thousands will have a chance to read its little lesson leaves every month.

There are many different classes of evidence to prove our discoveries true, but in this small lesson leaf only a little of one or two classes can be given in each issue. But if the readers will continue reading them thoughtfully for a few years they will get a great deal of evidence in the aggregate, perhaps enough to convince them of the truth of our discoveries.

One line of evidence most easily understood and of which all hear and read about in the daily papers is that of the destruction of human lives showing clearly that no god exists to care for them and that no souls are released by that destruction. It would be impossible for a real god to exist without manifesting some energy through which he could be detected by one or more of our senses, especially when we have such powerful inventions to aid some of them. It would be impossible for souls to exist in people and to separate from them at death without manifesting some energy by which they could be detected by one or more of our senses, especially when there are such expert surgeons, physiologists, anatomists and chemists aided by powerful instruments to examine and analize the human body both before and after death. Souls could not live in a body without manifesting energy and that energy would surely be detected. Souls could not possibly leave a body at death without using energy which could surely be detected. Mind can not possibly exist without living matter to generate it. Souls, to exist at all, would from necessity, have to be composed of living matter to generate mind and ideas and that matter could be detected though so small that a million of them could dance on the head of a pin at once. A god, to exist, at all, would from necessity have to be composed of matter since living organism alone generate ideas. A god could be asily detected, did one exist, by his material organism.

Since mind can not exist except in living matter and as no material souls and gods can be found it is proof that they do not exist in reality and are simply creations of the imagination in the first place and then taught to the people as real beings. The evidence of all the scientists in the world will sustain our discoveries that no material gods or souls exist in the Universe. As mind can not exist separate and apart from matter it is easily understood that it is impossible for gods and souls to exist.

While all admit they can not detect a god nor soul as a material organism, they claim most positively that they can see in the care and protection of themselves and others evidences of the existence of a god or some unseen being who knows, loves and cares for them. The absence of such love and care is as easily proven as the absence of material gods and souls when we know how and where to look for the proof of it. These lessons are to teach people where to look for the proof that no unseen beings exist to care for them and how to recognize it as such. In the death of infants we can see most clearly the non-existence of unseen care-takers since none will claim that they have forfeited such care by their wickedness.

In the forthcoming bulletin of mortality statistics for 1909, which the census bureau is preparing to issue it is shown that one death out of every five that occurred in the United States during that year was of an infant under one year of age, and one death in about every four, or 27 per cent of all the deaths, was of a child under five years of age. The total number of deaths for the year was 732,53, the figures being confined to the bureau's death registration area, which represents a fraction over 55 per cent of the provisionally estimated population of continental United States. The exact number of children under five years of age who died was 196,534 and of this number 140,057 were infants under one year old. None should be foolish enough to claim that these infants merited the wrath of a god to cause it to refuse protecting care over them. No idolater should be so infatuated with his idol gods as to condone their neglect of these infants. None should be so foolish as to believe there are gods to resurrect these dead infants to put them in a heaven to love and care for them when they can see that it is a sure thing no gods exist to love and care for them in this world and life. None should be so foolish as to believe that these infants contained souls that will be loved and cared for by gods in some other world when it is so clearly seen that they contained none that was cared for in this world and life by any supposed gods. None should be so foolish as to believe that there are gods who purposely neglected these infants or caused their death to punish their parents. If any have such foolish ideas they should hate and despise their imagined gods for doing so, the same as they would a man who would murder them for such reasons. None should be so foolish as to believe that this infant mortality is a general punishment on the people from a god for not loving him more. That course would be contrary to all human reason. No candidate for a public office would kill the children of those he wishes to respect him and vote for him. But owing to the increase of population and wealth there are more people worshiping gods and more money invested in the building of houses to practice idolatry in and to pay the teachers of religious superstitions than ever before, yet the statistics of infant mortality show that it was greater last year in proportion to the total number of deaths than in any five year period in the history of the country. Owing to the general prosperity of people this year they have poured out their wealth with a lavish hand to be invested in new and better houses of idolatry everywhere and the increase of salaries of those who teach idolatry and religious superstitions, yet infant mortality increases. A dispatch from Washington, September 9, says:

"This season will go down in medical history as "the black summer of 1910,' according to a statistician who has been studying the summer's infantile death record. In New York City alone, in one week this summer, 875 infants died in spite of the efforts in their behalf which were made by charitable and other organizations.

The conditions in New York and elsewhere are to be considered at a conference on Prevention of Infantile Mortality which is to be held in Baltimore in November. Such subjects as milk dispensaries, classes for mothers and the activities of visiting nurses, will also be discussed. There will also be a report on the work of the League of Little Mothers, an organization of little foster mothers of Gotham which physicians and philanthropists say bids fair ultimately to revolutionize conditions in the poor districts of the metropolis. The tiny members of this league have been instructed by physicians and trained nurses regarding the best ways to feed, bathe and care for little charges. The children have been warned regarding the germs that lurk in cheap ice cream and the danger of feeding watermelons or other fruits to the baby."

You will note in this dispatch there is not a word said about a god doing anything for these infants. Not a word about more prayers, love and adulation of gods to induce them to care for the infants. It is all about proper protection from disease germs and other sanitary measures. But competent human aid and money to procure it is what is found by practical experience to be what is needed to save the infants instead of time and money devoted to the idolatry of imaginary gods to induce them to care for the children. The Church of Humanity seeks to shower blessings on the world by teaching the people its great scientific discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life and thus relieve the masses from dependence on such characters to protect their loved ones. When they learn these great discoveries they will discontinue giving their time and wealth to the idolatry of gods and devote what is needed of it to the scientific care of infants that will save them from an untimely death. Those who believe it is better to teach the people the discoveries that no god and souls exist and thereby release their faith and dependence in such characters that they many take the proper course to protect the lives of children should join the Church of Humanity and aid in its good mission.

The Cues to Ignorance.

The Peoples Press, Chicago, is one Freethought paper whose editor claimed to know my discoveries, if I remember correctly. He is a member of the Materialist Association, and the Peoples Press was for a time its official organ.

But regardless of his claim to knowing my discoveries, and his membership in any society that claims to teach them, there is a short statement on his letterhead that is a cue to his ignorance of them. It says: "The realities of the present life are of greater moment than the uncertainties of a future existence."

The word "uncertainties" which he must subscribe to, or he would not carry it on his letters, proves that he is an agnostic, and really knows nothing about the true nature of death.

Mrs. Bliven, head of the Materialist Association, gave her claims to knowledge away when she said in her July Monthly Letter "and they had never been dead to know whether there is any future life."

That statement is a cue to her ignorance regardless of her claims to knowledge. No one who actually knows the true nature of death will make such statements.

Several have ridiculed my claims to the discovery that God is a myth, and death the end of life on the ground that they and thousands of others knew them before they ever heard of me. But when I read their writing I soon come across cues to their ignorance that proves they do not yet know them. Such people are always subject to "conversion" by the practitioners of idolatry and the teachers of religious lies. No one need be surprised to find such people on their knees pleading to a myth god for forgiveness for their "infidelity."

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Replying to a Priest.

One of England's Roman Catholic prelates who was a delegate to the Eucharistic congress at Montreal recently is reported as saying:

"From what I hear of conditions in the United States, the Catholics will soon control that country through force of numbers."

Reply.—So far as concerns our discovered truths about God and life it is immaterial what party or church or combinations of parties or churches control the government of the United States if they only know these truths and incorporate them in the laws, acts, requirements and teachings promulgated by the government. This suggests the necessity for the members of the C. O. H. to bestow their church paper indiscriminately, lavishly and freely on the people of all parties and churches, so they will have an opportunity to learn our discoveries and be able to incorporate that knowledge into laws and practice when any of them get control of the reins of government.

Priest.—"The battle for the possession of the world will soon be narrowed to the Roman Catholic church and the destructive forces of agnosticism."

Reply.—Agnosticism is down and out, now. It is no force and can be none in a world teeming with life and action. It is thoroughly discredited and repudiated by both the representatves of the truths of nature and the lies of religions. The world has no time nor patience to listen to the ideas of people on subjects they admit they know nothing about. The world is hungry for knowledge on all subjects, especially about God and life, but it has only time to listen to those who claim to know the truth. The battle between the forces representing the scientific truths about God and life and the lies about those subjects are now sharply drawn between the Church of Humanity on one side and superstitious idolaters and the defenders of heathen mythologies on the other side. Agnostics must be classed with the latter forces because they are too stupid to learn the truth and insist that no others have any more sense than they have. As the Church of Humanity consists of only a few score members it suggests the necessity of hard and continuous work on the part of each member to make our discoveries known to more people and win them over to our side and induce them to join the C. O. H. so their number, aid and influence will be on the right side of "the battle for the possession of the world." The forces representing the scientific truths of nature should work hard to get strong enough to rout the forces representing heathen mythologies.

Priest.—"Protestanism is disappearing. The empty cradle and empty church are the great problems of modern life. Racial suicide and religious suicide act and re-act upon each other. The Roman Catholic church stands alone in its enforcements of the law of God concerning marriages, and the Roman Catholic church alone has no complaint to make of empty pews."

Reply.—When Catholic women learn our discovery that God is a myth like Santa Claus they will know there is no "law of God" to be violated, and they will begin to suspect the truth that their breeding capacity has been exploited by priests for the fees for administering the "sacraments" and "indulgences" to the children. The Roman Catholic mother will then have fewer children unless they can think of a nobler purpose than merely to furnish fees for a priest.

It is claimed by some observers that the population increases as fast where families are small and the children properly cared for as where families are large and most of the children die for want of care and proper sanitation. But what does a priest care how many children die if they get their fees for christening and burying them? Any woman of good sense ought to be able to see the hyprocricies in the priest who orders her to "increase and multiply," saying it is the command of a god who will send her to hell if she refuses to while he himself refuses to marry and help to raise a family.

Priest.—* * *, "but I think it is a grand thing to see a woman taking in washing."

Reply.—More hypocrisy. If he really thought so he would take in some washing himself.

Priest.—"She is far better than her richer sister who spends her time taking in men."

Reply.—But what of the priests who spend their time in "taking in" both men and women?

Priest.—"But neither the nations nor their peoples are striving toward a Christian ideal."

Reply.—"Christian ideals" are the ideals of ignorant heathens and consist in worshipping idols and believing and teaching religious superstitions for facts.

What's the matter with striving for civilized ideals which consists in learning, accepting and teaching the scientific discoveries that God and souls are myths and death the end of conscious life for ever? The farther people get away from "Christion ideals" in the direction of civilized ideals the better it will be for them.

Priest.—"Our age has no sense of proportion, of the fitness of things, for it has lost sight of God and his laws.

Reply.—As soon as people learn and accept our discovery that God is a myth he shrinks into nothingness in their minds and they have lost sight of him as the child loses sight of Santa Claus on learning that he is a myth. But as they lose sight of God and heathenism they gain sight of truth and civilization. The more the people lose sight of God and gain sight of truth the better it is for them.

A Hint to the Poor That They Would Not Be Allowed in a Sky Mansion.

All poor people should learn our discovery, that death ends life without feeling that they are being cheated out of a home in a "mansion in the sky," because they would not be allowed in it had there been one. They get a good hint of that in the action of the authorities at Montreal who barred poor people from the civic reception to Papal Legate Cordinal Vannutelli because they did not have dress suits and evening gowns. They bitterly denounced the ruling, but that did no good. They should learn and accept our discoveries, that death ends life, join the C. O. H. and aid it instead of aiding a superstition when they can see that they would not be allowed to receive their reward had there been any.

The 'New Nationalism" advocated by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, is very good, but the New Civilization advocated by the Church of Humanity is of first importance.

On the Wrong Trail—Believes Progress in Educational Lines Ended.

Mr. Floyd Wilson, a psychologist and occulist of New York and member of both the New York and London Society for Psychological Research, says:

"Practically all the progress that can be made along educational lines has been made."

Therein is where he has another guess coming. He is doubtless a Spiritualist as are all members of those societies. They are organized to search for evidences of the existence of gods, devils, ghosts, souls and spirits. They will fail to find any as surely as would a similar society organized to find proof of the existence of Santa Claus. Of course, they can make no more progress in such work because there are no such beings in the Universe to be found. They can well consider their task ended. But while they were looking for evidences of the existence of such beings the C. O. H. stole a march on them by making the scientific discoveries that all those characters are creations of fictions. While they were running down false clues and witnesses we were looking for evidence of the non-existence of such characters and found it in unlimited quantities everywhere.

These discoveries of ours will necessitate a complete revolution of the world's educational institutions to put them in accord and harmony with them. Instead of all progress along educational lines being ended, as he affirms, there is a new world of progress to be made on account of these discoveries. They are yet to be made known, accepted and incorporated in the people's store of knowledge of scientific truths. Continuing, Mr. Wilson said:

"The progress in the future will be made in developing our intuitive faculties. The time is not far distan when telegrams, telephones and letters will be a thing of the past. Mental telepathy will take their place. * * * And when you stop to consider it, mental telepathy is no more wonderful than wireless telegraphy or wireless telephony. The principle is practically the same—space is annihilated and without physical connection."

These ideas of his show careless observation and defective reasoning caused doubtless by his religious superstitions concerning the existence of immaterial intelligent beings. It is as a general proposition, not safe to say things are impossible, but this is an exception wherein it is perfectly safe to affirm that his predictions will never be fulfilled. The ether which fills all space forms the "physical connection" in the transmission of wireless messages through ether waves which make them utterly unlike "mental telepathy." Mind alone is powerless to transmit thought by the wireless telegraph method because it is, and ever will be, unable to use the medium it does—the ether.

Were "mental telepathy" possible I could teach all the world my discoveries without this time and expense of writing out the lessons and urging the members of the C. O. H. to distribute them to the people. But I know that they can never be taught to the people through "mental telepathy" and that is the reason I urge our members so persistently to do their duty in being mediums for transfering these lesson leaves to all the people in their vicinities.

The first essential work to do in preparing to organize a branch C. O. H. is to hand these lesson leaves to all the people for several miles around each month for a few years. Branches can not be organized with people who know these discoveries until they learn them.

Swat Idolatry and Religious Superstitions and Keep Swatting Them.

"Swat the fly" is a Kansas slogan because it carries and spreads disease germs that are injurious to the body. But another slogan should be adopted everywhere to swat idolatry and religious superstitions with our discoveries because they inoculate the mind with the idiotic ideas that a foolish, illegitimate Jew who died nearly 2,000 years ago is now a living God, that dead people will come to life again, that there are souls in us that will live forever, that a woman was seduced by a god, that ghosts, devils, angels, gods and spirits are real beings, that heaven and hell are real places, and many more equally insane ideas that make superstitious idolaters of all people whose minds are infected with them. The only preventative to protect the mind from this infection of idiocy is to vaccinate it with our scientific discoveries, and where it "takes" that mind will be immune from the infection to the end of life. I devote ten thousand dollars' worth of time every year free to preparing the vaccine and spreading it on these pages in generous doses for the people. All members of the C. O. H. who help to pay printing, folding and postage bills on them and aid in distributing them to the people are my good helpers. My usefullness and success depends entirely on their aid. If they will pay for and distribute 1,000 copies monthly it will enable me to vaccinate 1,000 minds with the truths that kill idolatry and religious superstitions. If they will pay for and distribute 100,000 copies monthly it will enable me to vaccinate that many minds and increase my usefulness and success ten fold. Comrades, do your duty by aiding me generously in this great work for the truths you know.

Following God's Example.

When I speak and write of God I want all to understand that I know there is no real god in the Universe but that I mean an ancient character of fiction to which the name "God" is given.

When people are made to believe that this vile character is a real live being through false teaching it has the same effect on their minds as if it was a real being.

When boys are taught that God is a perfect model in character, and morals and urged to follow his example to be good and perfect, and that this God raped a virgin and then deserted her and his child they have only the teachers of such wickedness to blame when men follow God's example.

As the worship of this libertine character spreads over the world through the teaching of Christian idolatry and superstition fatherhood sinks lower and lower in its sense of duty. From many quarters comes the complaint of husbands and fathers deserting their families and of men refusing to marry the mother of their children and helping to support them.

Dr. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University, scientist and phychologist, says:

"Fatherhood is at a low ebb. Never in the world have there been so many young cubs half orphaned and left to female guidance in school, home and church."

That is the natural and logical result of teaching boys and men to love, praise, worship and emulate this licentious God whose treatment of the mother of his child and his offspring would shame an Australian bushman.

In handing these lesson leaves to the people, I ask our comrades to not skip any through fear of them not being appreciated. None can tell in advance who will appreciate them most and learn our discoveries quickest.

Conflicting Ideas Battle in the Mind Like Good and Bad Germs in the Body.

It is now known by specialists in organic diseases that our bodies are a continual battle field between good and bad germs—those that help to build up and protect it and those that tear down and destroy it. It must now be recognized that the brain is a battle field between conflicting ideas that wage fierce wars for control of the mind and through it of the body. They are not living organisms but the battles between them in each one's mind is as ferocious as are those of the living organism of each one's body. Mind and actions are controlled by the victorious ideas and the vanquished ideas killed or put in subjection to the victors. Ideas like living organisms have their birth, development, decline and death, unless they embody truths of nature and are perpetuated by educational organizations. Ideas reproduce themselves and are contagious, but thei transmission to other minds are accomplished through the medium of language spoken or written, or by signs and examples.

To the minds of all children have been transmitted the untrue ideas that there exists gods, devils, spirits, angels, souls, heaven, hell and a future life, and that their dead bodies will be resurrected again.

All parents inocculate their children's minds with these false ideas. The public and private schools of all nations transmit these false ideas to the minds of their students.Churches and Sunday schools are provided for the special purpose of making these false ideas believed and accepted by all. Fallacious evidences are offered in proof of them. Rewards are offered and punishments threatened to induce their acceptance as truths. Missionaries are provided to implant them in minds controlled by other false ideas on these subjects, and to then cultivate them until they become strong enough to subdue the opposing ideas and take control of the mind and through it the body. Evangelists and special pleaders are employed to strengthen these false ideas so they can resist and keep out of the mind the true ideas about God and life that the C. O. H. is trying to impart. But these true ideas represented by our discoveries must be transmitted to all minds and strengthened by evidence furnished by the C. O. H. until they became strong enough to kill the false ideas and take control of the mind and through it the body. The battle between true and false ideas will have to be fought out in each one's own brain. Every encouragement and aid will be given false ideas by organized societies, educational institutions, governments and individuals controlled by the false ideas. The C. O. H. is the only organized society and the only people controled by the true ideas. They must not only transmit them to other minds but they must all help to cultivate them, encourage and aid them in their battle against the false ideas for the control of those minds. This can be done most effectively and with the least expense and time by simply buying and distributing their church paper in large numbers each month. I can write out the true ideas and cultivate them with evidence to make them strong. better than anyone else can because I make it my business and devote my time to it. Owing to the members being scattered so widely they have a good opportunity to scatter widely their true ideas through the medium of their church paper. Each one ought to pay for and distribute a thousand each month. Then the true ideas they have learned would have a chance to get into the minds of millions of people in a few years and get in their deadly work on the false ideas.

Comrades, do your duty in distributing your own true ideas about God and life and give them a chance to get into your neighbor's minds and battle with the false ideas there until they conquer them and put your neighbors in accord, harmony and sympathy with you. Then as civilized people they will love and respect you instead of being idolaters who hate and despise you on account of being controled by their false ideas of God and life.

Un-Godlike Mormons and Godlike Christian Gentlemen.

Mexico is to be a "haven of refuge" for the polygamous Mormons. It is reported that President Diaz has assured Mormons that polygamy will be permitted without the interference of the Mexican authorities. Hamilton Smith, a priest of the Mormon church, participated in the purchase of 50,000 acres of land in the State of Coahulia, Mexico, for a Mormon Arcadia, and expects to have 5,000 Mormon families there within two years.

The un-Godlike Mormons who marry the mothers of their children and help to support them are a menace to godlike Christian gentlemen in large cities who believe one wife and a few thousand misstresses is a much better arrangement, and if men were allowed to marry more than one woman there might not be enough left. Some of them are so godlike that they refuse to marry one woman and, like their ideal god, leave their children to be cared for by others. When people want the "social evil" checked they will quit urging men to follow the example of a character of fiction named God whose licentious creators made him sanction and practice it.

A Confession From a Holy Ghoster.

The following extracts from an article of an ex-Holy Ghoster, named Sarah Joseph, shows the necessity of inocculating the minds of all children with our discoveries to make them immune to the false ideas of idolaters and teachers of religious superstitions.

"Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 3.—The power of Pastor Sandford is believed by his followers to be so great that he can accomplish all things. In fact, we must believe in him implicitly or we must bear the evil influences of the devil.

"Even when our vessel struck the rocks on Mud Island we believed it the work of the devil. We thought, yes, every one of us, that had Sandford been on the ship personally it would not have happened. * * * He said he was the true representative of Christ.

"I believed him and joined. Little then did I think that I was leaving my parents and all I loved to devote seven long years to Sandford and his teachings. All of us had work to do, and my task was teaching.

"The horrors of hell are pictured to his followers daily by Sandford, and naturally enough they become frightened to leave lest the devil and his wicked influences should get them. * * * With the exception of visits to Alexandria and a place called Joppa, where other colonists of the faith were located, I spent practically six years in Jerusalem.

"The life was much the same from day to day. We spent much time in prayer and giving blessings to God for what we received. In fact we believed that in prayer we could win anything in the world and that regardless of persecution from those in the outside world prayer would always remain our protector.

"When we were not a t prayer we were fasting for our sins or engaged in hard work for the benefit of the colony. * * *

"I was afraid of Sandford and Perry's curses and that my soul would be lost if I disobeyed.

"I have heard that conditions at Shiloh are very bad, the women overworked and with the children half starved, living on meal and potatoes for weeks at a time. Sandford sold off most of the stock there to maintain his people on the Kingdom and his yacht Coronet. Sanford keeps his followers shut from the world, fearing that they would desert the faith. Sandford is a dangerous man for society. He has wrecked many homes, separated families and reduced hundreds to poverty. He prefers women converts to men because they are easier to handle. But he has to have men followers, because they bring in the money and do the hard work, but Sandford's funds are now low, and he cannot last much longer."

Your children and mine are just as liable to be made fools of by sharpers through the agency of religious superstitions as was Sarah Joseph if the true ideas about God and life are not placed in their minds and cultivated with evidence to make them strong enough to resist the false ideas of idolaters. Better join the church of Humanity and aid in distributing the vaccine that will keep your children from taking religion.

$1,000 Offered for Messages from Dead Prof. Perfectly Safe In Making it $1,000,000,000.

The late Prof. James of Harvard was a firm believer in the religious superstition that people have souls that survive death with all the mental faculties intact, and he promised to prove it by communicating with friends after his death. The professor was too stupid to see the joke in that proposition which is as funny as the Irishman's reply to the highwayman's request for his money or life—that he could have his life as he was keeping his money for his old age.

The professor was keeping his intended communication to give his friends after he was dead. Had he known our discoveries he would have known that would be an impossibility. But educators in high places will continue to have such fool ideas until a knowledge of our discoveries gets into their minds and kills the religious superstitions in them. Lying mediums are trying to help the dead professor out and strengthen the superstitious ideas in the minds of their dupes by writing out pretended messages from the professor.

The president of the Metropolitan Psychical Society, New York, makes the following comments on these alleged messages:

"The great difficulty with all the messages which have so far been published is that they are vague, indefinite and trashy and could have been concocted by any one. Such alleged communications have invariably followed the demise of all persons of note in the spiritualistic field, but the very simple test herein proposed would considerably narrow the question down, and should easily be within the capability of any person actually in communication with the spirit of the late Prof. James."

The proposed test is a reproduction of a letter received by the secretary of this society from Prof. James a few days before his death and $1,000 is offered the medium who gets the "spirit" to produce it.

My scientific discoveries that people have no souls and that death ends conscious life forever shows that the Metropolitan Psychical Society would be perfectly safe in making their offer $1,000,000,000 or any other amount. Such tomfoolery as trying to get messages from dead people will cease when my discoveries becomes generally known and taught as extensively as idolatry and religious superstitions are now.

Comrades, do your duty, and help to hand these lesson leaves to the people that they may have a chance to learn our great discoveries. They can't learn them from any other source because no other agency knows them.

All Clear Now to Those Who Have Learned Our Discoveries.

In the obituary of a girl who died in a near-by town of typhoid fever after four weeks' of suffering are these remarks showing the good character of the girl and her ignorance of our discoveries, and the religious superstitions of its writer:

"While she was not the member of any church, she was a church worker, attending regularly and trying to influence others to attend. She was a member of the Epworth League and the Star class of the Sunday school. Gladys was a bright, intelligent girl and would have been enrolled in the High school this year.

No one can explain why a young person, such as was Gladys Fitts, should be called from this life. She had not a thought that was not a gentle one. She was the light of the eyes of a great company of relatives, and the light has now gone out. To them she was what the sunshine is to the world and this eclipse brings to them both darkness and chill. May time bring its resignation, and may the shores of eternity that receive her soul, surround it with everlasting sunshine and flowers."

We can fully and truthfully explain why Gladys was "called from this life." She was not called from this life at all. There was no being to call her. 'Gods' devils, spirits, souls and angels are now discovered to be pure creations of fiction. All who have learned our discoveries know that none are called nor killed by those characters. It is a puzzle to idolaters when their idols allow those who devote their lives to loving, praising and worshipping them, and to teaching others to do so, to be killed in most horrible ways by storms, wrecks and diseases. But it is no longer a puzzle to those who have learned our discoveries that God is simply an ancient character of fiction, that the Universe contains no real god and that conscious life is ended for ever at death. All who desire to know the true nature of God and death, and all should desire to know it, must now turn to the Church of Humanity for that information. No other church, society nor people in all the wide world can give it to them because none others know it.

Foolish Ideas of Theosophists.

A Theosophist declared in a convention of that cult at Chicago recently that he had no doubt that Col. Theodore Roosevelt had achieved prominence in world's affairs in other generations, and that he probably lived in the person of Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar.

As people learn our discoveries they will cease to have the foolish ideas that there are such animals as spirits and that they can be carnated nd reincarnated in people.

The true ideas about God and life are the only antidote that can kill the foolish religious ideas in the people's minds and make them immune to them. These little lesson leaves are the only ones in all the world that teach those true ideas and they should be handed to the people in millions that they may have an opportunity to learn them.

While I depend entirely on my comrades in the C. O. H. for aid in the propaganda work of our church yet I will be glad to receive aid from any interested in it.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity, No. 35.

Dear Comrades: You are responding nobly to my request that you buy and distribute these lesson leaves in one thousand lots monthly. I have received orders from you for 10,000 copies monthly with promises to distribute them to the people, and the most of you to hear from yet. I am greatly pleased over your noble response to the call to duty. I now believe this number will be doubled long before your orders are all in, and that next month the orders will have reached 20,000 at least. It will be a grand achievement for our little army to boost its circulation to 20,000 monthly.

It is a happy co-operative arrangement among you to boost the propaganda work by helping each other in the way you are now doing. Many of you have been convinced that you should be doing more for the cause you love, but some were unable to pay for these lesson leaves while willing to distribute them, while other members had no time or opportunity to distribute them but were willing to pay for them. In this plan of co-operation among you those who can do the paying for these lesson leaves can send it to me and I can mail the lessons to those who can distribute them. The actual cost of printing, folding, wrapping and postage is $3.50 a thousand. Our able members can each pay for a few thousand copies monthly and the others can distribute them. This will be a fair division of the good work between them as the labor of distribution will equal their cost.

I want each comrade who distributes the lesson leaves to act as the agent of the C .O. H. in his respective locality to take subscriptions for the paper and applications for membership in the society, and I want to keep his name and address standing in the paper as such so that all who wish to make application and send subscriptions can do so through him. I would like very much to have all members act as such agents who will, and especially those living in cities and towns and who distribute these lesson leaves.

I devote about $1,000 worth of time to preparing these lessons and doing other work for our church each month and by each member giving a few dollars in work or money to the service of our society it will accomplish grand results in the course of time. Let us all renew ur work with vigor and cheerfulness as the educational season comes on.

I wish to suggest to all of you and especially to those who distribute the lesson leaves to not argue about our discoveries with anyone as idolaters get mad at once when the discovery of the non-existence of their idols are first announced to them. Simply hand the lesson leaves to all you meet when distributing, or better still, distribute them at the doors of residences and in offices. I pay the bill poster to distribute a thousand in Great Bend each month in the latter way. If any one wants to ask questions relative to our discoveries or to discuss them just tell them politely to write to me about it all they wish to as I am elected to attend to such business, and that your duty is simply to hand the lesson leaves to the people, take their subscriptions for the paper and application for membership in our church when they are ready to send them in.

None will fight for a god and soul when they are once convinced that they are myths, and while the reading of a lesson leaf or two might arouse their fighting blood for them it will cool down again by the time they have read a dozen or two lessons and it begins to dawn on their minds that our discoveries are sure enough actually true.

With great rejoicing for our success and good prospects for much greater let us all do our respective duties with that cheerfulness and willingness that insures results to be proud of.

Didn't Enumerate All the Symptoms of 'Borderline Insanity.

In a discourse on "Borderline Insanity," Dr. John Punton of the Kansas University Medical School referred to all the insane who are not lunatics and in the asylum as "borderliners" and divides them into seven classes—the youthful, emotionall, exhausted, apprehensive, prodigal, impulsive and senile class. One writer says:

"The ultimate conclusion to be drawn from the address of Dr. Punton was that about two-thirds of the people tramping freely over the highways and byways of this country are suffering from some form of insanity and do not know it."

But there is another symtom of "borderline insanity" that doubtless includes the good Doctor or he would have mentioned it also. It is the practice of idolatry of gods and the belief in, and teaching of, religious superstitions for facts. Those manifesting this symptom includes the other third of the people. However, I would not classify this symptom as "bordering **insanity.**" It is the genuine **article. The only** reason the people **who have it are** not adjudged insane by a **commission** in lunacy and **sent to an asylum** is that there are **not enough people** free from it to **form the commission.**

Insane people can sometimes act **and think rationally** while those considered **rational** can sometimes act **and think extremely** idiotic. In the light of our scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real live god, souls and spirits and that conscious life is ended at death for ever, it is seen that idolatry of gods are insane acts and that the teaching of religious superstitions for truth is the propagation of insane ideas. No act in an insane asylum is more idiotic than praying to God for daily bread, rain, protection from harm or for anything else. No ideas of lunatics are greater evidences of insanity than the ideas that dead people will come to life again and that people have souls that can separate from a body at death and continue living, intelligent entities. But where all people do the same act and have the same ideas none are able to recognize them as irrational though they be the most idiotic of all acts and thoughts. When ninety per cent of the people learn our discoveries that God and souls are myths and death the end of life they will put the other tenth in asylums if they are caught praying to gods and teaching religious superstitions for facts.

Dr. Punton need not go to the highways and byways of the country to find "borderliners." He will find plenty of them at home in the Kansas University who practice the insane acts of idolatry and believe and teach the insane religious ideas that gods, souls, devils, spirits, heaven, hell, immortality, resurrected dead people, ghost fathers and virgin mothers are realities I'll bet a kopeck he is a "borderliner," if not worse, himself.

The World's Champion Novelist.

Were people told that novelists had the ability to compose fiction with characters so terrible that people would be scared into fits with them and the entire world made to worship them through fear of their vengance they would not believe it possible. But that very thing has been done many times and the world is right now scared out of its senses with such characters and worshiping them through fear of their terrible judgments and powers assigned them by their creators.

Moses is by long odds the world's champion novelist yet, though he lived thousands of years ago. His principal character, named God, is yet the greatest production of fiction in the world today. All the great nations except Japan, now worship this production of Moses in fear and trembling. If the people ever get over their fear of the leading character in Moses' novel, which should be entitled "creation," long enough to learn our discovery of its true nature they ought to have rosy cheeks caused by the blush of shame for being fooled so easily. But people do not like to admit it when they learn they have been made fools of and consequently most of them will make fools of themselves by bluffing it through to the end of their days as true idolaters rather than to take the manly course and admit they were "taken in" and then declare they will join the C. O. H. and aid it in teaching the truth to save their own children and others from being fooled as they had been in being scared into fearing and worshipping characters of fiction under the belief they were real beings.

What Christian Criminals Cost Your Uncle Samuel.

We often hear that the United States is a good and grand country because it is a Christian country. We hear of Christian gentlemen, Christian virtues, Christian charity, Christian love and Christian honesty so often that people have come to believe that only good people and acts are "Christian." But that is a grave mistake. As this is a Christian country all its bad people and acts are as much "Christian" as are the good people and acts and should be so designated. They should be called Christian murderers, Christian robbers, Christian seducers, Christian grafters, Christian libertines, Christian prostitutes, Christian embezzlers, Christian hate, Christian lies, Christian deception, etc. Christian crimes and criminals, it is estimated, costs this country $1,000,000,000 a year. There are 100,000 Christian prisoners in American reformatories.

Christian crimes and criminals are so common and expensive in other Christian countries that delegates from fifty of them are to meet in their eighth international prison congress at Washington, October 2 to 8, to discuss ways and means for reducing the number of Christian crimes and criminals.

I respectfully submit to congress for consideration the proposition recommending that all people of Christian nations stop lying about God and life and that all governments penalize the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions and require the scientific discoveries of the C. O. H. taught to all children at public expense as a pre-requisite to starting them on the right road to good citizenship.

When any attack the Bible as a god book, Christ as a god or god son, the Bible god as a reality or Christianity or any other particular religion as being true they simply are wasting time and energy on foliage of the tree of idolatry and religious superstitions instead of attacking the roots—the god and soul superstitions—from which all religious mythologies obtain their strength, nourishment and life. Help to kill these root errors by helping to make known the great modern scientific discoveries that the universe has no god and that man has no soul. Then down will tumble all the religions including Christianity and all their branches and foliage with them.

The Truth About God and Life.

This is the only publication in the world that knows and teaches the truth about the most vital subjects our race is interested in—God and life. There are many publications in the world known as Freethought, Agnostic, anti-church and anti-clerical papers that criticise and fight the clergy and churches, but this publication must not be classed with them. Its mission is strictly educational on these two subjects. Fighting churches and the clergy is not teaching the people the true nature of God and life they must know before they can give up idolatry and belied in religious superstitutions. Members of our church are distributing these little lesson leaves by the thousands. The object is to let the people know of the great scientific discoveries of this church that God and souls are creations of fiction and have no real existence whatever. As fast as people learn them they are invited and expected to join the Church of Humanity. As soon as there are a sufficient numbers of members in any neighborhood to organize a local Church of Humanity they can call a meeting of the members and organize and apply to the central office for a charter.

Blanks for organizing and applying for a charter will be furnished on request.

Those who wish their children to learn these discoveries to protect them from being scared into the practice of idolatry and belief in religious superstition should join this church and aid in its propaganda work in their neighborhood so that enough people can learn these discoveries and join this church to organize a strong branch church near them.

NOTE TO READERS.

Members of the Church of Humanity are distributing thousands of these lesson leaves, teaching the discoveries of their church that no real god nor souls exist. If you are handed a copy I ask you to read it over and if pleased with it to subscribe for it. If you know its discoveries to be true I invite you to join the Church of Humanity and aid in its propaganda work. In making application for membership you can use the following blank:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned the discoveries that God is a myth and death the end of life forever, I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity and inclose $1.00 for enrollment and certificate of membership and $1.00 for first year's dues.

Name .....

Address .....

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Cheerful Greeting to all. This Little Messenger is Distributed by the Church of Humanity to Introduce its Great Scientific Discoveries to all People That God and Souls are Myths and Death the Final Cessation of Conscious Life, and to Teach Them How and Where to Look for the Proof of them. It has 300 Enrolled Members Scattered Throughout the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Spread and Perpetuate these Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, of Germany, the Greatest Living Scientist, is a Member of this Church. All are Invited to Subscribe for this Little Lesson Leaf that it May Come to their Homes Monthly to Teach the Truth About God and Life, and as Soon as they Learn it they are Invited to Join this Church Where they will be Given a Hearty Welcome and an Opportunity to Help in its Good Cause.

In the Destruction of Thousands of Lives by the Great Forest Fires of the Northwest is Seen Sure Proof of our Great Scientific Discoveries that Gods and Souls do not Exist and that Conscious Life Ends at Death.

LESSON II

The bare facts about one of the many forest fires of the Northwest this year, as given in a dispatch from Winnipeg, Man., October 10, is as follows:

Estimated Dead—500 to 5,000.

Estimated Loss—$5,000,000 to $100,000,000.

Towns Destroyed—Spooner, Baudette, Pitt, Graceton, Williams, Roosevelt, Pinewoods, Cedar Spur.

Towns Probably Destroyed—Warroad, Swift, Cedar Spur, Rainy River, Sprague, Longworth.

Towns Menaced—Winnipeg (by prairie fire), Lorette.

Duration of fire—Two days and still burning, being fanned by heavy wind that has caused flames to rise in waves to height of 100 feet.

Fire Zone Area—Eighty-five miles long (from the gravel pit spur west of Warroad to Stratton, the fourth station east of Rainy River) and 30 miles in width (between Red Lake and the Lake of the Woods.)

The masses can never understand the true meaning of natural phenomena until they are taught to do so by the one who has the good fortune to discover it. Until the true meaning is discovered there are often many erroneous guesses at it which are believed to be the truth and taught as such. Then when the truth is finally discovered it is more difficult to teach the people to believe it on account of their belief in the mistaken guesses, especially when the discovered truth contradicts the religious guesses believed by the masses.

Idolaters put each succeeding generation under obligations to fear, love and worship their idols by teaching them to believe that those idols cause all natural phenomena as a reward, if pleasing, for their devotions to them or as a punishment, if displeasing, for their neglect.

Idolaters point to the majestic forests and enumerate their many aids to man and then declare them to be a thoughtful provision of their idol for man's use. There being none present who know that they are lying and the people being easily heathenized they at once accept the statement for truth and proceed to worship the idol and fight for it as though it was a reality and actually did produce the forest.

Thus has the incorrect reading of natural phenomena and the heathenizing of the people gone on for unknown ages.

Now when the Church of Humanity comes forward with the ability to read natural phenomena correctly and points out how they prove the nonexistence of those idols the people are slow to give it a hearing. But as the people can never be civilized until they learn and accept the truths discovered and taught by this church, and as many wish to be civilized there is grounds for hope that they will try to learn our discoveries some time. When they do they will find the lesson taught by the fatalities in the great forest fires of the Northwest in 1910 to be convincing proof of our discoveries that gods and souls are nothing but creations of fiction if they will learn from our church how to see and apply that proof.

I shall now teach them in this lesson how to do that.

I shall assume that all intelligent people the world over have read of them and shall not take space to describe them in detail suffice to say that the drought in those regions this year has been unusually severe making it easier for fires to start and spread and impossible to extinguish them when once under full headway.

The fires have swept with cyclonic fury through many thousands of square miles of forest destroying dozens of villages and hundreds of isolated homes. Hundreds of men, women and children perished in the flames of the forest they were taught to believe had been planted and grown by a God for their special use. Many of them had loved, praised and worshiped that mental idol ever since they were heathenized in childhood. They would probably have mobbed a representative of our church had one been sent to teach them its discoveries in natural science that God is a myth and death the end of life so sure were they that the forest surrounding them from which they were making a living and some money had been planted and raised by a god for their special use. We see clearly now that that is a false theory and that they were simply common heathens who worshiped a fictitious character named God the same as all idolaters do. In the extinguishment of their lives is seen the sure proof that there is no God to know or care for them or the forest they inhabited. No being could have raised the forest and destroyed it in that way because it shows clearly the entire absence of thought and design back of its growth and destruction. This is sure proof that the Universe contains no God who knows of the existence of those forests nor of the people who inhabited them. These discovered truths should be learned by all people that they may know there is no God nor other unseen beings to protect their lives and that if they want them protected from annihilation they must do it themselves. A knowledge of these truths would have saved many of them from destruction by it. Believing their religious superstitions that a God had raised the forest for them because he loved them they reasoned that he being very wise, good and powerful, would not allow his plans to miscarry to the extent of it becoming the cause of their destruction. That is good reasoning, but being based on a false premise makes it a source of danger instead of precaution. They had been told that a belief in religious lies would put them on the "safe side," but we see clearly now that it put them on the danger side.

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The Theory of the Existence of a Heaven and Hell Disproved by the Forest Fires.

With the downfall of the theory that a God exists caused by our discoveries must fall the theories of the resurrection of the dead, of future rewards and punishments and consequently of heaven and hell as those theories depend on the existence of a God to fulfill them. Hence all such theories are of minor importance as their vitality and life hangs on the fate of the theory of the existence of a God and must fall with it from necessity.

But as the evidence disproving them also aids in disproving the existence of a God and makes the people more reconsiled to it it is proper and advisable to teach the people how to see and recognize and apply that evidence.

The religious theories that people have souls and that a God exists who will not let good people nor their souls roast in a hell in a future life because he loves them is thoroughly disproved by these forest fires in which the old and young, the good and the bad, the supposed soul and the body were all alike destroyed in a fire as fierce as the imagined hell is and no God appeared on the scene to make any discrimination between them nor to render any assistance to the good people and their supposed souls. This is competent, relative and material proof that those religious theories are simply groundless superstitions that no civilized and enlightened people will believe true.

It is clearly seen that no God exists to save good people from destruction in a tornado of fire in this life and world. Hence none can exist to create a lake of fire to roast bad people in in any other life or world believed by superstitionists to exist.

It is plain to be seen that no God exists who knows of the existence of people, forests and fires in this world. Hence no God created them and no God exists to create any heaven and hell to reward and punish people in.

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The Theory of the Existence of Souls Disproved by the Forest Fires.

The religious theory that people have souls that can survive death with consciousness and intelligence and the power of locomotion and communication is thoroughly disproved by these forest fires.

Did such entities exist they could have been made use of as messengers to ascertain the location, extent and direction of the fires and to seek the best avenues of escape and report to their "house of clay." When their "house of clay" was destroyed they could have reported to the living "houses of clay" the fate and whereabouts of theirs instead of them being left to be devoured by buzzards, wolves, coyotes and maggots.

The very fact that many insects, birds and animals that never imagined a God to exist had means of escape should teach man that he must depend upon himself to provide for his safety instead of depending on an idol to care for him.

The very fact that the dead are left strewn over the ground without any care from a God should teach man the truth that no real Gods exist.

The very fact that no souls reported the fate of the dead should teach man the truth that he has no soul.

Let all who can comprehend and recognize these great discoveries join the Church of Humanity and aid it to civilize and enlighten the world.

The Shame of Idolatry In High Places and Its Remedy.

The practice of idolatry and belief in religious superstitions is nowhere shown to such shameful and disgraceful prominence as when indulged in by those in high places of state and education. The unit measure for civilization and enlightenment is now a knowledge of, and adoption in practical use, of the modern scientific discoveries that the Universe contains no God, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is permanently ended at death. This will henceforth be the standard by which the degree of civilization of individuals, classes, societies and nations is measured. According to this newfound correct standard of civilization it is seen that only members of the Church of Humanity are civilized people and this church the only civilized society on earth.

But so far it is to be deplored that not a ruler nor high official of any nation, state, university or college is eligible to membership in this church, owing to their ignorance of the discoveries it is based on.

I understand Comrade Ernest Haeckel has resigned his position as teacher in the University of Jena owing to old age.

Still more deplorable is the pride with which they exhibit that ignorance by a vulgar display of their idolatry and religious superstitious. In their oath of office, speeches, writings, proclamations, laws and decisions is nearly always incorporated, to their shame and disgrace be it said, an affirmation of their idolatry and religious superstitions. A sample of this vulgar display of religious superstition in high places is seen in Eng-

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THE SHAME OF IDOLATRY.

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land's chief justice, Lord Alverstone, in pronouncing sentence of death on the alleged murderer, Dr. Crippen, where he says: "I implore you to make your peace with Almighty God." It proves that a superstitious idolater occupies the highest judicial office in the British empire. Kings, queens, emperors, presidents, judges and lawmakers of all nations are superstitious idolaters. Governors, judges and legislators of all states are superstitious idolaters. Mayors, councilmen and judges of all cities are superstitious idolaters. Presidents, faculties and teachers of all schools are superstitious idolaters. How then is it possible for the masses of the people to be anything else but superstitious idolaters? It would seem from a superficial consideration of the problem that the masses are not to blame for the perpetuation of religious superstitions when those in high places teach them. But upon closer observance it is seen that they are to blame for it and upon them rests the responsibility of its overthrow since the ones higher up hold their position as the choice of the masses only. The expulsion of the king and some religious orders from Portugal recently proves that the people do rule in all countries and in all matters. It is only a question of winning enough of the people to the support of a cause to make it triumphant.

Were any officials or teachers to learn our discoveries and become civilized by putting that knowledge into practical use the masses would put idolaters in their places. But when a majority of the masses learn our discoveries and become civilized they will put civilized people in all high places of state and education. Hence it is of first importance to teach our discoveries to the masses everywhere until they become civilized. Then they will not only allow their officials and teachers to become civilized but will compel them to do so or put those who are in their places.

Another phase of the problem to be reckoned with is the desire of our officers and teachers to please the masses in order to hold their job. The masses being full of idolatry and religious superstitions it is quite natural for those higher up to exhibit their idolatry of the same idols and belief in the same superstitions on all occasions to please them. Such people should be expected to learn our discoveries first owing to their supposed advantages in education, travel and a wider range of vision over the earth and the natural phenomena of the Universe. But they do not seem to be able to take advantage of their superior opportunities to learn these discoveries or else they deliberately suppress that knowledge owing to the weakened condition of their moral natures by previous training in idolatry that prompts them to a desire to please their ignorant constituents at the expense of enlightenment and civilization. Scarcely a candidate for any office from road overseer to president in any party can make a speech without making a prominent display of his religious superstitions in the hope of making a favorable impression on the masses whose votes he is fishing for. But when a large majority of those masses become civilized through learning our discoveries and demand that only civilized people shall represent them in all executive, legislative, judicial and educational offices then the candidates for their suffrage will suddenly see a new light that will prompt them to become civilized also or to carefully conceal their ignorance and heathenism instead of exhibiting it with pride on all occasions as they do now.

The Church of Humanity Advocates Sunday Amusements.

In the Daily Tribune of this city is an account of the proceedings of a union meeting of the churches recently for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the State Civic Federation. The resolutions adopted unanimously at the meeting indicate its purpose, and are as follows:

"We believe that base ball playing on Sunday is a desecration of the Sabbath day. While we endorse the National game, we think it should be restricted in a measure. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as citizens in a republic which is a Christian Nation, believe that such legislation should be enacted in the Commonwealth of Kansas, which would prohibit base ball on the Sabbath day.

Resolved, also, that it is the sense of this meeting that a local Civic Federation be organized in this city for the purpose of co-operating with the Civic Federation of Kansas in its efforts to secure such legislation and for such other work of reform as it may deem wise and that a committee composed of ministers and laymen be appointed at this meeting to draft a constitution which shall be submitted to a meeting which may be called by said committee at such time and place as it may deem wise."

It is plainly indicated that the primary object of the State Civic Federation and its branches is the prevention of all Sunday amusements and recreations that tend in any way to attract people away from the temple of idolatry and the teaching of religious lies for truths.

It is also plainly indicated that the said federation is composed entirely of people whose mental development concerning the nature of God and life was permanently arrested in early childhood the same as that of adults concerning the nature of Santa Claus who would continue to write to him for what they wanted as they did in childhood. The latter would be considered idiots, why not the former?

The account says the union meeting consisted of "all our churches." But that was evidently an oversight of the reporter as the Church of Humanity was not represented.

As the local representative of this church I wish to submit a minority report and resolutions for the consideration of the citizens of Great Bend and of the state and nation as, follows:

Whereas it is scientifically discovered and definitely known by the Church of Humanity that God and souls are myths and that conscious life is ended for ever at death and consequently there is no law or will of God nor sacred or holy time, and

Whereas the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religious mythologies for truths constitutes heathenism and the perpetuation of it, and

Whereas idolaters wish Sunday set apart to them for the special purpose of heathening the rising generation, and seek to have laws enacted to prohibit all activities, recreations and amusements on said day that the heathenizing process may be facilitated, therefore, be it

Resolved, that as civilized people we favor having innocent sports, shows, contests, recreations and amusements held on Sunday when people are generally free from their usual labor to attend them and can do so from greater distances, and we protest against the enactment of any law or ordinance prohibiting the same. And be it further

Resolved, that we favor the enactment of a national law closing all temples of idolatry on Sunday within twenty-five miles of the nearest place where any show, theatre, sport or other public amusement is to be held on that day.

The Church of Humanity will champion the demands of civilized people for a civilized Sunday against the demands of heathen idolaters for a heathenizing Sunday, and if there are enough citizens in this town and state who wish a civilized Sunday to back this church in helping to secure it we will provide a representative to attend the legislature and prevent the proposed heathenizing of Sunday by the Federation if possible.

All who know the discoveries we teach and who are in favor of a civilized Sunday are invited to join the Church of Humanity and give civilized people an organization strong enough to counteract the power for evil of organized idolaters.

The organized power of heathenizers is to be brought to bear on our state legislature to further heathenize Sunday in the interest of idolatry as is shown by the following dispatch:

"Salina, Kan., Oct. 17.—A movement was started today in Salina for a state-wide fight against Sunday baseball in Kansas. Rev. W. A. Powell, of Lawrence, met with the ministerial association and every minister in this city became interested in his plea for observance of the Sabbath. The ministers of every church in the state are to be asked to join the movement and a certain day is to be set apart for a sermon against Sunday baseball from every pulpit and at the same time a vote of each congregation is to be taken to secure the sentiment of the individual members of the churches. Then a united strength of all denominations is to be used to secure legislation prohibiting Sunday baseball in Kansas.

The members of the federation are planning to show the people throughout the state, the detriment which Sunday ball games cause to successful church work and why the Sunday sport should be prohibited by the state legislature."

Join the Church of Humanity and let us have a strong organization of civilized people to counteract the evil influence of organized idolaters on our legislature.

You will note that the leading idolater in this movement at Salina is from Lawrence where the University of Kansas is located. You will see a writing of that idolatrous institution in this number. It seems to be evident that the University has not power enough to drive all its students into the heathenizing institutions of Lawrence on Sunday if there is a ball game or other sports and amusements to attract them. Consequently, there is to be an organized effort of professional heathenizers to induce our lawmakers to come to their aid with laws to close up all their rivals for the attention and dimes of the people on Sundays. Will civilized people stand for it? Join the Church of Humanity and through it tell our legislature you will not.

Get copies of this paper, mark this protest if you indorse it and mail a copy to each member of both branches of the Kansas legislature as soon as the session opens.

The Practical Value of Our Discoveries is of Inestimable Value to Each Person.

I have been asked to point out the practical value of our discoveries that the Universe contains no god, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is permanently ended at death.

There are too many ideas of practical value to both individuals and to the race in general based on these scientific discoveries to be enumerated in one article, but I shall point out a few of them in two parts.

PART I.

The Practical Value of a Knowledge of our Discoveries to Each Individual

Each individual is benefited in many practical ways by a knowledge of our great discoveries. A few of those practical benefits I shall enumerate as follows:

1. It eradicates all fear of gods, devils, ghosts, spirits and spooks.

2. It eradicates all fear of suffering after death.

3. It prevents being persuaded to commit crimes, practice vices, do wrong and make bad deals by idolaters pretending it is the "will of God" or of spirits.

4. It protects from the vice of practicing idolatry and the ignorance of believing religious superstitions and the moral crime of aiding in teaching, supporting, spreading and perpetuating them to the utter shame and disgrace of our race and the age in which we live.

5. It enables one to give his encouragement, support and aid to the civilizing and enlightening forces in society.

6. It gives the satisfaction of knowing the true nature of God and of death, and of being able to give one's children that knowledge and thus save them from being the prey of idolat rs and religious ignoramuses of all descriptions.

7. It eradicates belief in the efficacy of prayer, hoo-dooism, voo-dooism and other hocus-pocus incantations relied on by idolaters to make them rich and well.

8. It teaches man the important truth that he must rely entirely upon himself to protect himself from the elements, disease, danger and want, instead of relying on gods and other imaginary characters of fiction for such protection.

PART II.

The Practical Value of a Knowledge of Our Discoveries to the Human Race In General.

The practical value to the entire human race of a general knowledge of our discoveries is beyond computation. But some idea can be had of it from the following:

1. It will unify the entire race on the subjects of God and life by giving all a true knowledge of those subjects in place of the many conflicting religious superstitions concerning them that keep the race in a perpetual turmoil of wars, prejudice and hatred.

2. It will cause millions of poor people to make successful efforts to better their condition who make no adequate effort to do so now owing to their religious superstitions that a god placed them in poverty and intends to keep them there.

3. It takes the running and government of the world out of the hands of an imaginary god and places it in the hands of the people to run and govern to suit themselves, and places the responsibility for its proper management on them instead of on gods that do not exist.

4. It furnishes the only true basis for a world-wide movement for the conservation of the natural resources of earth. It shows our race to be adrift on a planet in space without any possible show for outside aid when it exhausts its supplies abroad. Hence the imperative necessity of conserving those supplies as the race must inevitably perish when they are exhausted.

5. It shows the necessity of sometime limiting the number of our race to the capacity of the planet to sustain it as there is no god to care if it is over populated and its supplied exhausted in a few hundreds years or if the number is limited and our race endures for millions of years.

Much more could be pointed out in the way of valuable practical knowledge to be gained by learning our discoveries but this is surely enough to justify all in making any effort and expense necessary to learn them and in parents providing for their teaching to their children.

A Letter to the Rich.

I wish to call the attention of you who have more wealth than the average citizen to the fact that the perpetuation of idolatry and religious superstitions in this age is largely due to your financal support of it.

There are two principal motives for you doing so—to save your body and soul from the wrath of God and to win the praise of the people. I wise to remove the first motive by declaring to you that it is scientifically discovered that God and souls do not exist in reality, but are simply creations of fiction, and that death ends individual conscious life for ever. There is no use in you giving another cent to the support of idolatry and religious superstitions of any character whatever from the first motive. As to the second motive it is commendable in you to desire the praise of your fellow citizens and to aid in financing their educational work and society building to win it. But I ask you this question: Is he who gives his wealth for the enlightenment and civilizing of the people more worthy of praise than he who gives his wealth to keep them in ignorance and heathenism? I answer in the affirmative and believe you will.

Besides winning the praise of all who know the new standard of civilization and are helping to bring the people up to it you will have the reward of approval of your own conscince for doing your duty in helping to civilize the the world for the benefit of yourself and your posterity.

Would you not rather devote your surplus wealth to the enlightenment and civilizing of the rising generation by helping to finance the teaching of the truth about God and life to them than to continue aiding in heathenizing them by having them taught the heathen religious mythologies for truth? Those who practice idolatry and believe religious superstitions must no longer be considered civilized people. Through the Church of Humanty you have now an opportunity of aiding in civilizing them by helping to have them taught the truth about God and life—an opportunity none had before the founding of this church because no society previously knew the truth about those vital subjects.

This church is legally organized and incorporated to teach the great modern discoveries in nature that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that personal conscious life is permanently ended at death. It is now calling for money to create a University Education Fund with which to pay for printing and distributing these lessons teaching its discoveries to the students, faculty and officials of all universities and colleges in the United States.

I ask you to please contribute all you possibly can to this fund at once in order to begin the printing and distribution of these lessons in great quantities for those educational institutions.

Send all donations to the editor and state that they are for the University Education Fund.

The Invasion of State and Nonsectarian Universities by Idolatrous Churches to be Counteracted by the Church of Humanity.

No longer relying on their respective sectarian colleges and universities to thoroughly heathenize the rising generation there is now a concerted plan among idolatrous churches to invade all state and non-sectarian universities with their peculiar forms of idolatry and brands of religious superstitions as the following University Press Bulletin of the University of Kansas for October 22, shows:

"As a contribution toward solving the problem of religious education at State Universities, the dedication of Westminster Hall at the University of Kansas, October 7, was a noteworthy occasion in the history of religious education in Kansas. Five years ago the Presbyterians of this state founded a pastorate for students at the University, under the charge of Rev. Francis A. Wilber, D. D. Three years ago the offer was made by Mr. W. W. Cockins, of Lawrence, to erect a home for the institution, to cost $12,000, provided that at least $30,000 be previously secured as an endowment fund. The matter was taken up by the Synod of Kansas and the Presbyterian Board of Education; $10,000 was subscribed in Lawrence, and $20,000 in the state at large. Mr. Cockins and his family began at once the planning and erection of the substantial and elegant building which has just been dedicated. Besides giving the building they bought a choice site at 1221 Oread avenue, commanding a superb view of the Kaw valley in both directions and adjacent to the University campus. The whole property transferred to the board of trustees is valued at $18,000. The hall contains the home of the principal, and an assembly room for public gatherings, with apart ents for the social and religious uses of students.

This dedicatory occasion brings to mind a most interesting and nationwide problem, which is challenging he attention of lea ing educators, viz.: How is religion to be made a part of education in institutions under state control? In an address at this dedication Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D. D., of Philadelphia, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education made this noteworthy utterance:

'We must no longer blind our eyes to the fact that there are thousands more Christian young people in our state universities than there are in all our Christian colleges. The great problem, then, of training for religious leadership lies not alone in the field of Church colleges, but in the field of education under state control. There is the critical problem, there the crying need. The strategy of the Kingdom of God requires a change of attitude upon the part of the church. It is idle to say we must not expect the highest type of leadership from state universities. It is absurd to claim that this nations leadership can come only from institutions fenced about by denominational safeguards.

'As a child of the Christian college I yield to no man in my loyalty to the type of institution of which my Alma Mater is a shining example. But I submit that we must expect to have our nation's leadership emerging from the heart of our system of national education. Leadership is not a hot-house product, but springs from the heart of the nation. The oak is not started in a specially constructed glass room, but begins and lives its life in the heart of the ancient wood. A far harder task to produce a healthy moral and religious atmosphere in our state than in our church schools? Certainly it is. A garden in a public park is much more difficult to maintain than one within a private enclosure, but it can be done."

Dr. Cochran states some lines of progress already made toward the solution of this problem, in these words:

'I am confident the day dreamed of and prayed for by many Christian educators is beginning to dawn. 'Shall the churches heed the call of the University?' was the ringing question of Professor Kelsey of Ann Arbor in 1906. As early as 1884 the Presbyterian and the Episcopal churches had built a guild hall or two, the Christian or Disciples Church had turned over this work to its women, and had established several Bible chairs at as many university centers, but the larger impulse in the churches is a matter of only three or four years' growth. We find today nine denominations at work in nearly a score of universities with about thirty-five separate and distinct agencies, such as endowed lectureships, Bible chairs, boys' and girls' dormitories, guild halls, university pastors, student workers and the like. Occasionally we find an affiliated church college or theological seminary. Each of these nine demominations, either nationally or locally, is working out the problem, and there is being spent nearly $75,000 a year upon this work, in addition to th funds invested in about fifteen buildings.

'There are of course many questions still to settle. How far can the university take part in this movement? The laws of the various states, governing the limitations of religious education must largely determine the formal attitude of the university, but it is the spirit of the institutions that must count in the end. While it would not be advisable to introduce formal religious teaching at public expense, there is an opportunity to make the proper adjustments between the sacred and secular in these institutions without recourse to formal and official teaching. No law can exclude religion from any corner of life, much less from the university atmosphere. If 'academic freedom' means anything at all, it means freedom to allow religious truth as free and full a chance to maintain itself, to defend itself, to propagate itself, as any other form of truth."

This shows a clear vision of the coming day. The influences at our state universities are not irreligious and godless, as some either ignorantly or perversely insist. The peril does not come from misleading but preoccupation. As Profe sor Kelsey of Ann Arbor, himself an intensely religious man, says:

'The real danger to religion in the state universities lies in a tendency to atrophy of the spiritual nature. Minds become so absorbed in the details of a particular field of knowledge, or of other interests of college life, that the influences of the Spirit are lost sight of. In their devotion to lines of study that do not bring them in contact with vital religion, even students of religious habits of thought tend to lose their perspective and drift into indifference.'

Plainly what we need in this crisis is not the turnng off of the light we have, but the turning on of more light. Spiritual atrophy is to be averted by spiritual exercise. The organ is there, and only needs development.

For this reason the University of Kansas has always given cordial recognition and assistance to all church and other agencies which aim to develop the religious life of our students, and gladly assign to Westminster Hall a prominent place in this class."

This bulletin, which I have inserted entire, shows in detail the modus operandi of organized idolaters for further heathenizing the state educational institutions and of perpetuating that heathenism.

The Church of Humanity are the only people on earth and the only organization that knows and teaches the true nature of God and life and consequently the duty of making known those truths to the officers, teachers and students of state educational institutions, and thus counteracting the evil influence of teachers of idolatry and religious superstitions, devolves entirely upon it. It bravely and che fully accepts its duty and will patiently do all in its power to place its discovered truths in the mind of all connected with state educational institutions. With this object in view it will have this little educator distributed to the students of all such institutions as fast as it can make arrangements to do so. I call on all who wish those institutions to be taught the truth about God and life to contribute liberally and at once to our University Propaganda Fund for this purpose.

A Letter to the Students. No. 1.

You are preparing for the duties of life and good citizenship in acquiring an education. A vital part of an education is a true knowledge of God and life. The growing demand for a scientific knowledge on all subjects is making a scientific knowledge of these two subjects imperative. The scientific investigation of all natural phenomena is bringing us true and technical knowledge on all subjects and causing many important discoveries in nature and its process.

The most startling scientific discoveries of modern times are that God and souls are myths and that conscious life is permanently ended at death. In other words that the Universe contains no real God, that man contains no soul and that there is no future resurrection or life for him.

You cannot afford to complete your education without learning these great modern discoveries. You can no more learn them without the aid of teachers of them than you can other branches of knowledge. Owing to them being only comparatively recently discovered, and to the meager facilities for teaching them, your teachers and faculties and the officials of your schools have not yet learned them. Hence they will be unable to aid you much, if any at all, in learning them. But the Church of Humanity will accept the pleasant duty of teaching you these great discoveries. As fast as funds are received for printing and distributing its prepared lessons to you it will extend its services to include all the 452 universities and colleges of the United States on its list.

This is the first issue to be so distributed, and only about 250 copies will be handed to students of each of the universities I can secure distributers for this month. I hope to be able to serve at least twenty-five universities with that number of this issue and to be able to continue the service to them monthly during the school term. I am raising a University Education Fund to carry on the work and am asking for donations to this fund which hope will be generously responded to. The distributing of our educational paper to you will be done through the regular distributing agencies until one or more students of each university can be engaged to do it. Any students who wish to do it can write me for terms. As I do not furnish enough copies to any one university to give all students one I shall ask those who get a copy to read it all and then please hand it to another student who received none. I also ask all students who can afford it to send me 25 cents for a year's subscription and then I will put them on the regular mailing list.

Subscribe what you feel able to give to our University Eduction Fund.

A Letter to Teachers, Faculties and Officials of Universities.

The Church of Humanity has undertaken the very important duty of teaching the students of all universities and colleges in the United States the new discoveries about God and life. I believe you will all admit that they should be taught the scientific truths about those vital subjects. The discovery of those truths having been proclaimed only within the last few years you have not had an opportunity to learn them yet yourselves. And when you do learn them you would run a great risk of losing your job if you attempted to teach them to the students. You would have to pretend to not believe them and continue to teach religious superstitions for truth. That would put you in a very humiliating position in your own conscience at least. This is a bad state of affairs wherein professors in all educational institutions dare not teach the truth when they learn it through fear of being dismissed. I have hit upon a plan to remedy this condition and make it possible for all teachers to teach these discoveries as soon as they learn the 1 without the risk of dismissal. That is for our church to teach them to all the students and teachers of all universities and colleges in the United States simultaneously through its little educator. Then the students will stand by the teacher and uphold and defend him when he learns these truths and begins to teach them. This will unify the teaching about God and life in all educational institutions by putting it on a scientific basis of truth as it should be. As fast as this church can obtain the financial aid to print, and distribute this educator to the students of the universities and colleges in the United States it will do so. If yours is among the lucky ones to be served first I ask you to please read and study the evidence we give from month to month in proof of our discoveries, and to not only allow the students to read and study it but to encourage them to do so. As soon as you are convinced of these truths I invite you to co-operate with our church in helping to provide for a copy of this educator for each of your students monthly. You can have as many as you need for that purpose at the rate of $3.50 per 1,000 copies if you will distribute them.

Ours is in no sense a religious church. It is based on these discoveries and founded to teach them exclusively, and to establish societies to perpetuate this knowledge. Hence you violate no rule nor law against the teaching of religion in your institution when you sanction and encourage the teaching of these scientific discoveries. Your especial duty is to teach the scientific discoveries in nature to your advanced students. You should not exclude these relating to God and life as they are the most important of all for the students to know.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity, No. 36.

Dear Comrades: You will note in this issue the efforts made by several churches to have their errors about God and life taught in all state universities. This suggests a wider field of usefulness for our church. Why not give truth an equal chance with errors in all universities and colleges in the United States as fast as we can by having our little educator distributed to their students by the regular distributiting agencies? Let us all contribute to the University Education Fund to carry out this plan. I will donate $100 to the fund to start it. How much will each of you contribute to it? Please send in your donations at once for this fund and let us give the plan a fair trial. I shall mail out a bundle of 250 copies of this issue to about 25 agencies for distribution to the students of that many universities. Will you help to keep the bundle going to that many each month and to extend the service to many more of them? Let your answer be a good donation to the University Education Fund.

All members who distribute papers, take subscriptions for it and membership applications for our church I wish to appoint State Secretaries of our church. All who will act as such officials in our church please let me know at once so I can list them in next issue.

Instructions to Distributors.

As regular distributing agencies have been employed by the Church of Humanity to distribute this little educator to the students of many universities, I offer the following instructions to guide them in the work, and if they trust it to subordinates, I ask them to please see that they are honestly followed:

1. Do not distribute on the university grounds if its rules forbit it.
2. Hand only one copy of an issue to each student, and serve both sex alike.
3. Serve those in the highest grades first, if convenient, when you have not enough copies for all.
4. Serve them at their rooming houses if possible; if not, then on the road to or from school.
5. Hand each instructor a copy each month when possible.
6. Advise me as to the total numbers of students attending the university you serve and the maximum number of copies monthly you can dispose of to them by the above methods.
7. Please let me know two weeks in advance when the university is to close for the summer vacation.

"Nonsectarian" Educational Institutions Means They Are Polysectarian —A New Plan to Enlighten Them By the C. O. H.

A remark in a Freethought paper recently to the effect that churches should not control educational institutions but that the state should do so in order to make them non-sectarian indicates that the editor does not understand the true nature of such institutions.

Nearly all states provide and maintain a university and they are all listed as non-sectarian, but they all inforce the practice of idolatry on their students and teach them the primary religious lies of Christianity for truths, and help the students to organize societies of all idolatrous sects represented by students attending them. That makes them polysectarian in place of their misrepresenting title of non-sectarian.

The University of Kansas, a state institution and claiming to be non-sectarian, is perhaps a fair sample of other non-sectarian state universities, yet it is a hot bed of idolatry and religious superstition, perhaps unexcelled by any sectarian university or college.

In a thirteen page bulletin of its "religious activities" before me it is seen that instead of being non-sectarian as it claims it teaches the foundation lies of all sects and encourages and aids the building up of sectarian societies of all sects represented by its students which makes it polysectarian. It aids students in preparing for the ministry in each sect by regular courses of study for that purpose.

The general and special heathenizing activities of this university is indicated by the following extracts from the bulletin, which I number in groups corresponding to my comments on them.

1. "In its endeavor to fit young men and women for life, the University of Kansas recognizes the supreme importance of sound moral character. 2 It also recognizes that religion, interpreted in its broadest sense, makes more powerfully for the development of moral character than does any other single force. 3. The officers and faculty, therefore, not only look with approval upon the religious activities engaged in by the seudents but almost without exception give both time and money in support of those activities.

As soon as a new student reaches Lawrence, (where the university is located) the various religious organizations of the University begin to serve him. Members of these organizations are at the train to welcome him, to assist him in finding a room, and to answer any questions he may ask. Open house is kept by the different associations during the first week of school, and everything in their power is done to make the new student feel at home. 4. The religious census of the students made by the Registrar of the University is usually completed in October of each year. From this census lists are compiled which enable each religious denomination in Lawrence to ascertain what students belong to or prefer that particular denomination. Soon every student who has expressed a religious preference receives an invitation to attend the church of his selection. 5. Lists of students who express no religious preference are also furnished the churches, many of which engage in an active campaign to secure the attendance and support of such students. * * * 6. The University itself is strictly non-sectarian in its attitude, and cordially welcomes religious activity of every kind that tends to strengthen the moral character of its students.

It should be remembered, moreover, that the two religious services for which the University is directly responsible—the daily chapel exercises and the Sunday afternoon Vesper Service—are services in which all the students of every creed may heartily join.

Chapel exercises are held each school day at ten o'clock in the main auditorium room at Fraser Hall. Under the Chancellor's leadership, the students and faculty unite in singing the Doxology, in reading responsively from the Psalster, and in repeating in concert the Lord's Prayer.

After the announcements are made, the services close with the singing of a hymn. * * *

The authorities of the University, believing that university life is not fully ministered unto or unified in the highest way without proper occasions for worship, have established, besides the daily chapel exercises, a vesper service every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the University chapel. These services are primarily devotional and musical, with addresses by prominent representatives of various denominations from time to time. Opportunities are thus furnished the students to become acquainted with some of the leaders in the religious thought of our day, as well as with some of the masters in sacred music, and they are proving increasingly successful. * * *

During the last five years the University has secured for a week's lectures and conferences some of the most influential of the religious leaders of the time, in order that in this manner the students and the visiting friends from the state might get acquainted with the important religious currents and personalities of the day.

During March a week is especially devoted to the religious interests of the institution, and this week has come to be known as the Bible Institute. But during two or three other weeks of the year distinguished men are asked to come to live with us for a week and give religious addresses and conferences. * * *

At the beginning of the year the churches and the young people's societies give receptions to which University students are specially invited, and from time to time the pastors preach sermons intended primarily for students.

In most of the Sunday schools there are student's Bible classes, many of which are taught by University professors. * * *

Some of the regular courses of study offered by the University are of special interest to those students who are preparing for the ministry."

Seventy-two per cent of the students are members of or have a distinct preference for some particular church and sixty-one per cent are members of or prefer one of the following six religious sects: Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Congregational, Episcopal or Baptist. But the Catholic and Christian Science brands of superstition have enough students there to maintain special societies, and nearly all religious superstitions in Kansas have representatives there where their particular heathen superstition can be wet-nursed and fostered by the University at state expense. That gives it a distinctively polysectarian character and it and all such institutions should be so labeled.

Comments.

1. I stand firmly with the University in its recognition of the importance of "sound moral character," and its duty to teach it to the students by both practice and precept that they may be fitted for the duties of life and good citizenship.

But right now comes the parting of the way concerning what should be taught them about God and life to gain that result. The University takes the diametrically opposite course to gain its avowed object. It is like a man who says he wants to travel west but starts east and keeps going in that direction. It can no more realize its wish than he can without turning.

2. Its utter ignorance of the true nature of religion sets it in the wrong course and keeps it going that way. Religion, in all applicable interpretations, is a very immoral vice and should be recognized as a crime and penalized everywhere because it consists of worshiping idols and the teaching of lies which make it essentially immoral. Its practice and teaching weakens the moral character of all and unfits all for the duties of life and good citizenship by teaching them vicious examples in wickedness for morality and giving all utterly untrue ideas of the nature and limitations of life, and of its duties.

3. Instead of the officials and faculty approving of the idolatry and religious superstitions of the students, and confirming, aiding, encouraging and abetting the same, it is their imperative duty to educate them out of it by practice and precept. They can do that only by first learning the truth about God and life themselves and then teaching it to the students. Instead of there being religious organizations to serve new students there should be an organized Church of Humanity in the University to serve them.

Committees of this church could meet and welcome all students alike, answer questions, look after their needs and inform them of the great modern discoveries that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is permanently ended at death.

4. Instead of the disgraceful scramble by each idolatrous sect for recruits as now there should be only the combined efforts of all the faculty and students to induce the new students to learn and accept the new discoveries and to cease the practice of idolatry and belief in religious superstitions.

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LESSON III, PART 1. The Old Testament

Nothing so retards the learning and acceptance of our great discoveries by all the world as the belief in the errors in the Bibles or "sacred writings" of the world's great religions. These errors having been declared to have been written or inspired by gods are considered infallibly true by the idolaters of the gods of these various religions. All nature must harmonize with these writings say the idolaters. When any wish to know something concerning natural phenomena and the origin and destiny of themselves they must look for it in these bibles say the idolaters. When any one observes an inconsistency or plain contradiction between nature and these bibles and points it out to the people he is disbel'eved by idolaters who say that the Bible, written by a god who created all things, must know best and must be lelieved. Thus the people's ideas of nature have been made to conform to the errors in bibles until all are out of line and harmony with nature in its primary processes. Millions of volumns have been written in an effort to harmonize nature with the religious errors incorporated in their "sacred books," and this effort has been greatly reinforced by promises of rewards for believing those errors and of punishments for disbelieving them. As the contents of these bibles become more generally known and the contradictions of each other noted the people become bewildered as to what they should believe true, and a constantly increasing number of sects result. Disbelieving and repudiating the evidences observed by their own senses a few people have become agnostics and say that the truth is unknown and unknowable while the large majority dogmatically affirm that they believe every word of their bible without knowing all its contents or even the major part of it in hope of getting the promised reward and of escaping the threatened punishment and to be on "the safe side." Thus it has come to pass that our entire race has been led astray by the foundation errors of all religious mytholigies—the god, soul and immortality ideas. To transmit these false ideas to each succeeding generation all children are taught some of the fables for truth contained in the bibles to prove them true. Those alleged facts are represented to have happened hundreds of years ago and the people now living have had no method of determining accurately if they be true or not. If they really occurred they certainly prove the existence of gods, souls and continuous conscious life. But a simple rule is now discovered by which all adults can determine for themselves whether those alleged facts ever happened or not. This rule is the exact reverse of the one used to determine the truths of nature by consulting the "sacred books" that have brought such dire results and cinfusion to our race. It determines the truth or falsity of those books by consulting nature. If this rule was of material and a mile long and composed of iron it would be worth its weight in radium to all who will use it as a guide to go by when idolaters try to heathenize them. It has been the practical experience and observation of all scientists worthy of the title that nature is always uniform, stable, unchangable and under similar environments always acts the same way. This fact furnishes an infallible rule by which all statements in bibles purporting to be acts of nature can be proven possible or impossible, true or false.

I shall now give the reader a lesson in the application of this rule to the vital statements in that part of the Bible known as the Old Testament.

The Story of Creation Proved Untrue by This Rule.

I presume all my readers have read the story of creation and I shall not reproduce it here. If any have not done so I suggest that they read the first chapter of Genesis before proceeding farther.

The first verse says: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." That creation, if true, included space, time and substance. If either existed previously then it was not a beginning at all.

Is that statement true? Was there ever such a thing as a beginning to these three aspects of nature? Upon the true answer to this question depends the entire credibility of the Bible. If this statement is true it proves the existence of a god and that this part of the Bible at least is of his dictation since no man existed then to know anything about it. If it is untrue then the Bible is based on a fable and utterly worthless to any one seeking the truth, and a god does not exist since the universe and all its potentialities exists without the aid of a god.

Now for the application of our rule to determine if this Bible statement be true or untrue. We go direct to nature to find that out. In considering the nature of space we find that it could not be added to nor diminished. Hence it is uncreateable and indestructible, and from necessity must be eternal having no beginning and no ending. Therefore the Bible statement is false in so far as it relates to the creation of space.

In considering the nature of time or duration we find that it, like space, can neither be increased nor diminished, that it is inseparable from space and from necessity must be co-equal and co-eternal with it, hence uncreatable and indestructible. Therefore the Bible statement is false in so far as it relates to the creation of duration.

When we come to the consideration of substance it is not so easy for the people to understand its permanent existance owing to its changable nature into its three forms as solid, liquid and vapor. But chemists have demontrated that substance, like space and time, can neither be increased nor diminished, that if too, is uncreatable and indestructable Hence it is co-eternal with space and duration. Therefore the Bible statement is false in so far as it relates to the creation of substance.

By the study of nature we find at least three aspects of it—space, time and substance to be eternal. Therefore it is utterly impossible that there ever could have ben a "beginning" and the Bible statement that there was is false.

When we consider the properties, attributes and powers of substance and that it has had unlimited time and space to operate in we can comprehend its ability to produce all the phenomena we behold in the universe through the process of evolution without the manipulation of a god. Did a god exixst he would from necessity be a product of nature instead of nature being a product of his. He would have to be composed of substance in the form of a living organism to generate a mind and ideas. Therefore space, time and substance would necessarily have existed before him in order to evolve him. He would be controlled by nature and in due time be annihilated and decomposed by it as man is instead of being a lord over nature with powers to change and control it. Then such a being could not have the attributes of a real god. Therefore a real god is an impossibility. But we will assume this impossible god did exist in order to illustrate the further application of our rule.

You will notice that the story says that light appeared, waters gathered together, dry land appeared and that the earth brought forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit, all at the simple command of this god. Could those statements be true? Let us apply our rule again and see if they could be. We go direct to nature and by a thoroughly scientific examination of light, earth, land, water, grass, herbs and fruit-trees we find that they are not intelligent organism at all, and that under no possible condition or circumstance could they sensate commands from any being. They have no eyes to see a commander, no ears to hear him, no other sense with which to cognize his existence. They have no fins, wings nor feet nor any other means of voluntary locomotion with which to move in answer to commands from any being. Therefore those Bible statements could not possibly be true, and the story of creation must be relegated to its proper place in literature by classing it with Esopian fables.

I may be asked if I can see a miracle in connection with this story of creation. Yes, indeed, I can. I see a wonderful miracle connected with it. The miracle is that over 450 universities and colleges in the United States with over 25,000 instructors and over 300,000 students all believe and teach that this Bible fable of creation is literally true. With all their facilities for ascertaining the nature of things it is a miracle that not one of this vast number of educators and students discovered that those things said to have obeyed a command has neither the ability to receive a command not to obey one. But when we come to think of it not one of the great discoveries and inventions that have so much benefited our race was made in a university or college. It seems to be only their duty to teach what those on the outside have discovered. But in this they fill a grand and noble mission in extending and preserving that knowledge. The church of Humanity will do all in its power with its scanty means to make its great discveries known to these 450 American universities and colleges in the hope that they will do their duty by accepting them, teaching them and in making them known to all our race. It is yet to be seen whether any of them have the ability to comprehend these marvelous discoveries and recognize their priceless value to our race. It is yet to be seen if any of them will accept them and teach them and thus lead the way for their acceptance and teaching in all educational institutions or if all will reject them with contempt and leave to some future university the opportunity of winning a world of praise from a grateful people for ages for doing so.

The church of humanity will keep these discoveries knocking at their doors for recognition and admittance and continue to hope that they will some day be given a welcome by all of them.

(To be continued.)

All who believe the C. O. H. is doing good should join it and help it to do more good.

What all people should be most thankful for is the Church of Humanity for teaching its discovered truths of nature and thereby rescuing the people from idolatry.

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The States Should Teach Our Discoveries at Public Expense.

As a knowledge of our discoveries is of vital importance to each individual and to our race in general they should be taught by all states and nations at public expense as soon as some of the instructors and students the Church of Humanity is educating in them are qualified to teach them.

Nearly all states and nations maintain educational institutions at public expense. In all of them are taught religious mythologies for truth and their students are thus heathenized and made idolaters at state expense It is fundamentally wrong and highly detrimental to the students and to the public in general for any state to do so. It is the duty of the state to enlighten the students in its educational institutions by teaching them the true nature of life and of the world and the universe they live in and thus aid in civilizing our race instead of perpetuating its ignorance, idolatry and heathenism by teaching its religious superstitions for truths.

No state can possibly change its university from a heathenizing institution to a civilizing institution without installing teachers of our discoveries and discarding all teachers of idolatry and religious superstitions for truths. As soon as a few states do this all educational institutions would soon be compelled to do so as very few parents would send their children to them to be heathenized when they find out that others are sending theirs to state institutions to be civilized.

This will create a great demand for qualified teachers of our discoveries at large salaries. I suggest that a large number of instructors and students make a special effort to learn these discoveries, the evidences proving them true and the method I use in presenting it, that they may be qualified to fill this prospective demand for teachers of them.

The Belief in the Existence of a Sparrow-Caring God Knocked Out.

Millions of people have read in the Bible: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." "Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows," and believe it means that there is a god who cares so much for all things that he protects sparrows from harm when they fall and cares for themselves in proportion to increased value.

Well, it means nothing of the kind. It means that the author of those words was simply an idolater who was only proclaiming his religious superstitions. How do I know it? Why, that is easy to learn. If you do not know it you should open your eyes and see if it is true by observing the sparrows to see if they have any protection from a god at any time. If you see no sparrows then watch the bird-men who are supposed to be worth more than sparrows and cared for in their falls by a god proportionately.

In today's news, November 17, is an account of the fatal fall of the noted aviator, Ralph Johnston, at Denver. He is the thirty-seventh victim of aviation.

Although thousands of spectators saw many of them fall no one observed a god doing anything in any way to lighten their fall. They came down like su much old junk, which proves conclusively that the belief about there being a god is only a religious superstition. If you have any aviator friends who have this sparrow-caring-god belief in their heads tell them to "cut it out" if they can't get it out any other way.

Parallel Cases Should Be Treated Alike.

In a saloon a man was seen to reel and heard to make some piteous appeals for aid that indicated he saw snakes and enemies that threatened his life. He was delirious. An officer came and arrested the saloon keeper. He was jailed, fined and put under bond to sell no more of the vile stuff that put our brother's mind in such condition.

In a church a woman was seen to fall upon her knees and heard to moan and lament and plead most piteously for a god to save her from a terrible fate. She was delirious. The evangelist should have been arrested, jailed, fined and put under bond to cease teaching the vile heathen superstition that put our sister's mind in such condition. The woman is as much entitled to legal protection as the man. These parallel cases should be penalized alike. They will be when a majority learn our discoveries.

The C. O. H. Teaches Positively Discovered Scientific Truths of Nature.

From a few letters I received it is plain that the writers do not understand what the Church of Humanity is chartered to teach. One says: "I like your religion and hope to see it win." Another says: "I have always believed as you do." Another says: "My opinions are the same as yours." Another says: "Your theory and mine are identical." To all I wish to say that the C O. H. is positively not organized and chartered to teach a religion nor a "belief," nor an "opinion," nor a "theory" of mine nor any one else. I could positively not devote time and money myself, nor ask anyone else to, for any such purpose.

The Church of Humanity is organized and chartered to teach the positively discovered truths of nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is ended forever at death. The Church of Humanity takes these truths from the domain of speculation and uncertainty express in "belief," "theory" and "opinion" and places them on the firm foundation of ascertained facts with all other discovered truths of nature.

The President of the K. U. Lays Down Rules Impossible For Universities to Follow.

In his address to the State Teachers' Association upon the subject, "A New Type of Higher Education," president Frank Strong laid down these rules for the guidance of a university:

"It must be the greatest exponent of democracy that the commonwealth affords; it must stand for the highest ideals of life and conduct; it must insist upon law and order, upon intellectual honesty, upon true scholarship. It must be the intellectual leader of the commonwealth. It must be thoroughly Christian in its influence and life and yet must conform to the true freedom of religious thought and endeavor, so absolutely essential to true religious growth."

Since the scientific discoveries are made and taught that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is permanently ended at death no educational institution can now "be the intellectual leader of the commonwealth" and "be thoroughly Christian in its influence and life" because these are contradictory requirements. No educational institution can now stand for "the highest ideals of life and conduct" and be religious because they are contradictory requirements.

No educational institution can "insist upon intellectual honesty, upon true scholarship" and practice idolatry and teach the superstitions of any religion for truths because they are contradictory requirements.

All educational institutions must now prohibit idolatry and the teaching of religious superstitions for truths and teach our discoveries if they are to be "the intellectual leader of the community," and "stand for the highest ideals of life and conduct" and "insist upon intellectual honesty, upon true scholarship."

Belief in Religious Superstitions the Cause of Many Deaths.

Besides being a shame and disgrace to our race the religious superstition that there is a god is a menace to life. On account of a belief in that superstition millions of people believe they will not die until the time a god has set for them to do so comes around. They believe their lives are perfectly safe under any and all circumstances until that time comes. They believe that no negligence and recklessness on their part will cause death before "their time comes," and that no precaution on their part will prolong their lives a moment beyond that time.

A case in point is Ralph Johnston, the aviator who was killed in a fall at Denver November 17. He is reported to have said: "Nothing on earth can save me when the time comes to go." None who believes that superstition will take proper precautionary measures to protect their lives.

Doubtless thousands of babes and children have died because their parents believed that religious superstition and failed to take due care of them on account of it. Doubtless thousands of adults have died prematurely caused by neglecting proper remedies owing to that religious superstition. Doubtless thousands have placed themselves in dangers that resulted in death who would not have done so but for their belief in that superstition. Doubtless thousands have enlisted in wars who would not have done so but for their belief in that religious superstition.

If you are a believer in it I advise you to learn our discoveries as a necessary knowledge in protecting your life and the lives of those depending on you for protection.

Our Discoveries Are the Open Gateway to Nature.

Our discoveries will mark the greatest epoch in history, and may be known as the Open Gateway to Nature because a knowledge of them clears all religions out of the mind of our race and gives it an open road to nature. Nothing so prevents the study of nature and the acceptance of discovered truths as religions. A general knowledge of our discoveries will put an end to religions for all time. It will make all bibles and "sacred" writings utterly worthless and will stop their production. It will make all the millions of volumns of commentaries and metaphysical speculations based on religious superstitions utterly worthless and will stop their production. All such books will then not be worth reading except as relics of a heathen age.

These discoveries prove that no knowledge ever was or ever will be given to man by a god, that no god ever did or ever will object to man learning and accepting the truths of nature. The religious superstitions are supposed by idolaters to be revelations of gods and therefore true to nature. Our entire race have fought for, and are now fighting for the preservation and supremacy of these superstitions. Every discovered truth that contradicts them is shunned, abhorred anathematized and rejected. All the facts and processes of nature always did and always will contradict the world's religions. All the objection to learning and accepting our discoveries is on account of belief in the falsehoods of religions.

Millions of idolaters believe that all knowledge of nature must be revealed to man by a god, and that he should not try to find it out for himself, that to do so is both wicked and useless. A knowledge of our discoveries sweeps these religious delusions and superstitions out of the minds of the people and gives all a free right and duty to learn, accept and teach all the truths of nature they can. It is the Open Gateway to Nature.

Let Your Selfishness Take Its Proper Course in Learning Our Discoveries.

Many will doubtless refuse to learn our discoveries from misdirected selfishness. The most common form of it will likely be fear of losing imagined rewards in an imagined future life for not holding steadfast to your religious delusions. You have worshiped a god for years, paid out much money and given much time to the propagation of the religious superstitions and now believe you have earned a valuable reward that you will lose if you learn our discoveries. Do not be deceived by such misdirected selfishness. You should consider that under no circumstances whatever will you ever receive your expected reward in a future life because continuous life, souls, resurrection of the dead, heaven and hell, gods and devils are not facts in nature. None ever did nor ever will have a conscious existence after death regardless of what they do to earn it or if they ever hear of our discoveries or believe them when they do because it is not a fact in nature for any to ever have a conscious existence after death. Let your selfishness take the following proper course and it will be a good trait of character for you instead of a bad one. Consider that all you have done to win an impossible reward has been wasted and lost forever, and to save further loss you will learn the truths we teach. Then to protect your family and friends from a similar loss you will join the C. O. H. and help it to save them too. Time and money spent in having our discoveries taught is the best possible investment you can make of them from even a selfish point of view, while investing them in the teaching of religious delusions is the worst.

None Can Afford to Teach Religious Fables For Truths For Any Sized Salary.

All who teach religious fables for truths are engaged in heathenizing the people. None should do that regardless of the size of the salary offered them to teach them. Their conscience should protest against it and not allow them to teach lies for truths at any price. They should have such a strong regard for the welfare of the people in general and of their own relatives and friends in particular that they would refuse to lead them astray by teaching them lies for truths. But if their moral sense of duty and responsibility is not strong enough to overcome their desire to teach lies for the money there is in it then they should be classed with saloon keepers and white slaves who are willing to debauch the people for the money there is in it and as in their case laws should be enacted to restrain them. There will be such laws when a majority learn our discoveries. Civilized parents will not allow their children to be heathenized regardless of the size of the salary idolaters may offer a teacher of religious superstitions to do it.

Thanksgiving By the Church of Humanity.

The Church of Humanity, like all churches, have no real god to thank for anything. But unlike them it knows that very important truth while they do not. They believe that if their gods were taken from them they would have nothing to be thankful for and there would be no one to thank if they had. But that is simply another of their religious delusions, the taking away of their gods would be the thing they should be most thankful for and those who did it the ones to thank for their services. Taking their gods from them simply means taking their ignorance from them by teaching them our discovered truths, and all should be thankful to any for that kindness. When it comes to giving thanks those who have learned our discoveries have a great advantage over those who have not. They know the things to be thankful for and who to thank for them while others do not. Above all else they are thankful to those who taught them the truth about god and life and rescued them from idolatry and belief in religious delusions and superstitions—from heathenism. They thank all who care enough for these truths to learn them, and who care enough about other people to join the C. O. H. and aid it in teaching them. They thank all who in any way help to civilize and enlighten the people by contributing money and time to the service of the C. O. H in its educational work of teaching its great scientific discoveries.

Proper and Improper Use of Thanksgiving.

In pursuance of a heathen custom the president of the United States, the governor of each state and the mayor of each city have promulgated a thanksgiving proclamation setting apart a certain day to thank an imaginary god for favors they imagine he bestows on them. In the light of our discovered truths it is entirely improper to do so. No civilized and enlightened people will do it. There is no one to thank for the existence of the earth, sun, moon and stars. No being created them. No thanks are due anything by anybody for their existence and nature. There is no one to thank for the nature and movements of the earth that cause day and night, summer and winter, heat and cold. No being created them. No thanks are due anything by anybody for them.

There is no one to thank for the natural resources of earth that man uses such as air, light, water, forests, minerals, vegetation and animals. No god created them. No thanks are due anything by anybody for them. There is no one to thank for the movements of the elements that cause rain and favorable growing weather. No being regulates them. No thanks are due anything by anybody for them.

The only things we can properly be thankful for in a general way are the achievements of people that result in benefits to us, and to those people are our thanks due. We should be thankful to the discoverers of nature's processes that have expanded so wonderfully the world's knowledge of life, the earth and the universe.

We should be thankful to the inventors who have made machines to do so much of the world's hard work; that give us light and heat and power; that give us quick communication and transportation; that facilitates commerce and industry so necessary to feed, clothe and shelter us properly and easily; that furnish us with the pleasures innumerable that make life worth living.

In a specific way we should be thankful to relatives and friends who contribute to our home comforts. But we should not reserve this grateful and thankful feeling for our benefactors for only one day in the year and then make it necessary for our highest official to order us to express it. We receive those benefits every day in the year and our feeling of gratefulness to the authors of them should be as often. The public schools should teach the children to recognize the many things they should be thankful for and to whom their thanks are due instead of teaching them the falsehood that a god produced those things and the idolatry of thanking him for doing so. It would be all right to set apart a special day in the year for all to assemble and employ a specialist to enumerate the many advantages and benefits we have over our ancestors and to eulogize our benefactors. This would teach the people to recognize those advantages and to whom their thanks are due for them.

Death of Count Leo Stolstoi.

In the death of Count Leo Stolstoi, Sunday, November 20, Russia lost a noted novelist and writer on religious, political and economic subjects. He is reputed to have been a great philosopher and to have endeared himself to many through his works.

His acceptance of religious superstitions for truths with child-like confidence shows him to have been a very careless observer of nature and such a poor reasoner that it casts doubts upon his ability to see clearly on other subjects.

I firmly believe that no one who believes the foundation errors of religions have the ability to properly solve great problems of state and economics because of their utterly untrue ideas of life, the world and the universe.

A Horrible Revelation Seen in the Light of Our Discoveries.

Hundreds of millions of people believe that civilization consists in learning the Christian religion, believing its stories and worshiping its gods. They believe their children must so learn, believe and worship to be civilized and kept so. They believe the followers of all other religions are heathens until they are won over to accept Christianity.

To those who have learned our discoveries a horrible revelation is seen. Christianity is seen to be only another heathen mythology, its gods nothing but concocted idols and all Christians only ignorant, superstitious, deluded idolaters.

None can see these horrible conditions until they learn our discoveries. To them it is seen that civilization consists in learning our discovered truths of nature and discarding all religious mythologies including Christianity.

The few who have done so wish all the world to learn them so that heathenism will not be forced on them and their children by state power. They want all the world civilized and enlighted so that it will be a better habitation for themselves and their posterity.

All should desire to know these truths. All should try to learn them. All parents should teach them to their children. All educational societies should teach them. All public schools, colleges and universities should teach them. All cities, states and nations should inforce their teaching.

Call All Missionaries Back For New Instructions and Orders.

All religious churches, orders and societies that have sent out missionaries to teach any religion should call them back at once for new instructions and orders.

Our great scientific discoveries makes a revolution in the world's ideas as to what constitutes civilization necessary and inevitable. In the light of these discoveries it is seen that all such missionaries are on the wrong track; going in the wrong direction; going away from civilization instead of towards it; heathenizing the world instead of civilizing it; doing harm instead of good. Call them back, teach them these new discoveries and then send them out to teach them to all the world. Then they will all be in harmony with each other, with truth and with nature. Then peace, harmony and goodwill will reign where all is strife and discord now.

In the Light of Our Discoveries Christianity is Seen in Its True Colors.

It has ben supposed by millions of people that to Christianzie the devotees of other religions were equivolent to civilizing them; that in fact Christianizing and civilizing a people were synonymous terms. But in the light of our discoveries it is seen to be quite different. Christianity is seen to be as much of a heathenism as any other religion. To Christianize the devotees of other religions is not civilizing them at all. It is simply transferring them from one heathenism to another as bad or worse. A large part of the world has been Christianized, but it still remains to be civilized by being taught our discoveries. All who wish to aid in civilizing the world must now stop aiding in Christianizing it and aid in teaching our discovered truths.

What Fighting Against the Introduction of Our Discoveries to the People Mean.

While I wish the discoveries of the Church of Humanity to be received everywhere with that calm regard and thoughtfulness due all great discoveries in nature's processes, and invite critical and thorough investigation into their merits from all who are competent to do so, yet I expect the most bitter opposition to them by some who have not the ability nor the desire to make any such investigation into nature's processes to see if these discoveries be true.

I want all to understand fully that such people will place themselves in the position of fighting nature as did those who fought the true shape and movements of the earth and many other discovered truths of nature. I want all to understand that we, like the discoverers of those truths are not responsible for them. They were always facts in nature and always will be. We simply found them out and give voice to them by proclaiming them and teaching them. With this understanding can any afford to put themselves in such an unenvyable position in the Twentieth Century as fighting nature's processes? They would win for themselves only contempt and derision by all mankind when the world accepts these truths as it surely will in time if our race ever becomes civilized. Before any begin to put up a fight against these nature truths they had best consider well what it means to do so, and then not do it.

High Watermark For the C. O. H. in Its Educational Work.

Last month the distribution of this little educator was put to 25,000 copies. That is double the distribution of any previous month and five times more than the usual distribution. A bundle of 25 copies were mailed to each of the 452 colleges and universities of the United States to be distributed to their instructors. That placed 11,300 copies in good hands. Regular distributing agencies distributed 6,750 copies among the students of ten universities, nine being state universities. Our eight city secretaries distributed in as many cities 3,000 copies. About 2,000 copies are reserved to be mailed later to editors and high officials. A copy of each issue for the first nine months of this year was mailed in October to each of the 452 colleges and universities on our list. This gives their highest officials an opportunity to read all our lessons and judge of their merits. I hope all of them will examine nature's processes thoroughly to see if our discoveries e true to nature. I know they will all find them true, if they have the ability and the patience to do so. I want them to do that and then aid in teaching them until all the world knows and accepts them. In the meantime the C. O. H. must do its very best to maintain the high mark of distributing 25,000 copies monthly reached in October. It will cost about $150 a month to do it. But I know the C. O. H. is able to do it if all its members have the will to do their part. If all do their duty as they should do I believe some rich people will come to their aid and make it possible to increase the propaganda work many times. The distribution of these lessons should be extended to all of the instructors and students in these 452 colleges and universities and many thousands of them in each of the large cities. They should be distributed in every city, town and village until all hear of these great discoveries in nature and have a chance to read some lessons teachings them. Here is the best opportunity ever given to rich philanthropists to do a world of good to all our race by giving financial aid to this propaganda work.

City Secretaries.

The following comrades distribute this paper and will accept subscriptions for it and applications for membership in the Church of Humanity. People in or near these cities who learn our discoveries should apply to them for membership and aid them to organize branch churches.

E. G. Whitney, 112 W. 13th street, Kansas City Mo.

A. V. Newbold, 24 Kaw street Topeka, Kansas.

J. M. Case, 1305 Green street, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. P. Hansen, Fairfield, Wash.

A. J. Boyer, 1212 Mass. Avenue, Washington, D. C.

W. R. Adams, National Military Home, Kansas.

J. H. Stevenson, El Reno, Okla.

O. Ellsworth, 505 Main street, Denison, Texas.

A Letter to the Rich. No. 2.

The Church of Humanity is educating the people in its discoveries as fast as it gets the financial aid to do it. Are there any towns, colleges or universities you are interested in that you wish taught these discoveries? If there are you can have them taught at the rate of $6.00 per 1,000 students per month. Will you become the greatest benefactor of some cities and universities and colleges by donating this education to them? If you will, please send on the money and the names of the objects of your benevolence and I shall begin their teaching by having these monthly lessons distributed to them. Or you can make your donation to our educational fund and I will select the people to be taught with it.

All readers who are handed a copy of this little educator should subscribe for it so it can be sent them regularly.

All who believe the discoveries we teach should send us a good pledge of aid on Pledge Day with which to give them a chance to be learned and accepted.

Most Christians say they would not live in a heathen country. Our discoveries reveal the fact that all Christian countries are heathen countries. Now if they do not like to live in a heathen country it is up to them to join the C. O. H. and aid in civilizing one to live in. They can begin on our "Pledge Day" by sending in their application for membership and a big fat pledge of financial aid.

A Letter to the Officials of Colleges and Universities.

Gentlemen: The Church of Humanity is founded, organized and incorporated to teach the greatest scientific discoveries ever made—that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious individual life ceases permanently at death. These discoveries are of the most vital importance to each person in particular and to our entire race in general.

Our society is introducing these marvelous discoveries to the people as fast as it can with the scanty means at hand. Among the people it is trying to interest in them are the instructors and students of 452 colleges and universities in the United States. They are supposed to have the best facilities developed for critically examining into nature's processes. A part of their duties should be to find out those processes and teach them to the general public. I know, as you do, that these discovered truths contradict all religions. But that fact should not for a moment be allowed to prevent the people of this age from learning and accepting nature's truths. When religions are found to contradict nature the religions must be discarded because nature can not be changed to harmonize with them. We must ever accept nature as final authority in all such cases. And where they seem to harmonize in any case we must never try to prove what nature's processes are by referring to the claims of religions, but those claims must be proven true or false by referring to nature. But even in such cases the religion would be superfluous since we must in all cases get our information concerning nature's processes direct from nature. With these fundamental principles I hope you all agree. With them in mind I invite you most earnestly to critically and thoroughly examine all phases of nature's processes to see if our discovered truths are true to nature as we claim.

I do this with clear knowledge that you will surely find them true to nature if you make the necessary critical examination free from religious bias. As I made these discoveries I feel able to assist in directing your efforts to learn them and beg your kind permission to do so. Please write me a line giving me permission to mail your college or university copies of this little educator monthly, and to have it distributed among your students. Lessons teaching these discoveries will be given in each issue. This is perhaps a fair sample of all to follow. All their contents will be strictly moral. I will not allow anything in it that any can reasonably object to their children reading. All children should learn to know these discoveries by learning the evidences proving them true. These are scientific truths of nature that are extremely important for all to learn. It is not immoral to learn them though they contradict some or all religions.

Do not think these discoveries untrue, nor yourselves unable to learn them, if you do not learn them from a few lessons. Remember it sometimes requires hard study over hundreds of lessons to learn some things. Last January I mailed your institution 24 different back numbers of our educator in one bundle. A few weeks ago I mailed you a copy of each issue this year to October. In October I mailed you a bundle of 25 copies of that issue. I hope you read them and then gave them to your instructors and students to read. We would like very much to be able to furnish each instructor and student in your institutions a copy each month. But 25 copies is all our resources will permit sending each institution except where we have made arrangements with distributing agencies to distribute copies to the students. Please remember that we are doing for truths what millions are doing for untruths devoting our time and money to their teaching. If your educational institutions can learn and will then teach these discoveries their speedy acceptance by all the world will be assured. I believe American educational institutions can and should, and I hope will, lead all the world in learning, accepting and teaching these grandest of all discoveries.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR,
President C. O. H.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity. No. 37.

Dear Comrades: Rejoice, be glad and happy. The 25,000 distribution mark is reached and will be held monthly until we can reach higher. The grandest educational movement of all the ages is now getting a start. Stand firm, hold your ground do your duty and rejoice. You are right, the world must come to you to learn how to see and understand the greatest truths of nature ever yet discovered. Give the people a chance to learn them by distributing this little messenger in all cities where any of you reside. Join our noble band of city secretaries you will see in this issue. Let me know how many hundred or thousand copies you will distribute each month and I will have them printed and mailed to you free if there is money enough in our treasury to do it. If there is not the rich people will see what we most need and may come to our aid. In the meantime I urge each one of you to be sure you are paid up on subscription and annual membership dues. Remember your subscription is 25 cents a year for the paper and your annual membership dues are $1.00 and date from June 1, 1908, unless you joined the C. O. H. later. Then it dates from the time you joined it. If you are not sure you are fully paid up just send on some more money and it will be duly credited to you. It will do you no harm to be paid up one of two years in advance and it can go into the propaganda work and be doing lots of good. Besides your subscription and dues many of you should make big donations to the educational fund for the distribution of these papers teaching the grand discoveries of our church. Let us make January 1 "Pledge Day" and pledge all the aid we can give during the year and make it payable quarterly, the first quarter installment being sent in with the pledge on January 1, 1911. I shall pledge $1,200 for myself and family. That will put $300 into our treasury quarterly to depend on during the year. I want each member to send in a pledge and make it as large as he or she possibly can so that I may know how much financial aid to depend on for the year's propaganda work, and know how large to plan it. Use the following blank or copy one like it and be sure to fill it out and mail to me on New Year, January 1, 1911.

W. H. Kerr, President C. O. H., Great Bend, Kansas, I hereby pledge the sum of $..... to the Educational Fund of the Church of Humanity for 1911 to be paid in four equal quarterly installments on the first day of January, April, July and October, respectively, 1911, and I hereby enclose a.....for $..... being the first installment.

Name.....
Address.....

This chance to give aid to the best cause in all the world is open to all who wish to do good whether they be members of the C. O. H. or not. I hope to see hundreds of good substantial pledges given on New Year to our Educational Fund because I know there are lots of people who want to do good and will be glad to know where to place their money where it will do the most good.

Now, Comrades, be sure to join our good band of City Secretaries and send in orders for your bundles. Be sure to put your subscriptions and dues account away ahead. Be sure to send in a good big pledge on "Pledge Day." And, now, I wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year from January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

An Unjust Protest Anticipated From Some to My Request to the Legislature For Aid.

In this issue you will see my request to the Kansas legislature for an appropriation of $35,680 to the Church of Humanity to extend and carry on its educational work in the 452 universities and colleges in the United States.

I expect some idolaters to object to it and protest against it being allowed. But would they have any reasonable grounds for objecting and should their objections be heeded? Let us examine the case on its merits. Before me is a request to the Kansas legislature for an appropriation of $1,211,-315 by Chancellor Frank Strong of the Kansas University to maintain that institution two years. The K. U. teaches that the earth is spherical, rotates on its axis and revolves around the sun. Doubtless a few citizens of Kansas, as in other states, do not believe those truths of nature. They have not the desire to learn them, and probably not the ability to comprehend and understand them and believe no one else has. Were they to protest against this appropriation to the K. U. on these grounds should it be heeded? Were such people in the majority should they be heeded? Would not the K. U. use that fact as the strongest argument in favor of the appropriation in order to enlighten the people of the state on those subjects? Suppose the legislature would then provide for a vote of the state on the nature of the earth, and a large majority would vote that it was flat and stationary. Would the K. U. then believe we are living on a flat and stationary earth and cease its contrary teaching? Would it not declare it absurd to think of determining the truths of nature by vote, and insist on people learning the evidence in nature it pointed out to prove the truths it taught? What would it think of the mental caliber of the majority when they would say there was no use to learn anything about the subject, look at the vote and learn from it the nature of the earth? In asking for an appropriation to enable it to teach its discoveries the Church of Humanity is in a similar position the K. U. would be in this hypothetical case except that its discoveries are of vastly more importance to be known by all people than all the truths of nature taught by the K. U., because learning all truths taught by it does not civilize the people while learning the discoveries taught by the C. O. H. does.

The fact that judges have sentenced petty criminals to read the Bible, to hear Billy Sunday preach and like things supposed to be sure heathenizers suggests the feasibility of civilizing them by the same method. Let judges sentence them to learn our discoveries and see what effect civilizing criminals will have on them.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious individual life ceases permanently at death, I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity and inclose $1 for enrollment and certificate of membership and $1 for first year's dues.

Name .....
Address.....

Another Opportunity For Kansas to Lead the World in Progress.

Kansas has lead all the world in many things of vast importance through the achievements of her citizens and institutions. Among the most important of them are the scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious life is permanently ended at death; the first public proclamation and teaching of these discoveries, the first convention of people who have learned them; the first society ever incorporated to teach them; the first charter ever granted by a state to spread and perpetuate these new found truths and the first effort ever made to introduce them to all the universities and colleges of a nation.

But Kansas has still more opportunities to lead the states and nations in this direction and to endear herself to all the world for ages. The Church of Humanity that she chartered to make known these discoveries needs financial aid to introduce them to all the instructors and students in all the universities and colleges in the United States including those in Kansas. This being a public benefaction of priceless value to her citizens it is right and proper to ask her legislature for an appropriation to aid the Church of Humanity to extend and continue this educational work in these institutions, and it is right and proper for the legislature to grant it. The estimated cost of instructing the 880,000 teachers and students of the 452 universities and colleges on our list in these discoveries for nine months is $17,820. That is at the rate of $6.00 per thousand monthly during their school term. This is the estimated actual cost of printing, mailing and distributing our lessons to them. As our legislature meets only bi-ennially I ask for an appropriation of $35,680 to carry on this educational work two years.

But in the meantime, pending the action of our legislature, I extend the invitation to any rich philanthropist, who wishes to do some extraordinary good deed before he dies, to furnish this financial aid to the Church of Humanity for this educational work.

Make a big donation to the treasury of the C. O. H. as a Thanksgiving offering that you are saved from idolatry and I will use it in saving others. Then they will be thankful to you for your donation.

No one should be legally allowed to heathenize a child, not even its parents. Children have some rights that the laws protect them in and another one should be the right to know what becomes of them at death.

The case of ten-year-old Harriet Owens of Philadelphia shooting herself that she might go to meet her mother in heaven is a good reason why the heathenizing of children should be prohibited by law.

As the Church of Humanity is the only society organized and incorporated to teach the truth about God and life all who wish the truth about those subjects taught should join it and aid it in the good work.

When comrades receive a bundle of lesson leaves for distribution they should distribute them at once if possible. I would advise them to consult the local bill poster or distributor, if there is one in their town, as to the best time and method to do it. It would also be a good plan to pay him to help you distribute them. He will know the best way to serve the residences with the least walking and in the shortest time. It is their business to do such work and they should be given it to do where they will do it honestly and the comrade can pay him for it.

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All Religions are Founded on Lies on Nature and can be Maintained and Perpetuated Only by Teaching Those Lies for Truths. An Infallable Rule Discovered for their Detection and Exposure. Five Prominent Lies on Nature in the Bible Detected and Exposed by this Rule.

LESSON IV. The Old Testament

The startling fact stares the world in the face that all of its religions are founded on lies on nature and are perpetuated only by teaching those lies for truths. The generation that ceases to tell lies on nature will witness the end of all religions. The vital question confronting our generation is: Are we, the people of this generation, intelligent enought to get along without lying on nature? Practically all say they are not. They say they must hear, believe and teach lies on nature to be happy, contented and good. So they all volunteer to tell lies on nature to each other and to their children. They unite into innumerable societies and employ hundreds of thousands of people at an annual cost of billions of dollars to tell them and to teach their children lies on nature. The primary lies have come down to them embalmed in "sacred writings" from the budding period of speculative reasoning in our race.

At short intervals unscrupulous charlatans, and religious fanatics, appear and add some new lies to the list or put a new interpretation on the old ones and form a new sect until the world is now floundering in a maze of conflicting lies of nature-fakirs from which it seems unable to extricate itself. Fortunately there is discovered now an infallible rule for the detection of those lies wherever found by which all educated people can detect them instantly and guide themselves to a knowledge of the truths of nature therewith.

Nature having been found to be stable and uniform under like environments the rule is to refer to it for the answer to all stories about it to determine their truthfulness or falsity. I shall now apply this rule to five prominent nature stories in the Old Testament to determine if they be true or not.

The Story of the Origin of Vegetation.

Every one in Christendom who asks for an explanation of the origin of vegetation is referred to the creation story in the Bible for the answer and they read it in Gen. 2:4 and 5. "These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth, when they were created: in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens; and every plant of the field, before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field, before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground."

Now we must consult nature to see if this answer be true or not. Let us consider the nature of the most perfect imitations of all plants that could be made of dirt which was the only material then to make them of. Could any possible power endow them with plant life? Could nature itself with all its powers do it? Could all the universities of all the world do it? They could not take on life in answer to commands because they could have neither the ability to receive commands nor to obey them. Therefore that answer to the question of the origin of vegetation is a plain lie on nature of some ancient nature-fakirs, and those who accept it as being true know no more about the origin of vegetation than the child does of its baby brother when it says the stork brought it. Vegetation never originated in the developed state it is now. It is a product of long ages of evolution from simple cell life resulting from chemical combinations under favorable environments.

The Story of the Origin of Man.

In all Christendom when one asks how man originated he is referred to the creation story and reads the answer in Genesis 2:7 and 22. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul. And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

The first thing to consider about this story and the most important thing is the question: Is it true? To find the answer we must make use of our discovered rule by referring to nature. Make a dirt man, mud man, snow man or bone man in as perfect an imitation of a real man as possible. Then consider the possibility of it being made a real man or woman and you will see that no possible power in all nature could do it. A dead man and woman are much nearer the image of living people than any artificial ones could be made, yet no possible power in all the universe could make living people of them again. Man never originated in his fully developed condition, but in common with all animals and vegetables through evolution from simple cells originating in the powers and attributes of substance under favorable conditions. Therefore that answer to the question of the origin of man is a plain lie on nature by the ancient nature-fakirs, and those who accept it as true know no more about the origin of man than do children about who gives them toys when they say and believe Santa Claus does.

The Story of the Origin of Animals.

When children ask for knowledge on the origin of animals they are told what the Bible says about it in the creation story by idolaters who believe it is true information. That story says in Genesis 2:19:

"And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them."

Nearly half the world believes this story true and the balance believe other stories equally absurd regarding the origin of animals. But the problem can now be greatly simplified by the process of eliminating the lies on nature through the application of our infallible rule. When it is applied to this story we get the same result we did in the stories of the origin of man and vegetation. We find that it would be impossible for any power to convert a pile of mud into a living animal. Therefore that story is simply a lie on nature by some ancient nature-fakirs and should be eliminated in the process of simplifying the solution of the question and arriving at the truth.

The Story of the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The two most wonderful trees ever heard of are those recorded in the creation story, one of which imparts eternal life to all who eat of its fruit and the other knowledge of good and evil by eating of its fruit. Nearly 700,000,000 people believe these lies on nature and are working with feverish anxiety to induce the balance of the world to believe them. They think the world will be civilized when all believe them, and that they would "go to the dogs" if they did not. They believe that all evils, crimes, vices, death and an eternal roast in a hell is the result of some one eating of the fruit of that tree of knowledge of good and evil, and that the only thing that can save anyone from that eternal roast is the belief that a god committed suicide to redeem them from it.

A knowledge of our infallible rule for detecting lies on nature and how to apply it to these is the only thing that can arouse our race and enable it to shake itself out of this horrible religious night-mare that has come over its intellect. Now for the application of our detective rule to see if such trees could be possible. We must go to nature to ascertain the truth. Could it be possible that a tree could bear a fruit that would prevent the dying of those who ate of it? Could being submerged in water a year, then incased in ice a year, then blown to atoms with dynamite and the atoms burned to ashes kill them? Well, I guess yes. So do you. Then why not stop telling the lie on nature that there was ever a tree existed that bore fruit that gave eternal life to those who ate of it?

Could such a tree exist as described in this creation story that had the power of imparting knowledge of good and evil and of making people wise who ate of its fruit? If any know of such trees please inform me where I can get enough to plant all my farm with. I would rather raise such fruit by the train load and distribute it free to the people to make them wise than to write these lessons to do it. It is an impossibility for people to learn good and evil and to learn wisdom in that way except as to the nature and effects of the food. How could it be possible to learn the facts taught in arithmetic, geography, geology, astronomy, etc by simply eating a fruit? How could it be possible to learn what acts are right and what are wrong from eating a fruit?

The story that such trees ever existed is found to be nothing but lies on nature by our infallible rule for detecting them, yet Christianity is founded on this tree story and can be perpetuated only by perpetuating this lie on nature. It should be considered as mean, contemptible and dishonorable to tell lies on nature as to tell lies on people.

The Story of a Talking Serpent.

Several hundred million people are in the throes of a deadly fear of their fictitious souls roasting in a fictitious lake of fire because a lie on nature in the Bible relates a conversation between a fictitious woman and a fictitious serpent. A woman of fiction would not have eaten the fruit of a tree of fiction had a fictitious serpent not told her to. And now our entire race must go into a fit of insanity over the fate of those poor lost souls of fiction.

Not many thought of the possibility of the story not being true, and those who did did not know of any way of proving it to be false. But our discovery of an infallible rule to detect and prove such stories false will aid all to know the truth about them who make use of it. When we consult nature for an answer we find that no serpents exists nor could exist that could converse with human beings and we are compelled to place the story in the class with lies on nature by nature fakirs. How long will the people continue to sacrifice their sense, reason, intelligence, enlightenment and fight against the advent of civilization to perpetuate these lies on nature?

All churches and schools teach the people that it is wrong to lie. Then why don't all churches and schools stop lying about nature and set the people a good example? Instead of churches and schools hiring people to perpetuate these lies on nature why not hire people to use our rule in detecting and exposing them, and to teaching the people the truths of nature instead? Why not cease teaching the Munchausen stories and Esopian fables in the Bible for truths and teach the truths of nature instead? What knowledge can one gain by being

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taught to believe lies? Why not begin to civilize the people by teaching them the truths of nature instead of heathenizing them by teaching them the lies on nature found in the Bible? Let all churches and schools try it. The people have gained a little knowledge of nature and have survived it. I believe they can stand a little more and still survive. I invite all who wish the truths of nature taught in church and school to join the Church of Humanity so they can be counted and the number who desire the truth shown to the officials of schools and churches.

(To be continued.)

A Terrible Mistake Made by the K. U. President in Yoking Morals and Religion Together.

The University Press Bulletin of October 29 contains the address by Chancellor Frank Strong of the Kansas University to the State Teachers' Association, Topeka, October 20 and 21, 1910. Under "Moral and Religious Education" he yokes "moral and religious" five times besides the heading as follows: "Moral and religious problems," "moral and religious training," "moral and religious convictions," "moral and religious basis" and "moral and religious conscience."

He evidently considers those two systems of thought and action practically synonymous, interchangable and inseparable—that a moral man must necessarily be a religious man and that a religious man must necessarily be a moral man. If this be his position he is terribly mistaken. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The primary meaning of morals relate to right conduct between man and man. The primary meaning of religion relate to the teaching of religious mythologies for truths and the idolatry of gods. The two systems of teaching and practice are entirely separate and independent of each other. In the light of our discoveries it is seen that they are actually contradictory and diametrically opposed to each other. No one can be moral and religious at the same time because religion is in itself seen to be the greatest of all vices and should be recognized and penalized as a crime.

As soon as our discoveries are generally recognized and accepted the teaching of religious superstitions for truths and the practice of idolatry will be prohibited by law to prevent the heathenizing of children. In support of his plea for religious teaching in colleges and universities the president of the K. U. says:

"Frequent examples in many states and cities of thoroughly educated college and university men being responsible for economic and political conditions that are in themselves a crime, have made it plain to most of us that no amount of intellectual training can atone for the lack of right moral and religious convictions."

I insist as much as he does on right moral convictions. But he evidently means by right "religious convictions" that one should believe the superstitions of the Christian religion to be true and worship its idols. None who so believe and act can truly claim to be "thoroughly educated" in up-to-date knowledge. They must learn our discoveries before they can truly make such claims. Those college and university men whom he speaks of as being responsible for criminal conditions in states and cities have not learned our discoveries and are therefore idolaters. The practice of that vice does not prevent people from practicing other vices and committing crimes as he seems to believe it would. Every day hundreds of crimes and vices are reported in the daily papers that are committed by believers in religious superstititions and worshipers of idols. None who have learned our discoveries are responsible for those criminal conditions he speaks of. When all learn them there will, of course, still be crimes and vices committed but the greatest of all—the heathenizing of the children—will not be one of them.

Children's Minds Are as Much Entitled to Legal Protection From Impositions as Their Stomachs.

The brain and mind of children should be considered as valuable as their stomachs and should be given as much legal protection from imposition as the latter.

Congress has passed some very stringent pure food laws requiring the true labeling of food and penalties for selling spoiled food to protect the stomach from being imposed on by charlatans and knaves. Some states have very stringent laws against selling intoxicating liquors and tobacco to minors to protect their stomachs until they are old enough to know better than to use them.

But nothing is being done to protect their minds against being imposed on by idolaters who label the religious lies "truth" and feed them to their minds as such until they are thoroughly heathenized.

There should be stringent laws requiring the proper labeling of religious lies so that all would know the nature of the stuff they were paying for and taking into their minds. There should be stringent laws prohibiting the teaching of those lies to minors for truths. The religious knave and charlatan and ignoramus should have no more legal right to hethenize a child and make it an idolater by teaching it the religious fables for truths than to sell it food under a false label or to teach it to use tobacco and intoxicating drinks before it gets old enough to be supposed to know better and be able to defend itself. All evangelists carry statistics showing that practically all people are heathenized in early childhood. They all say there is little prospect of them being heathenized if it is not done then. All idolatrous churches have the same experience in that line and all are feverishly anxious to get the children heathenized while they are young. The liquor and tobacco dealers know that if boys do not get the habit of using their wares that the chances are many to one they will not use them when they become men. We have many good laws to protect the child from being imposed on by the liquor and tobacco dealers. Why not have some to protect it from being imposed on by the dealers in religious lies, fables, delusions and superstitions they are palming off on it for truths?

Well, there will be when a majority learn our discoveries. No civilized parents will submit to the heathenizing of their children when they can prevent it.

Learning Our Discoveries Will Clear the Mind of Man of Religious Superstitions and Give an Impetus to Nature Study.

Some people believe our discoveries are not true because so few people have learned and accepted them. But they must consider that all processes of nature are unknown to all our race until they are discovered by some one and then taught to the others, that those universal processes were always true and will ever remain true whether they be discovered or not or the discoverers believe or not, that it requires a prodigious amount of continuous teaching to get the people to learn and understand some of them, especially when they have been taught a contrary belief. Many of nature's most important processes are yet to be discovered. We seem to be only at the threshold of discoveries of them. Our race can discover and learn only a little at a time. But as it progresses it gains momentum in the task and we can reasonably expect ever increasing wonders in discoveries for centuries. Our discoveries clears the rubbish of religious mythologies out of the way and gives all who learn them a free and open access direct to nature. They prove that all changes in nature have only physical causes. All, including mind, originate in substance. There is now a tangible basis to work on for the discovery of the cause of all things that are not eternal and have no cause. When the religious superstitions are cleared out of the mind of our race through learning our discoveries it will give a great imputus to the study of nature and many wonderful discoveries may be expected. The greatest handicap to the discoveries of the truths of nature and to making them known and accepted has ever been the religious mythologies because all truths of nature contradict them. The masses have ever stuck to their religious superstitions and fought all important discoveries in nature until they were harmonized with them. But our discoveries of the non-existence of gods, souls and immortality wipes out every vestige of the foundation of all religions, including Christianity. When the masses learn our discoveries there will be no more fighting the discoveries of nature truths and all will feel free to learn and accept them. This will result in a world-wide impetus to the study of nature and many wonderful discoveries will be made. Help us to clear the way by aiding us to make these discoveries known.

Some Reasons Why Our Discoveries Make Such Slow Progress in Winning Recognition.

Some members of the C. O. H. get discouraged because the people are so slow in learning and accepting our discoveries. Those who are not members think they can not be true because so few have learned them. All should consider these points: All the world is working against these truths by teaching the religious fables that there are gods, devils, souls, spirits, angels, resurrection of the dead, heaven and hell.

All parents voluntarily teach their children some or all of these fables for truths. The lullabies, jingles and stories for infants teach these fables. All literature for children teach them. All school books from the primer to the classics teach these religious superstitions for truths. All schools from the district to the state and national universities teach these religious mythologies for facts. All districts, towns, cities, states and nations employ and maintain teachers of these religious fables for truths at public expense.

All neighborhoods build temples of idolatry and employ and maintain professional idolaters to teach the children and all these religious mythologies for truths, and the practice of idolatry of gods. Nearly all societies require a belief in these superstitions as a condition of membership. From the cradle to the grave all are surrounded continually by idolaters. Relatives, neighbors, friends, associates in society and business are all idolaters and believe these religious superstitions to be truths. A lake of fire where all will be roasted eternally without the mercy of death is the penalty threatened for disbelieving them to be true, and a paradise of everlasting enjoyment is promised to all who believe them true. Is it any wonder that all engage in idolatry and its teaching and pour out billions of dollars annually for its support and perpetuation when they imagine they are saving themselves and their loved ones from such a horrible fate and winning such a glorious reward? Is it any wonder that our discoveries make slow progress in gaining admission and recognition in such minds?

All should consider these additional points: Our discoveries were first publicly proclaimed only a few years ago—1903. Not until June, 1908, was a society organized and chartered to teach them. Only a few hundred dollars has been raised to devote to their teaching. This little monthly lesson leaf is all the effort our finances will permit us to make in the work of teaching these discoveries. Only from a few hundred to a few thousand copies have been circulated monthly until last October when we had 25,000 copies printed. Only a few thousand people have heard of these discoveries and had a chance to read a few lessons teaching them. It is not reasonable to expect them to learn these discoveries from such meager opportunities. It is not reasonable to expect them to be able to overcome the force of habit of mind and action in the belief and service of gods for a life-time and to comprehend these discoveries easily, especially when they imagine that even to read and think about them may cause them to miss their imagined heaven and land in their imagined hell.

When all these conditions, and many more that could be mentioned, are duly considered it is seen that there is no grounds for discouragement on our part. The wonder is that our discoveries have made the progress they have in winning recognition and support considering the odds against them.

This should be considered very encouraging by all who care for these truths and wish them to prevail. But these truths can only progress in winning recognition in proportion as they are given financial aid to make them known, and as people who learn them join the C. O. H. to popularize them. Our treasury is open at all times to receive donations from any who wish to contribute to the teaching of these truths, and our membership book is open at all times to receive the names of those who learn them and wish it known that they have done so.

The First 1,000 New Subscribers in 1911 Only 10 Cents Each.

I desire a large number of new subscribers to begin the year 1911 with and make the following good inducement to our members and friends:

In clubs of ten or more new subscribers in one order I shall accept them at ten cents each for a year's trial subscription until the first 1,000 is received. Would like to have them all in by January 15, 1911. See your relatives, friends and neighbors and make up the club at once and mail it to me with ten cents each and the names and addresses plainly written.

All the officials of Christian Science wish to make the death of Mrs. Eddy of no importance or interest. They wish the people to keep their attention on the lies that Mrs. Eddy discovered a system of manipulating the "Divine Mind" in such a way as to prevent sickness and death, and to overlook the truth that her death by a disease disproved her claim. It is simply another case of teaching the people to not see the doughnut of truth but to keep their eyes on the hole of falsehood.

In the Death of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy Nature Vetoes Her Ideas by Proving Them False.

False ideas should be exposed to save others from the mistake of accepting them for truths and true ideas should be commended and taught to induce people to accept them.

In dealing with ideas whether true or false we should always separate them from their advocates by dealing with them on their merits alone regardless of who or how many receive or reject them.

The popularity of an idea, its progress in being accepted and the growth of societies advocating it is no criterion to judge by of its truthfulness.

All ideas of nature and its supposed processes must be proven true or false by reference to nature.

In the death of Mrs. Eddy under the most favorable opportunity to demonstrate her ideas we all see that nature vetoed those ideas and thus proved them untrue. Not being true to nature no one should accept, believe nor follow the false ideas taught by Mrs. Eddy when it is seen that she herself fell a victim of them. While it may be a debatable question as to the right of an adult to follow an idea to a fatal conclusion he certainly should have no legal right to force or even persuade children to follow that fatal course. Adults are supposed to have both the right and the ability to refuse to do so.

Christian Science, having now been demonstrated by its founder to be untrue to nature, should be discredited everywhere and its fine organization allowed to go to disolution for want of victims and financial support. Mrs. Eddy had the idea that she had discovered an infallible cure for and prevention of all diseases and death if her formula was followed truly and faithfully. Knowing it so well herself and having the ability and chance to follow it minutely and then losing out by nature vetoing it proves conclusively that her formula was not in accord and harmony with nature-truths at all. Hence her farmula or prescription for the cure and provention of diseases should be abandoned as untenable by all who have placed any confidence in them and the Christian Science organiations should disintegrate much faster than they were built up.

But there is a deplorable custom followed by nearly all people that will tend to prevent that. It is the custom of working and paying to promote a superstition, fake and humbug so long as one believes in it and then refusing to do anything to expose it when he learns that he was fooled. Of all the Christian Scientists who have allowed their children to die for want of proper medical treatment on account of being fooled with this superstition and of all who have given time and money to its teaching it is safe to predict that not one per cent of them will donate a penny nor a minute's time to exposing and denouncing it when they learn that it is a humbug. They seem to be guided by the theory that the more people who are fooled by it the less disgrace will attach to th mselves for being so foolish as to believe it. They will think the more children and adults who die from being fooled by Christian Science the less blame will attach to themselves for being such easy victims. If one per cent of the time and money was given to exposing Christian Science that is given to promoting it there would be very few fooled by it.

The foundation of Christian Science is built on the god myth. Hence it is only one of hundreds of idolatrous sects founded on the Christian mythology. And the Christian mythology is only one of many religious mythologies founded on the false god, soul and immortality ideas.

If one per cent of the time and money devoted to the teaching of these various systems of religious superstitions were devoted to the teaching of our discoveries the people would learn and accept them. Then all religious mythologies with the innumerable sects based on them would soon fade away into the oblivion of the forgotten past and no more would appear to curse our race with their ignorance, fables and superstitions to lead the children of men astray.

Some Timely Comments on Christian Science.

While Mrs. Eddy is reputed to have made a fortune of $2,000,000 out of her false theories she at last fell a victim of them herself which certainly outweighs all the value of all the wealth she accumulated from them. Although she had passed the ripe old age of 89 years had her formula for the cure of diseases and prevention of death been true she and her retained healers could have prevented her taking pneumonia or have cured her of it when she did take it as easily as they could a person of any age. But her death from a disease is a warning to all the world for all time that her ideas were absolutely false and that none should be deceived by them as she was herself. It should be considered fortunate that Mrs. Eddy was not killed by an accident that would have precluded a fair chance to test the truth of her theories on herself as her devotees would then have claimed that she never could have died from any disease. But reports say she had been ailing for nine days previous to her death and Dr. George L. West, medical examiner for the district who was called in after her death to issue the death certificate essential to the granting of a burial permit, reached the conclusion that she had died of pneumonia from answers to his questions to those who attended her during her illness. This prolonged illness gave the best possible opportunity to use her prescription to its fullest capacity under the most favorable circumstances. But it failed utterly in her own case. Can anyone now have faith in it? Can any person now believe Mrs. Eddy's prescription would work out satisfactorily in his case when it did not in her's? Should any parent trust the life of his or her child to the vagaries of Mrs. Eddy when she lost her own life by trusting in them? Mrs. Eddy was not the first victim nor will she be the last victim of their own concocted religious delusions and superstititions. History records many such cases, but only a small per cent of them ever get into history and of those who do very few get to be such warning examples as did Jesus and Mrs. Eddy.

Jesus seems to have begun to have a faint suspicion that something was wrong with his theory when he cried out on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" But then he laid the blame on God for the failure of his theories to work out as expected when the entire blame should have been laid to the theories for being false. As God is only a fictitious character all theories based on the belief that he is a read being will necessarily fail to work out right, while all theories based on the knowledge that he is a myth will.

From what is given the press it seems that Mrs. Eddy had confidence in her delusions to the last, or at least pretended to have. She had fooled too many people too long with them to show like of faith in them herself by calling in a medical practitioner. She probably became unconscious while working her recipe for the "errors of mortal mind" and died. Hence she will never know that it did not work out all right. Only the living can know that it failed, that it proved untrue in her case and that it should now be discredited by all and abandoned forever.

Many deaths have been caused by experimentation in various sciences and the development of inventions and industries, but many of them were unavoidable and seem to be necessary in gaining the required knowledge to prevent them. But Mrs. Eddy sacrificed her life in the interest of religious superstitions,, delusions, lies. The people can be greatly benefitted by that sacrifice if they will recognize its true significance in proving our discoveries true and steering clear of religious superstitions. All should consider that there have been enough lives sacrificed already to Mrs. Eddy's delusions and be willing to let her own be the last. Then to prevent the rising of more Eddies and Dowies and Sanfords and Smiths and Mohammeds and Jesuses to curse our race with their religious delusions they should learn our discoveries and have their teaching in all schools inforced by all nations. Every parent, society, school and state that teaches the lies that gods, souls ond immortality are realities are preparing the minds of the people to accept the teaching of any ignoramus who claims it is "divine." No one can be led astray by such fools and charlatans who learn our discoveries. The people should learn them in order to protect their minds and lives from being imposed on by such people. All parents should teach them to their children for their protection. All schools should teach them in order to raise the standard of general intelligence by giving all children a uniform and true knowledge of God and life. All states and nations should require and inforce the teaching of these discovered truths in all schools in their domain in order to make the knowledge on these subjects uniform and true and to put a stop to the wars over them by religious sects who are all teaching lies about them. The preliminary work to do before the teaching of these discoveries can become general is to give the people a chance to hear of them and to read some lessons teaching them by distributing large quantities of this little educator, and by building up the C. O. H. in numbers with the people who learn them, and by organizing these members into local churches everywhere to spread and popularize these discoveries.

The followers of Mrs. Eddy should now give up her foolish and erroneous ideas when they can see that she and all her healers could not save herself from a disease and its fatal effects by them, and learn our discoveries and join the C. O. H. What price would a parent be willing to take and allow his child to suffer and die by following Mrs. Eddy's ignorance, delusions and superstitions when he can learn the truth from the C. O. H. that there is no "divine mind" to heal anything?

Membership Application.

All who believe that churches and schools should not teach the Bible story of creation and other fables in it for truths, and who desire them to teach the truth about God and life instead, are invited to make their wishes known by uniting with the Church of Humanity.

Advantages of Being a Member of the Church of Humanity Over Being a Member of Any Other Church.

All people should be members of a church. In considering what church to join they should study the advantages each have to offer and the desirability of accepting them. As a guide to them in making the proper choice I shall present the advantages of the Church of Humanity over other churches as follows:

1. It teaches the truth about God and life. All others teach untruths about those most important of all subjects.

2. It civilizes the people. All others heathenize them.

It teaches the true nature of death so that all can know definitely just what becomes of them then. All others misrepresent the nature of death by teaching fables, delusions, superstitions and untruths about it.

4. It teaches the truth that God is simply a character of fiction like Santa Claus and rescues the people from the idolatry of him. All others teach the untruth that he is a real being and force, scare, hire or persuade people to be idolaters of him.

5. It teaches the truth that the soul is a creation of fiction—that man has no such a thing as a soul. All others teach the untruth that the soul is a real intity and that each person contains one.

6. It teaches the truth that life ceases permanently at death and that the organism begins its permanent disolution then. All others teach the untruth that life never ceases and most of them teach the untruth that the life will unite with the body again and reanimate it at a great judgement day.

7. It goes direct to nature to get the truths it teaches, and accepts nature as infallible authority from which there can be no appeal. All others go to books of fables, superstitions and lies for the untruths they teach and accept those books of ignorant and deceitful authors as their authority and consider them infallibly true.

From this contrast of churches all can see that if they desire the truth and wish to aid in promoting it they should choose the Church of Humanity for the church home of themselves and their children.

Application Blank.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious individual life ceases permanently at death, I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity and inclose $1 for enrollment and certificate of membership and $1 for first year's dues.

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Secretarian Educational Institutions and Our Plan For Unifying Them On the Subject of God and Life.

The sectarian complexion of the 452 colleges and universities of the United States we are teaching our discoveries to is as follows: Non-sectarian, 176; Presbyterians, 42; Methodist Episcopal, 41; Bavtist, 34; Roman Catholic, 34; Undenominational, 20; Lutheran, 17; Methodist Episcopal South, 12; Congregational, 11; Deciples, 8; Friends, Methodist, United Presbyterian and United Brethren, 6 each; Methodist Protestant, Christian and Protestant Episcopal, 4 each; Reformed Presbyterian and Evangelical, 3 each; Reformed in U. S. and Free Baptist, 2 each; Church of God, Reformed of America, Seventh Day Baptist, Independent Board, Adventist, New Jerusalem, Independent, Christian Church, Universalist and Latter Day Saints, 1 each.

All state institutions are listed as non-sectarian, but they and those listed as undenominational should be listed as being polysectarian where they foster all sects as the K. U. does, and the others should be listed as "straight idolatry and religious superstition" since they all teach the existence of gods, souls and immortality and require their students to worship idol gods.

The Kansas University is perhaps a fair average sample of state universities and here is the sectarian complexion of its students as reported by its Registrar, George O. Foster, for 1910-11, showing their sectarian membership and preference:

Church.	Mem	Pref	Tot
Methodist	354	187	541
Presbyterian	278	110	388
Christian	142	47	189
Congregational	124	56	180
Episcopal	95	23	118
Baptist	79	38	117
Catholic	63	2	65
Unitarian	19	15	34
Scientists	14	20	34
U. Presbyterian	16	2	18
Lutheran	19	4	23
Mennonite	15	0	15
German Lutheran	3	1	4
Evangelical	5	3	8
Universalist	4	1	5
U. Brethren	9	1	10
German Methodist	7	1	8
Jewish	8	0	8
Friends	13	0	13
Mormon	1	0	1
Reformed	4	0	4
Progressive	1	0	1
Latter Day Saints	1	0	1
Seventh Day Advent	1	0	1
Total	1,375	511	1,786
No preference			218
Grand total			2,004

Every effort is made by the officials of the university to build up and promote sectarian societies of all sects represented by its students. The 218 who have no preference are subjects of special effort by the officials in co-operating with the churches of Lawrence to induce them to join a sect and become active idolaters. This list is furnished to all the churches in Lawrence and a special effort is made by them, in co-operation with the university officials, to induce the students to join and attend them. Chancellor Frank Strong calls this polysectarianism "religious growth" and is proud of it.

Now this plan of keeping the students divided into hostile sects by these educational institutions is all wrong. It should be considered out of date and extremely disgraceful by all the students, instructors, officials and everybody in any way connected with them and responsible for this condition of affairs. All religious sects from the strongest to the weakest are based on untruths about God and life and are organized to spread and perpetuate those untruths. They never should be, and never can be, made to adopt the untruths of any one of them. These colleges should all give up their false teaching and compromise on truth and make it the uniform teaching in all of them. That plan is eminently feasible, practical and should be satisfactory to all of them. The students in all of them are entitled to know what becomes of them at death. It is the imperative duty of all of these 452 colleges and universities to teach their students that knowledge. All of them should recognize the fact that death is a physical process in nature and therefore a subject for scientific ascertainment and not for religious dogmatism at all. All should recognize the fact that death is a fixed and uniform process in nature and that it will serve all the students alike and uniformly regardless of their religious superstitions. All are intitled to know what that uniform process is and should be taught it by their respective college or university.

The Church of Humanity knows and teaches what that uniform process is. Let all learn the truth from nature, and then all teach truth. Likewise, the questions of the existence and nature of gods, souls, spirits, angels, devils, ghosts, heaven and hell should all be treated as scientific subjects to be ascertained by consulting nature as the highest authority and final arbiter on them instead of ancient books written by idolaters and extremely ignorant and superstitious people.

When this is done scientifically by truth seekers free from religious influence it is found that these characters and places are non-existent and therefore pure creations of fiction.

The Church of Humanity knows and teaches these discovered truths. These truths should be taught in all these 452 colleges and universities in place of the many conflicting sectarian superstitions now taught by them that are all untrue. I shall suggest a plan of procedure for bringing about the uniform teaching of truth on these subjects by all of these colleges and universities.

1. Let each college and university appoint a commission of five of its ablest scientists who are freest from religious influences, and who earnestly wish to learn and know the truth to examine nature scientifically and critically in all its aspects to ascertain if our discoveries are true to nature as claimed by us.

2. Require this commission to report its findings to its respective college or university within a fixed time say two years.

3. Appoint one member of each commission to meet in a congress of themselves to devise ways and means and plans to inaugurate the teaching of these discoveries in all these educational institutions semultaneously.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. KERR,
President C. O. H.

Answering Two Questions For a Prominent Citizen of Great Bend.

A citizen who can not understand my teaching in its proper sense asked me two questions which I shall try to answer so plainly that he and any others who are puzzled over them will understand me.

1. "How can a discovery be made of non-existing things as you claim?"

2. "How can a negative be proven?"

Unfortunately he thinks my claims so erroneous that he has not the patience to read much of my teaching or he would understand me better. If I can succeed in answering his questions satisfactorily I hope he will have the patience to read this little educator through each month.

1. He evidently misunderstands my claims and also the definition of "discoverer." I do not now, and never did, claim to have discovered any non-existing thing. That, of course, would be an absurd claim as it would be an impossibility to do such a thing. My claim is that I discovered the facts—the truths—that no real god exists; that the universe contains no real god; that "God" is a character of fiction—a myth; that no real souls exist—that man contains no soul; and that life ceases permanently at death and that the organism is permanently and forever dead. Now let us see if discovering these facts—these truths—constitute true discoveries and if I can properly claim to be the discoverer of them because of being the first one to find, learn, know, proclaim and teach them. I am willing to accept the decision of Webster's International Dictionary of the English Language on these points and presume my friend is. Here is what it says constitutes a discoverer and a discovery:

"Discoverer 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discovers an unknown country, or a new principle, truth, or fact."

This ought to satisfy my friend that principles, truths and facts are subjects of discovery and that those who discover them are discoverers. He evidently has been under the impression that discoveries were limited to things composed of substance that he could see, feel or recognize through some of his physical senses.

2. Several people besides this gentleman have told me that I was on the negative side of the questions and that negatives could never be proven. I am very much puzzled to know why and how they arrive at such conclusions when they must know that "affirmative" and "negative" are interchangeable terms in any proposition for discussion and that the negative is as easily proven, if true, as the affirmative and that it is proven true perhaps as often as the affirmative. By simply changing the statement of a proposition the affirmative and negative change places, thus: "It is colder today than it was yesterday" is an affirmative statement wherein the negative is proven true by consulting the records of temperature for both days, but "it was colder yesterday than it is today" is an affirmative statement wherein the previous affirmative and negative sides have changed places and the affirmative is now proven true from the records.

Thousands of people are arrested for the commission of crimes who prove they are innocent and thus prove a negative.

Mrs. Eddy claimed she discovered a sure preventative and cure for all diseases and struck to the affirmative to the last. But she then proved the negative true by dying of a disease while administering her sure cure for disease and preventative of death.

Jesus is reported to have believed he was a son of a god and that he had unlimited power over all things including people and death and stuck to the affirmative to the last. But he then proved the negative true when he could not prevent a little mob from killing him.

All the world once affirmed that the earth is flat. Is not the negative proven true? All the world once affirmed that the earth is stationary and that the sun revolves around it. Is not the negative proven true? But the statements that the earth is spherical and revolves around the sun changes the former negatives to affirmatives and then it makes the affirmatives true.

All the world now affirms that gods and souls are real entities and that death is not the end of life for man. Stating the cases that way I take the negative, and as sure as the negative of the belief in a flat and stationary earth was proven true so sure will these negatives prove true to all who seek honestly and dilligently for the proof of them. But I generally change the statement to give my side the affirmative, thus: God and souls are myths and death the end of life, or, the universe contains no real god, man contains no soul and life is permanently ended at death. As people learn these truths they should come out publicly and bravely on this affimative side.

I hope this explanation will make my position and claims clear to my friend and that he will now try dilligently to learn these newly discovered truths of nature.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity. No. 38.

Dear Comrades: There is only one great object in organizing our church, and that is to give all who learn the truth about God and life an opportunity to co-operate in spreading and perpetuating those truths. Before the organization of the C. O. H. none of us had a chance to aid in that good work because there was no society nor publication teaching those truths. Were our society to cease and its publication to suspend there would be no channel through which we could aid in this educational work. While we have the opportunity we should all help dilligently to push the work with all the aid we can give it. Remember to send in your subscription and dues, and a big pledge of financial aid on Pledge Day. Take advantage of the ten cent offer to clubs of ten or more new subscribers for the first 1,000 in 1911 and try to get all your relatives, friends and neighbors on our subscription list early in January. This is the best educational movement in the world and we should all aid it personally and financially all we can. Join the noble band of city secretaries and order a large bundle of copies for distribution. You can easily put the distribution of this educator to 100,000 copies monthly if you will. Give the people a chance to see the truth and read some lessons teaching it. The truth must be sown in the people's minds, like wheat in the ground, before it can sprout and grow there to choke out the religious lies as the wheat does the obnoxious weeds.

Comrade E. B. Foot sent me $10.00 recently and J. W. Gilbert and G. M. Kerr $5.00 each for the educational work. At least 200 of you should send in pledges of from $10.00 to $50.00 each on "Pledge Day," January 1, 1911, to sustain and expand the educational work in 1911. Adult idolaters average that much every year for the spreading and perpetuation of lies on nature. We should do as much for truth. The masses can not learn the truth unless taught them by those who know it. We are the only people who know it. The responsibility rests on us to teach it. Let us not shirk our duty.

Pledge of Financial Aid to the C. O. H. in Its Educational Work On "Pledge Day" January 1, 1911.

All who believe the Church of Humanity is doing an educational work that should be done are invited to aid it financially by filling out the following blank with as large a contribution as they can donate to the cause and forward it to me:

W. H. Kerr, President C. O. H., Great Bend, Kansas, I hereby pledge the sum of $..... to the Educational Fund of the Church of Humanity for 1911 to be paid in four equal quarterly installments on the first day of January, April, July and October, respectively, 1911, and I hereby enclose a.....for $..... ..... being the first installment.

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Cheerful Greeting to all. This Little Messenger is Distributed by the Church of Humanity to Introduce its Great Scientific Discoveries to all People That God and Souls are Myths and Death the Final Cessation of Conscious Life, and to Teach Them How and Where to Look for the Proof of them. It has 300 Enrolled Members Scattered Throughout the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Spread and Perpetuate these Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, of Germany, the Greatest Living Scientist, is a Member of this Church. All are Invited to Subscribe for this Little Lesson Leaf that it May Come to their Homes Monthly to Teach the Truth About God and Life, and as Soon as they Learn it they are Invited to Join this Church Where they will be Given a Hearty Welcome and an Opportunity to Help in its Good Cause.

"Appeal to Nature" is the Infallible Rule for Detecting and Exposing Untruths on Nature in the Bible and all Books and Sermons in support of Any Religion. Four more Bible Stories Proven Untrue by it.

LESSON V. The Old Testament Continued

All religions, including Christianity, rest on a base composed of untruths on nature and can be perpetuated only by perpetrating those untruths under the false label of truths. Why people who wish to do right can be a party to such wilful deception is a puzzle to me when they could learn so easily that they are untruths if they desired to do so. One of the best ethical teachings of all churches and Sunday schools is that it is wrong to tell untruths. With the millions of churches and Sunday schools and public and private schools all teaching people that it is wrong to do so and right to tell the truth one would think that it ought to have some effect on the people to induce them to follow that teaching. But the discouraging fact remains that untruths on nature are as common and popular as ever while the truths are as unpopular. The human race pays billions of dollars annually for the teaching of those untruths on nature that keep it in idolatry and heathenism. What a fearful tragedy our race is perpetuating on itself when it alleges that it wants to become civiliged and enlightened and pays this vast sum ostensibly for that purpose while in reality it is applied to advancing it in the opposite direction.

Could all the wealth and service now devoted to teaching untruths on nature be devoted to teaching the truth about God and life for only one year our race would be enlightened and civilized as if by magic. No church, society nor school need be overthrown to make that change. All that is necessary is for existing churches, societies and schools to follow their own teaching concerning the duty to refrain from teaching untruths and teach truths instead. This ought to be a simple and easy matter when they already teach that it is the proper ethical thing to do. It would in reality be an easy matter to quickly transform our race from heathenism to civilization if the change from the teaching of only a few untruths could be made by all the world t once. In fact only the changing of two would do it—the untruths that there exists gods and souls to the truths that there exists no gods and no souls. Then all the untruths repeated in an effort to prove these two primary ones true would be discontinued. There are only a few dozen untruths on nature depended on to prove these to primary ones and they are all handed down to us in the bibles of the various religions. The Christians depend on those in their Bible to prove these two primary ones true. They can all be instantly detected when read or heard by any one who knows our infallible rule for it with mathematical precision and certainty. In my previous lessons I demonstrated its application in detecting the creation and Garden of Eden stories to be only untruths on nature. In this lesson I shall demonstrate its application in proving four more Bible stories in the Old Testament to be simply untruths on nature. I shall take them in the order they come beginning with

The Story of a Flood.

This story is found in Gen. 6, 7, and 8, and is an untruth on nature to prove the untruth about the existence of a god and to make it appear that that god was a most wonderful and dangerous being who had absolute control of the elements and was willing to use them for man's destruction.

This story says all the earth was covered with water to the tops of the mountains and that all flesh was destroyed except what Noah had taken into the ark. There is only one infallible way to find out if that story could be possibly true and that is by our rule of appealing to nature. When we do that we find that such a flood would be an utter impossibility as there is not enough of the elements of water in the atmosphere surrounding the earth to raise the waters of the seas perceptibly were it all to be precipitated at once, which would be another impossibility. The water could not rise and stay on high land without raising the waters of all the oceans to the same level.

Therefore, the flood story is a little bunch of untruths on nature, and adults who teach that the story is true should be considered ignoramuses undeserving the respect of enlightened people.

The idolatrous ignoramuses who wrote the flood story to glorify and magnify the powers and vengence of their imaginary god to scare people into worshiping it believed the earth could spring leaks like an old boat and let water up from under it and that there was trap doors in the sky that their god could open and let water down from a big reservoir above. When people apply as good sense to these Bible stories as they do to Aesop's Fables they will recognize them as fables also and will no longer be heathenized by them.

The Story of the Origin of the Rainbow.

This story is found in Gen. 9:11-17 and represents that the rainbow was invented by a god after a flood to hang on every cloud to remind him of a promise to not again drown the world. This is another untruth on nature because it has alays been so much easier to tell them in answers to questions about the cause of phenomena than to investigate and find out the truth. When we use our rule for detecting "sacred" untruths on nature we find that the cause of the rainbow is not as alleged in the Bible at all. It is formed by two refractions and one reflection of the sun's rays in drops of falling water and was formed prior to the alleged flood the same as it is now.

The Story of the Origin of Different Languages.

A story in the Bible purports to give the cause of the many different languages. It is in Genesis 11: and claims that a god made the people of a city of one language to speak in many different languages so they could not understand themselves and would have to cease building a tower they intended to reach an imagined heaven by.

This is simply another case of answering questions by the shortest and easiest method of lying instead of taking the necessary time, trouble and study to ascertain the true answer. When we apply our rule and appeal to nature to see how people acquire a language and forget one we find that it is utterly impossible for them to learn one suddenly and to forget one suddenly as is represented by this Bible story. Individuals can learn a language only by being taught to say words and to learn their meaning by those who know that language, and it requires years of study and practice to do it.

Language of a people is of continuous growth or evolution requiring long ages in developing. But those who are so totally depraved that they refuse to follow the teachings of all churches to not tell untruths will continue to teach that this Bible untruth about the origin of languages is true and those who are so totally depraved as to prefer untruths to truths will believe them while enlightened people will seek for the truth about the origin and development of languages in the science of philology.

The story of the Plagues of Egypt.

In the story of the ten plagues of Egypt in Exodus 7:to 12: we come across a whole pack of untruths on nature by a tribe of idolaters to magnify the power of their imagined god over nature and scare the natives into a fear of it. The processes of all nature is represented to be subject to the whim of a god of a subjugated tribe of heathens. By magic he instantly turns all the waters of Egypt to blood, the dust to lice, ashes to boils and covers Egypt with frogs, flies, locusts, hail, darkness and winds up the debauch of nature by murdering in one night all the first born of the Egyptians and their cattle.

There is a mighty turning being done in connection with this Bible story I promptly admit. It is the turning of the human race into a race of liars on nature by teaching that this story is true. The moral sensibility of the people is dulled, perverted, demoralized and thrown into confusion and chaos on being required by society to continue telling, teaching and pretending to believe these Bible untruths on nature in the interest of their religion. After being trained in such a society for years to suppress their sense of right and honesty and truthfulness in the interest of their religion no wonder so many of them find it easy to do the same thing in the interest of their bank account. Why should the public schools, colleges and universities of America be dragged down and kept down to the low heathen level of ignorance, superstition and idolatry of an illiterate tribe of Arabs who hawked these Bible lies over a part of Asia by oral tradition thousands of years ago in the interest of their idol and to scare other tribes into fear of them on account of its savagery? They can have no justifiable excuse for it when they can have the free use of our discovered rule for detecting and exposing "sacred" untruths on nature. By the application of that rule which is simply an appeal to nature to ascertain if these stories about it could possibly be true we find that the universe contains no power to perpetrate such tricks with nature in the way this story of the plagues of Egypt alleges. Hence they are nothing but low down, degrading, debasing, contemptible lies on nature that no decent person who follows the injunction of churches and Sunday schools to not lie will be guilty of claiming them to be truths.

In the final analysis there are only two easy and simple things for the people to do to transform themselves from heathens into civilized people—first, stop lying about nature and, second, begin teaching the truth about nature.

The Church of Humanity will do all it can to aid other churches, societies and schools in teaching the people to not lie and to tell the truth, but it extends the application of that moral teaching to the subjects of God and life as well as other subjects and it hopes other churches and educational institutions will do the same. But they will not do so until influenced by large numbers to do it. The only way to bring that influence to bear on them is for large numbers of people to wish the extention made and to unite with the Church of Humanity as proof that they do. I shall be glad to welcome all who wish truths about nature taught instead of untruths to membership in the Church of Humanity.

The detection and exposure of "sacred" untruths will be continued several months. Get all your relatives, friends and neighbors on our subscription list that they may learn how to do it themselves. In clubs of ten or more subscription only ten cents each. When we are through with the Old Testament we will give several lessons in detecting the untruths on nature in the New Testament.

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Fighting the Clergy and Churches Is Not Teaching the People the Truth About God and Life.

Some have mistaken anti-clerical and church fighting editors of Freethought papers to be knowers and teachers of the truth about God and life. That is a great mistake. It is a far cry from a hatred of the clergy and churches to a knowledge of our discoveries. I have read copies of most, if not all, English Freethought publications of America and England and exchange with some of them. But while they criticise and fight the clergy and churches none of them know the truth about God and life and consequently can not teach it. The most bitter opponents of the clergy and churches are themselves firm believers in the foundation superstitions of all religions—the god and soul superstitious. The most advanced of them claim they do not know if there be gods, souls and immortality or not. But having been taught to think in the terms of untruths their minds must from necessity think in those terms until they learn the truth positively and train their minds to think in its terms.

"The Freethinker," London, England,, edited by Mr. G. W. Foote, is perhaps the strongest fighter of the clergy and churches in England, and Mr. Foote is chairman of their national Secular Society. But he does not know the truths necessary to free any from idolatry and religious superstitions regardless of how much he may teach them to hate the clergy and churches.

In "The Freethinker," February 27, 1910, the editor says in a criticism of a book by Sir Oliver Lodge:

"Sir Oliver Lodge has written a book called 'The Survival of Man.' It is supposed to contain all the evidences up-to-date of man's living on after death. It contains a lot of words, but no facts. All that Sir Oliver Lodge shows is that he knows as much about a future life as we do. We say knows for what is the value of guessing? We can guess as well as he can, and anybody else as well as either of us."

He here admits he does not know the true nature of death and on this subject puts himself on a par with an illiterate Hottentot when he says anybody can learn as much about it as he can.

Regardless of how well he succeeds in inducing people to hate the churches and the clergy there remains the overshadowing vital subjects of the true nature of God, soul and death unexplained to them and they must from necessity turn to the false explainers for supposed knowledge until the true explainers comes forward to teach them.

Until Freethought papers can do that they are of no practical value as educators of the people. From necessity the people must have the nature of God, soul and death taught to their children since it has been begun and they must employ and support those who claim to know the truth regardless of how much they are in error or how bitterly they hate them until others who as positively claim to know the truth comes forward and does the teaching. No one will employ a person to teach him or his children concerning a subject he says he knows nothing about and is unable to learn anything about it, yet Freethought editors expect people to do that very thing when they seek to induce people to turn from those who claim to know to those who claim to not know for information. Some of those editors are Deists or Spiritualits or both and the others are Agnostics who admit they do not know if there be gods, souls and immortality or not and that they can not learn the truth about those subjects. They become a positive harm to progress in knowledge of these vital subjects and a break as it were on the wheels of progress, of enlightenment and civilization when they affirm continually, as some do, that the truth about these subjects is unknowable and that no one does or can know it. Such teaching is a great harm to those members of the C. O. H. who read it because it makes some of them hesitate to believe their own senses. My opinion of Freethought editors has been completely reversed since I began teaching my discoveries. I thought then that they were nearer to knowing the truth than others and could easily learn it and did everything I could to induce them to accept it and unite with the C. O. H. and aid in teaching it and in building up the C. O. H. to continue the work. But several of them have suspended rather than accept and teach these truths while others of them have tried to organize societies or revive old ones apparently with the desire to keep their readers from accepting the truth and joining the C. O. H. If this be their object the sooner members of the C. O. H. throw them overboard the better it will be for the propagation of our discoveries.

We must all recognize the fact that teaching the people to hate the clergy and the churches is not teaching them to hate idolatry and religious superstition by teaching them the truth about God and life. Such people have bolted for the Salvation Army, Christian Science and like movements of idolaters and nothing is gained for the cause of truth thereby. I find that Freethought editors and authors who are followers of Thomas Paine, the Deist, and R. G. Ingersoll, the Agnostic, are as slow to learn and accept our discoveries as are the followers of Jesus. Hence the truth about God and life will never be taught by any society proposed or organized by them. In none of their societies now organized or proposed is there a word about these truths or the necessity of teaching them. It is folly in them to make a protest against the union of church and state while overlooking the vital subject of the union of all political and educational divisions and institutions with idolatry and religious superstitons, and the necessity of teaching the people the truth about God and life before that union on these subjects can possibly be dissolved. It is the seperation of state and idolatry instead of state and church that should be their object and that can only be brought about by separating the people that compose the state from their ignorance on these subjects by teaching them the truth about them.

Send in the clubs of 10 subs as fast as you secure them and name the premium book you desire when you have sent in 50 subs.

In one issue of "The Truth Seeker," New York, January 14, is recorded the alleged crimes of sixty-four preachers and priests of recent date in the United States as reported in the newspapers. Their names, sect and crimes charged are given. I do not believe the clergy would be any worse citizens were they to learn our discoveries and teach them instead of teaching untruths on nature.

Check the Onward Sweep of Idolatry By the Back Fire of Truth.

All who live in a prairie country where fires sweep over it for many miles know that the best way to check them is by backfiring. In like manner the onward sweep of religious superstitions that make idolaters of our race can be checked only by the back fire of truth about God and life.

The prairie fires feed on the native grasses and when fanned by a high wind jumps ordinary fire guards and consumes crops and buildings that would be in on danger in ordinary times. Likewise the religious mythologies that have swept down the ages to our time feed on the ignorance of the people concerning God and life and when fanned by frenzied fanaticism gathers into the vortex of idolatry all individuals, societies, schools, states and nations and makes them contribute to the volume of their power until they have become as irresistible by isolated individuals as is the prairie fire by the isolated settlers. Some few of the settlers may have taken the necessary precaution to protect their individual homes by an adequate back fire that saves themselves, but he fire sweeps around them, closes its ranks and goes on unchecked as if they had not existed.

Likewise a few isolated indivduals have learned the necessary truths that protect their minds from idolatry and religious superstitions but the fires of idolatry rage in all minds around them and their own children are infected with it and it sweeps on unchecked to inocculate the minds of all children as soon as it can be done with religious lies on nature.

But what is the remedy?

It is found in a like remedy the settlers have for the prairie fires that endanger them. They formed an organization for mutual self-protection. They elected some of their members to the legislature. Those members enacted a law making it a crime punishable by improsonment for setting a fire to burn out anyone, and liable for all damages if he allowed it to get away from him through carelessness.

Likewise, civilized parents who do not wish their children heathenized—and no civlized parents do—must organize for mutual self-protection and elect their own members to the legislature and to congress to enact laws making it a crime punishable by imprisonment and heavy damages for any one to heathenize a child by teaching it religious lies on nature for truths, and to worship gods.

Had Kansas such a law I would bring the school board and teachers of our schools to their senses in a way they would remember for heathenizing my children. I would teach them that if they have not sense enough to learn the truth that they must not impose their ignorance, idolatry and religious superstitions on my children. But before such necessary laws can be enacted a majority of the people must know the truths, that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends life forever. But how are they to learn these truths when their minds are already aflame with religious mythologies? The answer is: Backfire their minds with these truths and keep feeding them with proofs of them until their zeal for these truths quench their zeal for lies and becomes a controlling force over them that no amount of idolatrous influence can subdue. As soon as these truths have won the battle over lies in each one's mind he should unite with the C. O. H. at once for mutual self-protection and defence against the fierce forces of idolatry. Then to make the barrier to idolatry permanent to a section of our race this society must provide for the thorough teaching and training of its children in the knowledge of these truths to prevent them being captured by the forces of idolatry. Otherwise this malignant force will sweep around us, captrue our children and go on down the coming ages unchecked anywhere. We must recognize the fact that so long as the human race exists something must be taught about the nature of death and about what becomes of the people then; that something must be taught about God, and that this teaching must be either truths or lies. If we do not provide suitable societies and teachers of these truths for our children the organized forces teaching lies will easily capture them. Our program then should be to first grasp these truths and study the proofs of them until every vestige of religious superstititions is eradicated from our own minds, then unite with the C. O. H. for mutual protection and defense against the idolatrous forces and to enable us to effectually fire our children's minds with these truths to protect them against the fire of lies. Let us start truths in the race with lies to capture the children. Let us form societies for the teaching of these truths to the children. Let us stand by the children who learn these truths and defend them against all liars on nature. Let us build up a powerful church to carry these truths down the ages in competition with churches carrying lies. Let this church compete with the false churches for the possession of every child until the forces of truth get strong enough to penalize the teaching of idolatry and religious superstitions and thus effectually put a stop to the heathenizing of our race.

When the C. O. H. is Able It Should Teach Truths as the Baptists Teach Untruths.

The Baptists have a home missionary plan of promulgating untruths that the Church of Humanity should adopt in promulgating truths as soon as it is financially able to do so. They have six special cars known as "chapel" cars, each being supplied with a minister with his wife and helpers who live in it, and seats for 100 persons. They are stationed around in labor centers and revivals held in them and then moved to other places where the officers of the Baptist Home Missionary Society think best to place them. In this way they establish as many new churches in a state as they can and then move to another one. They claim to have been following this plan for nineteen years and have had great success. They are to move on Kansas soon and work the state this winter. I can see at once that this is an excellent plan for the promulgation of untruths and the establishment of societies to perpetuate them. Therefore it would be equally as good a plan for the promulgation of truths and the establishment of societies to perpetuate them. I hope some rich philanthropists who wish to aid in civilizing our race will furnish the C. O. H. with such cars to promulgate its discoveries in and establish societies everywhere to perpetuate the knowledge of them.

A comrade recently paid $125 for one Freethought lecture. That would have paid for 1,250 subs to this educator for a year to that many of his neighbors, and I believe it would have done many times more good for the cause of truth in that way. It would have paid for a bundle of 2,000 copies monthly to him for a year if he would arrange for their distribution, and I believe done more good each month by far than the single lecture did. No one is qualified yet to make field work successful and our discoveries are not well enough known by the people to cause a desire for their public teaching by lecturers. So our best plan is to spread the news of our discoveries through our paper for a few years yet. Send in big subscription clubs

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity. No. 39.

Dear Comrades: I submit for your information the annual financial report of the church's finances for 1910, as follows:

Treasurer's Annual Report.

In treasury Jan. 1, 1910.....$243.51

Receipts.

On H. Percy Ward's salary....	241.25
Membership dues.....	64.50
Subscriptions to church paper.	40.50
On educational fund.....	29.00
Membership fees.....	6.00
W. H. Kerr and family.....	250.00
Total.....	$874.76

Disbursements.

Printing 126,000 copies of T. A. G. and L.....	$442.50
To H. Percy Ward on salary	400.00
Distributors of church papers	88.50
Job work.....	87.42
Postage and stationery.....	75.09
Advertising	37.06
All other expenses for C. O. H.	144.90
Total disbursements.....	$1275.47
Deficit for 1910.....	$ 400.71

Withdrawing the balance, $750, invested in our preparatory college and placing it in the "Educational Fund" covers the deficit and leaves $349.29 in the church treasury and no interest in the college building.

The bequest left me by Comrade Chas. Long of Payson, Utah, at his death in 1905, to be used in making known our discoveries and in establishing our church to perpetuate them, and on which I realized $2,503.95, is now all used up in the work and I feel that I have discharged my duties to this trust and confidence placed in me to the best of my ability.

My degree of success in establishing the Church of Humanity is due to your aid and co-operation because societies are composed of people and no one person can organize any kind of a society without the co-operation of helpers who desire to promote the object in view.

The church is in your hands to make of it what you will. I can only do my best to conduct its management according to the constitution and by-laws you provide. Do you wish any of its laws repealed or any new ones added? Article ten of our church constitution provides for amendments as follows:

"Amendments—This constitution may be amended at any national delegate convention of the Church of Humanity by two-thirds of the votes of the delegates present."

The intention was to hold a delegate convention annually at which any changes in our constitution or officers thought advisable for the good of the church could be made.

I offered to call the convention any time when 25 members wished it and would promise to attend it. Are there 25 of you who wish a convention called and will attend it? If there are please let me know at once when and where you wish it. I believe experience shows that we should make some changes in our constitution. You will see in the report above that the fees and dues system added only $70.50 to our treasury during 1910.

This indicates that the system is unpopular with a large majority of you and that you should repeal it if it is. If it is impractical to hold a convention owing to you being so widely scattered I believe it would be proper to take a vote on them by mail. I could put a blank ballot in the paper and you could cut it out, indicate your vote and mail it to me.

In Article V of our Constitution under **Methods of Financing the Educational Work,** Section 1 provides: "A membership fee of one dollar shall be requested of all members."

"Sec. 2. All members over sixteen years of age shall be requested to pay one dollar a year in advance into the national treasury of the church."

These provisions were adopted to raise money for field lecturers and organizers to establish local churches. Practical experience in field work showed that no one is yet qualified to do that work, that not enough people know our discoveries yet to organize local societies and that their education in our discoveries can be given much cheaper and more effectually through our publication than any other way.

Therefore, I recommend that sections (1) and (2) of article (5) of our constitution as copied above be repealed by you to take effect on June 1, 1911.

To ascertain your wishes you can vote on these matters by filling out the following ballot and mailing it to me at once:

Do you wish a C. O. H. convention this year?.....

Where do you want it held?.....

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On what date do you want it?.....

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Will you attend it, where and when held? .....

Shall we change our constitution by vote by mail?.....

Do you want Section 1, Article 5, repealed? .....

Do you want Section 2, Article 5, repealed? .....

Name.....

Address.....

The votes will be counted on March 1, 1911, and they must all be in then who wish to vote and have it counted.

If the votes show there are 25 members in good standing who wish a convention and will attend it where and when a majority of them desire it then the other questions will be left to be settled then. On the last three questions it will require a two-thirds majority vote in the affirmative to win if we have no convention. If the two above sections be repealed all members will be expected to pay their annual dues to June 1 to be in good standing.

Being compelled to abandon for the present the hope of having field lecturers and organizers we must depend entirely on our paper for the teaching of our discoveries and on the city secretaries to distribute them and solicit subscribers and members. I shall have blank applications and blank charters prepared so they, or any member, can organize a branch church whenever he can secure five or more members to aid him.

We will now make club raising a special feature to get as many readers as possible. To this end the subscription will be 10 cents a year to clubs of ten or more sent in at one time and handsome premium books will be awarded to the most successful club raisers. You will see the list of premiums and conditions elsewhere in this issue. The contest is open for all whether members of the C O. H. or not. But I hope you will all make a try for these valuable premiums. I also hope a lot of you will join our list of City Secretaries and order large bundles of papers to distribute. The list and numbers of copies distributed by each now:

E. G. Whitney, Kansas City, Mo..	1,000
A. V. Newbold, Topeka, Kas....	1,000
A. J. Boyer, Washington, D. C..	250
H. J. Stevenson, El Reno, Ok..	250
O. Ellsworth, Denison, Tex.....	250
Dr. C. C. Bond, Lasswell, Kas..	250
Martin Denni, New York.....	250

Out of our educational fund I shall pay for and mail you free all the papers you want monthly to distribute, but ask that you take them in packages of 250, 500, 750 or 1,000 copies regularly. Every one of you who possibly can should join this band of city secretaries. In this way each of you can do more effective educational work than could a lecturer at a cost $2,500 a year to our church even if we had qualified lecturers.

The Church of Humanity Follows the Best Teaching of Other Churches and Puts Them in a Dilemma.

Here is a difficult nut to crack for all other churches. Do they desire the Church of Humanity to follow their good moral teaching to not tell lies or do they wish it to teach that God, souls, ghosts, angels, devils, heaven, hell and resurrected dead people are realities? It can not do both. Which do they desire it to do? If it follows their injunction to not lie it can not teach that the above characters and places are realities because greater lies on nature never were told nor written. I believe their moral teaching to not tell lies should include statements and teaching about the above subjects and I propose to follow their good teaching in this respect and not lie about them. This course will shock them dreadfully. They never suspected and perhaps never intended anyone to take their teaching to not lie so seriously as to refuse to lie about these subjects. This moral teaching of theirs to not tell lies is going to get them into an amusing dilemma when a few millions of their members conclude that it is good moral teaching to follow and cease lying about the above subjects and stop teaching the lies in the Bible about them for truths and stop paying others to do it. Their course is already foreshadowed by some idolaters suggesting that when anyone gets too conscientious to lie about these subjects he should keep his mouth shut and not say anything. But that plan would conflict with their teaching to be a manly man and to stand up bravely for the truth and defend it and to denounce and expose deceivers and liars. I take it to include liars on nature and I intend to follow their advice in this also because it is good advice. It will be amusing to watch their antics when people begin to take their moral teaching so seriously as to follow it.

City Secretaries.

The following comrades distribute this paper and will accept subscriptions for it and applications for membership in the Church of Humanity People in or near these cities who learn our discoveries should apply to them for membership and aid them to organize branch churches.

E. G. Whitney, 112 W. 13th street, Kansas City, Mo.

J. M. Case, 1305 Green street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. J. Boyer, 1212 Mass. Avenue, Washington, D. C.

J. H. Stevenson, El Reno, Okla.

O. Ellsworth, 505 Main street, Denison, Texas.

Dr. C. C. Bond, Lasswell, Kansas.

John Carara, Danbury, Conn.

A. V. Newbold, 24 Kaw Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Martin Denni, 23-E-84 St., New York City.

O, The Shame Of It.

The News-Bulletin of the Kansas University of December 17 carries on its first tablet leaf as evidence of its pride in its achievements this statement:

"The University of Kansas has seven students enrolled who expect to enter the ministerial field when they have completed their courses. Some of them have done work as supply preachers, and others are at present conducting charges in nearby towns each Sunday."

Then follows their names. And so the highest ambition of the head of the Kansas educational system is to prepare and turn out heathenizers of the people, liars on nature, perverts of truth, mental prostitutes, preventers of enlightenment, leaders in idolatry and teachers of religious fables, delusions and superstititions for truths to prevent the people becoming civilized. O, the shame of it! And this is what I am compelled to pay my share of millions of dollars for?

Dark indeed looks the prospect for truth to have any effect on the religious insanity of the people when their greatest universities devote themselves to the spread and perpetuation of that insanity. To believe and teach the primary lies of the Christian religion for truths when all adults can easily see that they are lies appear to be a form of insanity that can not recognize nor comprehend the truth regardless of a world of evidence all about them to prove it. Here is a great University that should make it its primary duty to knock the ignorance, idolatry and religious superstitions of every brand out of the minds of all its students by teaching them truths about God and life instead of confirming their heathenism by teaching them lies on these subjects. Can the masses ever become civilized while all educational institutions are engaged in heathenizing their students and preparing them to become heathenizers of the people?

I believe that all instructors in educational institutions should learn the truth about God and life and then force the institution to allow them to teach it or resign rather than teach lies and be a party to the heathenizing of the people.

The Opinion as to What Constitutes Good Company Must Now Be Changed in Some Respects.

Some people give as their reason for sending their children to Sunday school is to put them with good company. But the questions now up for discussion are: Is a society that organizes and meets especially to teach lies on nature, good company for children or adults? Is a society that organizes and meets especially to heathenize children by teaching them to worship idol gods and believe religious superstitions good company for children or adults? Would not such societies be much better company for both children and adults were they to meet to enlighten and civilize the children by teaching them the truths of nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends life for ever?

Two Fine Premium Books For Club Raisers.

Wishing to secure 1,000 subscribers in February, I make a 10 cent rate for clubs of 10 or more subscribers sent in at one time and offer as premiums to club raisers two of the world's greatest books by the foremost living scientist, Ernst Haeckel.

"The Riddle of the Universe," 390 pages, $1.50.

"The Wonders of Life," 484 pages $1.50.

Your choice for a club of 50 subscribers sent in before March 1, 1911.

Both books for a club of 100 subscribers sent in before March 1, 1911.

In a few hours of your leasure time you can raise your club and get these great scientific books free.

Write full addresses, and plainly.

The vote buyers and sellers of Ohio and Illinois and all other states are all believers in the religious superstitions that there are gods, souls and immortality. I don't see how they could be any worse if they knew our discoveries.

Many False Standards But Only One True One to Judge Whether Any Teaching About Nature be True or Not.

The teaching of the Church of Humanity about God and Life is just the opposite to that of all other churches. It will be an extremely interesting study in man's mentality to observe the reasons people will give for their conclusions as to which side truth is on. They will judge from many different, though well defined, but erroneous standards and practically all will overlook the true one.

I shall point out several of the false ones and then the true one. But to make the situation better understood I shall use a similar case that occurred a few hundred years ago but which contained similar situations and the same standards of judging which side truth was on as are being used in our case. I shall cite the discoveries of the true shape and movements of the earth as a parallel case and state both sides thus:

The world of idolaters—"The earth is flat and stationary and the universe revolves around it."

The discoverer—"The earth is round, rotates on its axis causing day and night and revolves around the sun causing summer and winter."

The idolaters proceeded to use the following standards to reason by in proving the discoverer to be untrue.

The Followers of the "Majority Standard."

"The discoverer can not possibly be true because all people are against him. The fool, upstart, idiot, to have the conceit that he knows more about the earth than all the balance of our race. They all say it is flat and stationary and I guess a few hundred millions of people can know more about it than one man can. To purgatory with the liar."

The Followers of the "Bible Standard."

"Look in the Bible and see what God says about it. He made the earth and ought to know its shape, and if he intends for us to know it he has told us in His book. Ha! Ha! There it is in God's own words. He says plainly as can be: 'The world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.' 'Who laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever.' 'For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's and he has set the world upon them,' 'I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth.' 'Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajolon.' 'Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which has gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backword. So the sun returned ten degrees.'

Isn't that all as plain as daylight that the earth has corners, pillars, foundation, is unmovable and that the sun revolves around it? I guess that puts a quietus on that fool's pretenses to making a discovery.

Who is that imp of Satan who dares to contradict the Lord who made the earth and told us all about it in a book we can read? Turn him over to the Holy Spanish Inquisition to be put on the rack and other instruments of torture until he can learn the truth, and if that don't convince him that he has made no discovery they will send him to hell where all such wicked blasphemers should be."

The Followers of the "Ancestor Standard."

"What a wicked man that fellow is to talk about making a discovery that nobody ever heard of. Why, my great grandparents never heard of such a thing. Neither did my grandfather nor grandmother and I guess if such a thing was true they would have found it out and said something about it. I asked my father and mother about it and they said to not talk about it; that it was the work of the Devil to bring discredit on God and his book; that the discoverer was a wicked infidel; that God would send him and all who believed him to hell and that I must not even think of it as it would endanger my soul and the Devil was after it, too."

The Followers of the "Wise Men Standard."

"What maanner of fool is this pretender to making such a discovery? I have examined all the books of the ancient wise men and not one of them says a word about such a thing. They knew all about everything and if this pretended discovery was true they would have found it out and said so. I asked the professors at the great universities and seats of learning and education about it and they all laughed at me and said I was crazy or I would pay no attention to such a crank. The wisest one of the lot said he could demonstrate it to me in a minute that the pretended discovery could not possibly be true. He picked up a ball and said that represented the shape the crank said the earth is. Then he put a few grains of some mineral on top of it and said they represented people, animals, buildings and other things not nailed down and began turning the ball the way the crank said the earth turned and they all fell off before the ball was turned a fourth way round. I saw at once that the pretended discovery was a lie, and so did all the instructors and students in the university. Then the professor stuck a tack in the ball and said it represented a man standing erect on top of the earth. When he turned it half way round the tack was sticking there, head down. He asked me if I could walk around that way and if I thought I could I might try walking around on the ceiling of the room. They all laughed and said no one with any sense would believe the earth is round and turns over. I tell you that what those wise men don't know is not worth knowing. They could demonstrate the truth to all the people, and to that crazy discoverer too if they would go there and see for themselves as I did that nothing could stick on the earth if it turned upside down."

The Followers of the "Authority Standard."

"I'll not believe a word that pretender to making a discovery says no one else should either because no one in authority has authorized or permitted us to do so. I asked the priest about it and he said the pope did not permit any one to believe it, and that the pretending discoverer would be duly punished because he has no authority from the pope to make any discovery. I know the pope is God's authorized representative on earth and gives him orders what to tell the people to believe and not believe and when God says to not believe a thing I'll not believe it because I know then it is not true. I also heard that our mighty king does not believe it and that none of the princes, counts, dukes and nobles believe it and I would as soon think of cutting my head off as to believe anything they don't."

The Followers of the "Agnostic Standard."

"Why, that is no discovery of that fellow's. The ancients knew all about that and recorded it in their books. Millions of people have known it all the time. I was an old man before this notoriety seeker was born, and have always advocated it. He probably saw some of my old writings or read it in some ancient book on astronomy and now seeks to fool the people into giving him the credit of a great discovery when I should have it. I said all along that the Bible, the priests and the church knew nothing about it, but they know as much about it as that pretender does or anybody else. Those are things that none can find out anything about because they are unknowable. No one has come up through the earth to tell us what is on the under side and no one, not even this pretender, has went down through the earth to see what it rests on. Until that done no one can possibly know anything about it, so what is the use of guessing when all are equally wrong?"

The Followers of the "Morality Standard."

"Were the people to believe that wicked infidel's discovery about the earth being round and moving it would shake their faith in the infallibility of the pope and the Bible and that would destroy the foundations of morality, society and civilization, and chaos, anarchy and crimes of all kinds would be the result. No one would then care for life or property. Everybody would kill. everybody else and steal their property. Let us get busy and hunt up this wicked wretch who is trying to bring this calamity upon us by teaching his discovery and we will burn him at the stake, seize his property and throw his books into the fire. Let us send out spies and detectives in disguise to search out all men, women and children who are secretly believing his teaching and bring them in to be taught a lesson in morality by our good instruments of torture for that purpose."

All these and several more as preposterous standards for judging if the discovery be true or not were set up and as results proved were all false.

The discoverer alone knew the only true standard to judge his discoveries by. That was an appeal to nature—to the objects themselves under discussion to find out if his discoveries concerning them be true or not. He handed them his telescope to look and see what he had seen as he directed. He showed his books of data and figures and observations and offered to explain them to them and convince them that he was right. But they would have none of it. That was too obscure a process of learning truths of nature and too slow for impatient people who had already by their false standards proved him to be a fool, crank, liar, blasphemer and a dangerous man to be at large. They smashed his telescope, burned his books and hustled him off to the torture chamber for a lesson in morality.

It will be very interesting to the people who live in the year 2500 or 3000 to look back to our time and note how nearly my discoveries—that God and souls are myths and death the end of life—and their reception by the people comes to being a parallel case to that of the discoveries of the true shape and movements of the earth. Already all the false standards have been set up that were used then and my discoveries have been judged untrue by them. But I know them to be true as thoroughly as anyone knows any fact about nature and I know that the people in those future years will all know them to be true as thoroughly as the people now know that those discoveries that earth is spherical and rotates is true if the C. O. H. does its full duty in aiding me to make these discoveries known, and in building up the C. O. H. to spread and perpetrate these extremely valuable discoveries.

The people can no more learn the truth about God and life without learning and accepting my discoveries than they can know the true shape and movements of the earth without learning and accepting the truths taught by that once despised discoverer of them. Like that discoverer I was an idolater myself until I thoroughly learned my discoveries but I ceased idolatry then as must all who learn them or be liars and hypocrites of the most depraved and dangerous sort. A knowledge of his discoveries did not check idolatry and religious superstitions because they were about unrelated subjects to God and life, but a world wide knowledge of mine will put an end to them forever on this plant, and it is impossible to do that in any other way. So all who wish the people to be enlightened on these most important of all subjects should send in big clubs of subscribers for this educator.

Let us Give Truth a Chance.

The people of all the world are teaching fables, delusions and superstitions under the name of religions for truths and thereby keeping the human race heathenized.

Everywhere temples of idolatry are seen. They are being renewed, enlarged and more are being built continually.

People are working with feverish frenzy to heathenize each succeeding generation and to keep them heathenized. For that purpose they volunteer their services as teachers, they pour out their wealth, they unite in innumerable societies, they give their lives and their substance to the worship of their idol gods.

Has our race been in heathenism long enough? Has it worshiped fabulous gods long enough? Is it far enough advanced in knowledge now to stand civilizing, to stand the truth, to stand enlightenment, to get along without idols, to cease idolatry? I have such firm confidence in the ability of our race to now stand the truth, to give up its idols and to become civilized and enlightened that I answer all the above questions in the affirmative although practically the entire world is against me by answering them in the negative. But there is a noble few on my side who know that if truth is given a fair backing it will win. Let us give truth a chance. Let us give some of our time and means to its introduction, exposition and defense. Let us give it voice with the bravery and agressiveness and defiance that it should have and see if the people can comprehend it, accept it and join us in its behalf. If you have any time to donate to the cause of truth join our brave band of city secretaries. If you will have any money for the backing of truth in 1911 put the amount in the pledge herein on "Pledge-Day" and mail it to me for the propaganda of truth.

Let us give truth a chance.

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All who believe that churches and schools should not teach the Bible story of creation and other fables in it for truths, and who desire them to teach the truth about God and life instead, are invited to make their wishes known by uniting with the Church of Humanity.

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LESSON VI. The Old Testament Concluded.

The blind adoration that makes the Bible a fetish in Christian countries is based on the abject superstition that it is a God-book. All criticisms of it that I have read are efforts to prove that God is too wise, just and good to have been the author of such a book. Such criticisms do not aid in overthrowing idolatry in the least because they are not carried to the proper conclusion and applied as evidence to prove that God and souls are characters of fiction and death the permanent cessation of life. People who never heard of the Christian's Bible and those who have but do not believe it to have been written or inspired by a god are as idolatrous as any people. Therefore, every criticism of the Bible must be applied as evidence that there is no god, soul nor immortality to be of any value in dispelling the ignorance which cause those religious superstitions to flourish.

In detecting and exposing the Bible untruths on nature I do not offer it as evidence that the Bible is not a revelation from God but as positive proof that the universe contains no real god at all. If God was a real being instead of a myth like Santa Claus he would have known all the time that the Bible stories are untrue to nature; would have seen the birth of those false ideas in the human brain; heard their promulgation; seen their incorporation in the Bible; seen the torture and murder of people who discovered they are not true; would have had power all the time to have corrected these false ideas. That such is never done is sure proof that God is only a character of the imagination of idolaters. A knowledge of that fact and of the fact that the soul is also a character of the imagination is the only thing that can ever cause the people to cease idolatry and become civilized and enlightened.

The detection and exposure of the untruth of nature in the Bible when applied as proof of the fictitious nature of God, souls and immortality will aid much in dispelling all religious superstitions. In this lesson we will apply our discovered rule for detecting and exposing "sacred" untruths to four more Bible yarns that have been palmed off on children for centuries as facts.

The Story of Walls of Water.

A story in the fourteenth chapter of Exodus represents the miraculous escape of a tribe of slaves from their masters through the power of their god to open a passage through a sea wherein they could cross it on foot, dry shod, while the waters stood as a wall on both sides.

Verse 22 says: "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon dry ground: and the waters were as a wall unto them, on their right hand, and on their left."

When we use our infallible rule on this story and appeal to nature to see if such pranks could be done with water we find no power in nature able to do them. Hence the god of those slaves was simply a character of their imagination and no such a freak in nature's processes ever happened for them or anybody else.

During the process of creating gods in the minds of the ignorant such lies on nature are found to be necessary by god-makers, but as people begin to use our rule and detect the fraud the very lies of which gods are made become the cause of their undoing, disintegration and final abandonment. When the masses once thoroughly understand that all gods are composed of lies on nature they will discard God as a reality and no more gods can be created in their minds by the god-makers, and that profession will be abandoned. It always takes at least two to create a god—an ignoramus and a knave. There will always be knaves willing to create gods in the mind of those who have not learned the truth about God and life. That much we can reasonably be certain of. But as soon as a majority learn the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends life, then they must make the teaching of those discoveries to all children compulsory through state power to protect them from being heathenized by the God-makers.

The Story of a Talking Ass.

This story is found in Numbers 22, and accuses an ass of seeing things that do not exist and of making some foolish moves on account of it and then trying to justify them in a talk to its master. But when we appeal to nature for a solution of this reported phenomenon we find that it is utterly impossible for an ass to make such a talk and it is therefore exhonorated by being proved not guilty.

Through a study of nature we have found that its processes are uniformly stable and that it could not produce a four-legged ass that could make such an extemporaneous talk on the "spur of the moment" without any previous preparation, but through a study of man we find that he can tell any amount of lies on nature "on the spur of the moment" after a course of teaching in idolatry and religious superstitions. Therefore, no one should judge what the truths of nature are from what man says about it, but must judge if what man says of it be true by consulting nature.

This is our discovered rule for proving the truth or untruth of what any man says or writes about nature. It must be recognized that every generation and each individual of it has an inalienable right to use this rule and appeal to nature to see if what previous generations have said and written about it be true or untrue. Any who object to anybody exercising that right should be suspected of caring more for the propagation of lies on nature than for ascertaining the truth. We shall now apply this rule to

The Story of An Obedient Sun.

One of the most remarkable untruths on nature in the Bible is the assertion that the sun stood still for a day at the command of a general who desired its continuous light in slaughtering his fleeing enemies. It is also an easy one to prove untrue by our rule.

In Joshua 10:12 and 13 is recorded the command: "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon," and the assertion of its obedience: "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

As it has been proven that nature is stable and that men have told and written many untruths about it we must invoke our inalienable right and appeal to nature to see if they are telling truths about it in this case. When we do that we find that the sun is always stationary in its relation to the earth and that whatever changes are made in those relations are caused by the movements of the earth. Therefore, had the day been prolonged as affirmed the earth would have had to cease its rotation. Should it do that suddenly the mountains and oceans would probably chance places since the earth's surface is whirling around at the rate of about seventeen miles per minute at the equator. The command if made, proves that Joshua did not know that the sun does not revolve around the earth, neither did his Lord—the character of fiction all people idolize who believe in the god of that barbarian. The earth and sun are not intelligent beings and can know nothing about their own existence nor that of anything else. Hence the assertion in the Bible that either of them did anything in obedience to commands from any being whatever is a proved lie on nature.

Another point all should recognize and remember, and one that may as well be brought out in connection with this story, is that Joshua's Lord did not know any more about the shape and movements of the earth than he did. It is a fact that all gods including God are creations of man and therefore no god can possibly know more about anything than their creators know. All thoughts, words and acts affirmed of any god are only those assigned it by its creators the same as a novelist assigns thoughts, words and acts to the created characters of his mind.

The Story of Elijah's Ascension.

In Second Kings 2, is recorded a story of a man being taken up to "heaven" in a peculiar way.

Verse 11 says: "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

Idolaters believe this story to be true and therefore sure proof that there is a heaven and that people could be taken up to it alive. But we will accept no man's, and no book's word for truth in such a strange story on nature until we have used our right and appealed to nature to verify it. When we do that we find that nature verifies it to be a lie.

Actual experience proves that the atmosphere is so rarefied a few miles above the earth's surface that people could not live in it. It is also so cold that they would freeze solid before going up many miles. There are no horses and chariots of fire in all nature like those described in this case.

The telescope has been turned on the spot where idolaters say heaven is and, behold, it does not exist in reality. By an appeal to nature we find that the horses and chariot of fire, heaven and Elijah's ascension thereto are nothing but barefaced lies on nature. All good people will accept nature's verdict and accept, teach and defend its truths, and expose, condemn and denounce all lies on it wherever found. All bad people will stand by, teach and uphold these Bible lies on nature and do all in their power to discredit and suppress the truths of nature that proves them false.

Which class do you belong to? If you belong to the good people class you will join the C. O. H. and be supporters of the truths of nature.

Our next lesson will deal with four more stories on nature in the Old Testament. All friends of truth should order big bundles of these lesson leaves to distribute to the people that they may learn the key to the Bible that detects the untruths on nature therein and thus save themselves from heathenism. Only 35 cents per hundred copies when ordered in advance.

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the beginning of the permanent disolution of the organism—that all gods, devils, souls, ghosts, angels, spirits, purgatory, heaven and hell are nothing but imaginary characters and places that have no actual existence whatever in nature. These discoveries will have no evil effect on the moral character of any person who learns and accepts them as proven facts of natural science.

I offer my own experience for whatever it is worth as evidence that it will not. I am 56 years old and do not use tobacco, narcotics, beer nor intoxicating drinks of any kind; have been married twenty-nine years; have only one wife and no mistress; never had a divorce and do not want one, and never heard my wife say she did; have never been indicted for any crime; have always been fairly industrious and finally successful as a farmer until I engaged in this educational work; have good credit where I am known; am generally treated right by all I deal with and try to treat all right in return; am a believer in peace, education, home, good morals, comfort and happiness, and at the same time know that there is no rewards nor punishments beyond the grave as life ends at death for all eternity.

If any wish to controvert the above statements let them do so while I am alive and able to defend myself, or forever hold their peace when I am dead.

The above is given in answer to some letters I get predicting that our race would degenerate into barbarians if the people were taught our discoveries that there is no god, heaven nor hell. It is also intended to forestall the effects of untruths about me that may be, and likely will be, promulgated by human vultures after I am dead as they do now about Thomas Paine, Robert G. Ingersoll, Francisco Ferrer and many others who gave idolatry and religious superstitions some heavy blows.

Material Progress the Result of Industry and Commerce and Not of Any Religion and Will Continue When all Religions Are Discarded.

Some idolaters point to our material progress and claim it to be a result of religion and affirm that it would cease were religion to be overthrown. That is only another sophistry of their's to scare people into refusing to learn the truth about God and life.

All our material progress in modern inventions and their adoption for comfort and pleasure are the result of industrialism and commercialism which have no relation to nor dependence on any religion whatever. Members of the C. O. H. who know there is no god, soul nor immortality and consequently have discarded all religions desire the use of the telephone, electric lights, railroads, street cars, automobiles and all other inventions to save labor, give comfort or pleasure as much as do members of any other church. This proves conclusively by actual demonstration that material progress will not be menaced in the least by a corresponding and simultaneous progress in the knowledge of our discoveries which will result in discarding all religions as fast as the people learn them.

And why should it be? Progress in intelligence, enlightenment and civilization gained by learning these great modern discovered truths of nature will be a stimulant to material propress instead of a handicap as those idolaters profess to believe. When the millions of poor idolaters learn my discoveries they will then know there is no future life to have their hoped for good time in and they will insist on having it in the only life they have. That good time will not consist in murdering and stealing as the evil minded predict, but in having good homes and plenty of good food, clothing and all modern conveniences for labor-saving, comfort and pleasure instead of denying themselves these things under the false theory that to do so will add to their happiness in another world. This demand for additional supplies will stimulate material progress and show marked improvements in the conditions of the poor. All commercial institutions need have no fear whatever that people will desire less of the comforts of life as they learn my discovery that there is no future life for them, but on the contrary they may expect a much greater demand for those comforts as my discoveries become known.

The Standardization of the Truth About God and Life Made Possible by Our Discoveries.

The propagation of all religions and their adoption and enforcement by laws in cities, states and nations are efforts ostensibly to standardize the truth about God and life, but in reality they are efforts to standardize untruths about those subjects. As a matter of fact for the sake of truth and permanent peace no untruths about those subjects should be standardized by laws anywhere, but the truths about those subjects should and ought to be standardized by adoption and their teaching enforced by all cities, states and nations alike the same as the shape and movements of the earth is. The truth about God and life and a knowledge of it and its teaching is in no sense a religion no more than is the truth about the shape and movements of the earth, and a knowledge and teaching of it. The truth about God and life being now discovered definitely it should be known by all people of all the world, and this knowledge handed down to each succeeding generation. To do that it must be standardized by being adopted and its teaching enforced by all nations in their schools of all kinds. It is for the common good of all our race for all time that this be done. But it is of course, impossible to do it until a large majority learn and accept these truths. Then they will want their children taught them by the state and through the public schools, as other truths of nature are taught them. This demand will bring about their adoption and teaching by all states in time and will complete their standardizing of the truth about God and life as it should be done. Therefore, it stands those in hand who know these truths now to help to make them known to others by helping to get a large circulation for this expounder of them.

Of All Animals Mankind is Entitled to All Prizes For Contrariness.

There is a difference of opinion among care-takers of animals as to which specie is the most stubborn or contrary. Some think the hog is and some would award the honors to some other animal. But since man is classified as an animal no other specie has the least show against him as a competitor to win any of the prizes for being contrary. His minds seems to naturally think in terms of contrariness. I shall mention three cases to prove it but the people will be too contrary to believe them which will constitute the fourth case in proof of it.

PART FIRST.

The People Are Sure Things Are They Appear to Be to Their Physical Senses.

Case 1.—Because the earth appears to be flat and stationary and the sun appears to revolve around it all the world believed that these things must be just as they appeared to be to their physical senses and for hundreds of years they tortured and murdered millions of people for daring to believe the discoveries that these things were not as they appeared to be.

PART SECOND.

The People Are Sure Things Are Not as They Appear to Be to Their Physical Senses.

Case 2.—Because it appears from the horrible destruction of people by so many causes that there is no god to care for them they are sure this is not as it appears to be to their physcial senses and will swear there is a good, kind, loving god who is taking care of them every moment and protecting them from harm.

Case 3.—Because death appears to be a permanent cessation of life and the beginning of the permanent disolution of the body the people are sure that the nature of death is not as it appears to be to their physical senses. They are sure they will not really die and that their bodies will be resurrected again.

Now that it is positively discovered that these things are in fact just as they appear to be to our physical senses—that there is no god to care for the people and that death is the final end of life—the masses will fight against accepting things as they appear to be as long as they did against accepting things that were not as they appeared to be, and this will constitute the fourth case in proof of the contrariness of man and will entitle him to all the prizes for being the most contrary animal on this planet.

But just as sure as the people had to give up their contrariness in the first case and accept the discoveries to know the truth about the earth and its movements they must give up their contrariness in the other cases and learn our discoveries before they can know the truth about God and life, whether it be in one hundred, one thousand or one hundred thousand years.

Good Encouragement From Colleges and Universities.

On January 18 I mailed the following request on a card, with a prepaid reply card attached, to the president or chairman of the faculty of all the leading colleges and universities in the United States:

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Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR.

The following are the favorable replies received from a number of them and indicate their willingness to study the evidences I present to prove my great discoveries true. This is all I ask of them because I am confident that if they study this evidence impartially they will surely find them true to nature. I simply give the body of the repdies.

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Here is a list of 24 colleges and universities, with an aggregate of tens of thousands of teachers and students, that have officially given me permission to mail them copies of this paper teaching our great discoveries in nature. It indicates that they are willing to consider the evidences I point out as proof of the truth of these discoveries. This is all I can ask of any people or educational institutions until they are convinced that the discoveries are true. Then I ask that they publically accept them, proclaim them, teach them and unite into societies to provide for their perpetual teaching until all the world knows them and teaches them as scientific truths of nature to all children at public expense. A thorough knowledge of our discoveries is the only possible thing that can put an end to the heathenism of idolatry in our race. It will be a day to be celebrated all over the world sometime if these educational institutions learn these great modern discoveries and make their teaching a part of their curriculum.

These answers are so encouraging to our church that its members should be glad to contribute all they can to our Educational Fund to provide free copies for all colleges and universities that will accept them. This is the best news I have had in a long time to give the members of the Church of Humanity and it will be a great encouragement to them.

A Man Can Be a Good Citizen Without the Hope of Heaven and Fear Hell to Influence His Conduct.

I admit that the acts of practically all people are controlled through their sense of hope and fear, and also admit that it is proper that they should be. But there are a great many subjects to base hope and fear on besides the mythical places of heaven and hell. The theory of some idolaters that the very sentiment of hope and fear would be killed in the mind if people learned the truth that heaven and hell do not exist is absolutely untrue. The fact is that only these two basis of hope and fear, out of an almost infinite number, would be removed but would not be missed when they are so far as basis for good conduct is concerned.

A part of the necessary teaching of the C. O. H. will be to prove by actual examples that people can be, and as large a per cent of them will be, as good citizens after learning our discoveries as before. This part of the work will be made necessary by the desperate effort that will be made by professional teachers of religious superstitions to try to scare all people from learning and accepting our discoveries with their assertions that all desire for good morals would be destroyed by such knowledge. They will affirm, and profess to believe, that all men would make tobacco hogsheads and beer kegs of themselves, desert their wives, become freelovers, highwaymen, pirates and murderers were they to learn our discoveries that there is no hell nor heaven—no future life. The fear of men becoming idiots through learning our discoveries will have the effect desired by the teachers of it and many will not only refuse to try to learn them but will do all they can to have their teaching prohibited through fear of it having that alleged effect on those who learn them. It will become a question, not as to the truth of the discoveries, but as to what effect a knowledge of them will have on the moral character of those who learn them that will determine their desirability in the minds of most people. Hence the necessity of demonstrating to the people by actual test that those who learn these discoveries will be better citizens on the average than the average idolaters. But their characters must be placed before the people so they can be the judges. I know in advance that all bad citizens who profess to believe our discoveries will be held up to scorn by teachers of idolatry and offered as proof of the evil result of that knowledge. They will overlook the fact that all penal institutions in all countries are full to overflowing, making constant enlargements necessary, with criminal idolaters before they ever heard of our discoveries. They will overlook the statistics giving the appalling number of prostitutes and divorces before they ever heard of our discoveries. They will overlook that famous book, "Crimes of Preachers," wherein is recorded thousands of criminal clergymen before they ever heard of our discoveries. It will be as false to charge all crimes of those who learn our discoveries to a knowledge of those truths as it would be to charge all crimes in the world now to the practice of idolatry and belief in religious superstitions.

No one should have the least fear that a knowledge of our discoveries will have a bad effect on the morals of the people. All can be assured most positively that the general character and morals of all peoples will be greatly improved by a thorough knowledge of them. It will put an end to the greatest of all vices—teaching religious lies on nature and worshiping idols. That in itself will be a profound improvement in the moral character of the people, and it is certain they will be improved on many other subjects.

From my knowledge of human nature I know in advance that all my delinquencies in good citizenship will be paraded before the public as proof of evil influence of my discoveries on my own character in an effort by teachers of idolatry to scare people into a fear of it, and to induce them to join in an effort to have the teaching of these discoveries suppressed by law. This forces me into the necessity of doing what I greatly dislike to do—placing before the public myself what virtues I have that it may have an opportunity of judging if my discoveries have had any evil influence on my own character. This is the explanation for the statements to be kept standing with my photo.

Proof That God is a Myth.

(Selected.)

When the little darling four-year-old who has been the light and joy of a happy household, with his dimpled cheeks and laughing eyes, is suddenly cut off by some fell disease, and his beautiful childish form is stilled in death; when his fond parents are prostrated with grief at their irreparable loss, conscious of an aching void in the heart that can never be filled; when the dismal hearse bears his lifeless little body to the cold, cold tomb, leaving the home that once thrilled with joyous animation at the sound of his laughter in darkness and despair—Write me down Atheist. (1.)

When the young man in his teens of whom his parents expected great things, on whose education they had expended the savings of years, is slowly wasting away before their eyes, shortly to be laid in a consumptive's grave; when the promise of the life that now is has been falsified and the promise of that which is to come has failed to give hope; when the morning of life has been overcast by the threatening clouds of death, and an unspeakable numbness takes possession of the soul (2) of those who will witness the last flicker of life's candle—Write me down Atheist.

When the father of a young family is stricken down in his prime and finds life slipping from his grasp; when his partner in matrimony is left to fight life's battle alone without his aid and sympathy; when the children are prematurely thrown into the struggle for existence, to be the breadwinners for a widowed mother; when their rosy prospects for the future are changed to a darkened horizon of foreboding trouble; when the playtime of their life is suddenly cut short by the stress of immediate needs—Write me down Atheist.

When the homeward-bound vessel after many months absence is nearing the port where the sailor's wife is affectionately awaiting his return,—when in sight of the shore in a sudden squall she goes down with all hands lost to the bottom of the sea; when the sailor with his thoughts toward her who has been his guiding star under foreign skies is engulfed in the angry waters; when the lass whom he courted and wed mourns the bitter cruelty of the sea; when their children, who at eventide have prayed to him who they have been taught holds the waters in the hollow of his hands for their daddy's safe return, and the only answer to their prayers is that they shall never see his face again; when joy at the sailor's return is changed to unutterable grief at his loss—Write me down Atheist.

When a colliery district is suddenly panic-stricken at the report of an explosion, and an indescribable scene of confusion and sorrow and grief is witnessed at the pit's mouth; when hundreds of men are entombed in a burning mine with little hope of escape, and wives with sorrowful hearts are tearfully awaiting tidings of their husbands, mothers searching for their sons, and sisters for their brothers; when human lives are risked and lost in noble efforts to save them from a fearful fate, and when the heroic efforts at rescue are only rewarded by the recovery of charred and lifeless bodies, to be mournfully gazed upon by eyes bedimmed with tears; when whole families are practically wiped out of existence, and nearly every house is a house of mourning; when the women-folk are left to face the long years of a saddened life alone—Write me down Atheist.

When the volcano after a long period of inactivity suddenly shows signs of life and belches forth mountains of molten lava, devastating the country for miles around; when the heavens becomes darkened with the smoke of its vomiting, and the surrounding earth a sheet of liquid fire; when the inhabitants of the peaceful valley at the mountain's base are compelled to fly like hunted animals for their lives; when little children at their play, appalled at the awful spectacle of hell let loose, huddle together in sympathy for mutual protection, and are burnt to death by the falling fiery lava; when the sucking babe is killed at its mother's breast, and the only son in his father's arms; when heaven shows no pity, and their miserable plight is beyond human aid—Write me down Atheist.

When the thunderstorm bursts with ominous fury, and the rain descends in torrents; when the lightning flashes with startling brilliancy, and the electric fluid plays havoc with property and with life; when the church steeple is leveled to the ground, and subjected to the same humiliating treatment as the factory chimney; when the elements in their diabolical play make a target of the house of God, and play battledore and shuttlecock with human dwellings; when man and beast may at any moment be shrivelled to a heap of ashes, and the venerable oak be rent in twain; when the cosmic forces are blind to human feeling and ethical demands, and account a man's life as of no more value than a sparrow's—Write me down Atheist.

When the dreaded earthquake with cannibal ferocity swallows thousands of human beings at one gulp, mercilessly crushing in its capacious jaws the quivering bodies of its shrieking victims; when frantic with terror they are quickly doomed to a horrible death—buried alive without warning and without ceremony; when those who escape with life survive only to go raving mad with fright at the shock and the scene of terrible destruction and desolation around them; when humanity stands aghast at the awful wreckage and loss of life, and the sky looks serenely down on the scene of havoc as if nothing had happened—Write me down as Atheist.

When the Scriptures bear witness that no man hath seen God at any time, and none knoweth of his whereabouts nor hath any evidence of his existence; when prayer in all ages has been a farce, and sacrifice and worship has been waster effort; when faith in heaven's good intentions has been a delusion, and reliance on God's help has been a snare; when man has been left to work out his own intellectual and social salvation; when the God-idea has ever been like a millstone round his neck, hindering his development and his progress—Write me down in large capital letters, Atheist.—Joseph Bryce, in The Free-

thinker, London, September 20, 1908. under the title of "His Tender Mercies."

(1) Would substitute "A convert to Kerr's discoveries" for "Atheist." (2) Would substitute "Mind" for "soul." W. H. Kerr.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity, No. 40.

Dear Comrades: As not many votes have been received yet on the following questions submitted to you last month the time is extended to April first to count them so that you may all have more time to consider them and get your votes in to be counted by that time. Please attend to it at once that I may know what you want me to do.

Do you wish a C. O. H. convention this year?.....

Where do you want it held?.....

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On what date do you want it?.....

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Will you attend it, where and when held? .....

Shall we change our constitution by vote by mail?.....

Do you want Section 1, Article 5, repealed? .....

Do you want Section 2, Article 5, repealed? .....

Name.....

Address.....

If it is found that 25 members in good standing desire a C. O. H. convention this year then one will be called and the other questions settled then. But if you do not desire a convention then the other questions will be settled by a two-thirds majority vote when they are counted on April 1, 1911.

I believe if the $1.00 membership fee and the $1.00 annual dues required by our constitution were repealed that we would get members fasters, and that is what we most need in the building up of the C. O. H. to spread and perpetuate our discovered truths of nature. All who wish to aid financially will do it by donations anyway.

It is extremely important that each of you raise and send in big subscription clubs, and order large bundles of copies monthly to distribute.

An official of a certain college is now trying to induce the postal authorities at Washington to exclude our publication from second class postal privileges, and doubtless from the mails, as the truth about God and life makes him more savage than a red rag does a bull. The only thing that will forestall him is to give the people a chance through a big circulation to learn our discovered truths Then those who do will protest to the authorities against their suppression.

Another necessity for a big circulation is the fact that the women will be enfranchised in all states before many years and they will vote to have the teaching of these truths suppressed by law if a large number of them do not learn them in advance and be thus prepared to speak up in their defense.

I will furnish you with as large a bundle of copies monthly as you want to distribute free to you, and will pay for them out of our Educational Fund. I hope you will each feel it a duty to join our list of City Secretaries and order a large bundle of copies monthly to distribute. Help to give the people a chance to read of our great scientific discoveries, and to see the photo of the discoverer, and to learn that a knowledge of these discovered truths has no bad effect on his moral character. Most people will be more afraid of these truths than they are of rattle snakes until they learn by observing those who know them that they have no bad effect on their moral character.

Please all get busy at once and do your full duty to yourselves, to your posterity and to our race in general while you can.

Would like to have a big bundle of "Love Letters" from you again this next month.

Some Love Letters From Subscribers.

Please find P. M. O. for $1.25, the amount called for. Mr. Kerr, I admire your pluck; you remind me of Wendell Phillips. Never give up.—John Martin, California.

Enclosed find 25 cents for renewal. Am glad you have the courage of your convictions in trying to educate the people out of their religious superstitions. You are doing a good work and ought to be encouraged.—Otis Whelan, Michigan.

Enclosed find five dollars. Credit me with subscription and annual membership dues in full for 1912 and use the balance in any way you see fit.—W. I. Kirk, N. Y.

Just received the 100 papers and will get them distributed in a day or so. Whatever number of copies you are disposed to send me—250 or 500, or even 1,000, I will manage in some way to get them well circulated. Am glad to help in this way, though I have hoped that financial conditions would justify my pledging at least $5.00 a year to the Educational Fund. But I assure you no other educational cause that I know of appeals to me as meriting the support the Church of Humanity merits, and some day you may know of my ability to do something more to direct advantage. Will endeavor to get some subscribers.—J. M. Case, Philadelphia.

Please find check enclosed for $1.25 I regret not being able to donate something extra for the cause. The Panama Canal is said to be the most stupendous job ever undertaken by man. But the job undertaken by you as the fearless leader in this movement is certainly millions of times more difficult. Without attempting any flattery, I must say our paper has become a literary gem. I always regard the last one better than the foregoing, although I thought the foregoing better than the one before it.—A Member of the C. O. H., Kansas.

Inclosed find one dollar currency for account. I think you are doing a grand work. I know something of the workers and their efforts to free mankind from idols and superstitions. I think you are doing the most good, and hope you will be able to continue. The Truth About God and Life brings the whole matter to a focus. You have a big task before you. Many have tried and so far failed. Your plan is different and I hope you will succeed. I have so far distributed the papers you sent, and I hope to good effect.—Mark Rowe, Illinois.

For the enclosed $2.00 please enter the enclosed list of ten subscribers for a year beginning with the December issue of your and our little church paper.—Member of C. O. H., Pennsylvania.

I have distributed the last thousand copies of our paper and am ready for another thousand. I am satisfied that they are having some influence.—E. G. Whitney, Kansas City.

Enclosed find P. O. order for $5.00 for 50 subs for one year to enclosed list.—Chas. Stapf, Pa.

The enclosed check for $20.00 will cover my subscription for another year, and also give you something of a lift for the sustaining fund.—E. B. Foote, N. Y.

Let me congratulate you on this issue. It is one of the best. Enclosed find 25 cents for 100 copies more.—O. Ellsworth, Texas.

Please find enclosed 35 cents for 100 copies of last issue. I wish to try to spread the truths of our church among the people of this county.—Dr. C C. Bond, Kansas.

If you will please send me 300 copies every month I shall try to do as you wish me to—organize a branch Church of Humanity here. I wish you the best success.—Martin Denni, New York City.

Your letter of the 11th received; also the bundle of 500 papers, for which, thanks. It always gives me pleasure to be of service to the C. O. H., for I think someday the pioneers of the C. O. H. will receive more honor than the deciples of Christ have ever received. In regard to distributing more than 1,000 papers, will say that if you have them to spare, send them on. It takes me one day to distribute 500, and I would just as well work three days as two in distributing the papers, for I assure you that it is labor of love for the cause of truth.—A. V. Newbold, Topeka.

These are the kind of letters I love to get, and hope to merit thousands more.—W. H. Kerr.

Good Sentiments and Advice.

(Selected.)

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead.

Fill their lives with sweetness.

Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them.

The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go; the flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them.

If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them.

I would rather have a plain coffin, without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy.

Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's wear way.

Let the people know of the greatest of all modern discoveries by distributing large quantities of this little educator.

It was not the church that tortured and murdered the scientists and educators such as Bruno and Ferrer, but idolatry and religious superstitions that did it. Let all lovers of truth and humanity now retaliate by helping to kill idolatry and religious superstitions in all minds by helping to make known our great discoveries.

This little educator is only ten cents a year to clubs of ten or more subscribers sent in at one time. I invite all lovers of truth to send in such clubs.

Start the work for a branch C. O. H. in your neighborhood by getting all your neighbors on our subscription list at once.

Your choice of "The Wonders of Life" and "The Riddle of the Universe" by Haeckel for a club of 50 subscriptions and both for a club of 100 subscriptions.

Help to educate the women in our discoveries before they get the full franchise or they may prohibit their teaching by law.

Some may think me a little egotistical in fathering our discoveries, but the honor of doing so is forced on me as no one else seemed to know them well enough to be willing to do it.

Our discoveries must be first firmly established in the minds of the people before idolatry and religious superstitions can be completely driven out of them.

Untruths on nature have kept the truth out of the people's minds long enough. Now let truths take possession and hold it.

If you want the world civilized get busy and help to do it.

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The following comrades distribute this paper and will accept subscriptions for it and applications for membership in the Church of Humanity. People in or near these cities who learn our discoveries should apply to them for membership and aid them to organize branch churches.

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All who believe that churches and schools should not teach the Bible story of creation and other fables in it for truths, and who desire them to teach the truth about God and life instead, are invited to make their wishes known by uniting with the Church of Humanity.

Application Blank.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that conscious individual life ceases permanently at death, I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity and inclose $1 for enrollment and certificate of membership and $1 for first year's dues.

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Perhaps some trial subscriptions to this little educator have been donated to relatives and friends by parties desiring the people to know the truth about God and life. If any get it through the mails who did not subscribe for it this is the reason, and it will be discontinued when the time is up for which it is paid for unless the party receiving it renews the subscription.

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LESSON VII. The Old Testament Conlcuded.

No mind that is clouded with idolatry and religious superstitions is in a fit condition to study nature and to recognize and accept its truths unless it can create a greater desire to know the absolute truths of nature than to maintain those errors. Otherwise it will not see nor recognize anything in nature except what can be distorted into a semblance of proof of those errors. That is what is done by all idolaters when they do appeal to nature and it is the reason Kerr's discoveries were not made and taught to all people ages ago, and is the reason now that so few can learn and accept them although they have been placed by the C. O. H. in the hands of over 100,000 people, including 450 colleges and universities, the governors and supreme court of the states and thousands of editors, preachers, teachers, lawyers, legislators and congressmen. All these people being idolaters and believers in religious superstitions seem to be unable to study nature from the disinterested viewpoint and unable and unwilling to recognize and accept any facts that tend to disprove those untruths.

With such an attitude of mind none need expect to ever be anything but the most ignorant, superstitious, idolatrous specimens of bipeds. To be able to learn absolute truth, for the sake of knowing it, we must all have a greater desire for true knowledge than for the perpetuation of any untruths however pleasing and desirable they may be, and we must see nature from the absolutely disinterested view point to enable us to discern the truth in its processes. This attitude of mind must be acquired and maintained when we study "sacred" histories the same as when we study nature direct. Before you begin to study either ask yourself this question to test your mind and motives to see if they are in the proper attitude for the work. "Do I really desire to learn and to know the truths of nature more than I do to believe religious untruths?" If you can not answer this question in the affirmative truthfully it is useless for you to study either as you will see nothing but untruths and such facts as can be distorted to support them. You will be a biased judge who has rendered his decision in advance of a hearing of the case in accordance with his prejudice, or after hearing only one side of it. But if you can answer the above question in the affirmative truthfully you may come now and study portions of the Bible with me. We will begin the lesson by considering the

Story of a Temporary Resurrection.

The story is in I. Samuel 28: and purports to give an account of a woman calling up a dead prophet to tell a king what to do and how a battle he is about to fight will terminate. Verses 11 to 16 says: "Then said the woman Whom shall I bring up unto thee? and he said, bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Saul. And the King said unto her Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, an old man cometh up: and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed: for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do."

People believe this story to be true for the following reasons: That it is in the Bible and they have been taught that a god wrote it or inspired the authors of it and that it is all true, that the story helps to prove their pleasing superstitions about a resurrection of the dead and that all the people they know believe it. But we are seeking absolute truth and can not be influenced in the least by such considerations. The only question with us is, it is a fact that the dead can be called to life by any power whatever? To get a correct answer to that question we must appeal direct to nature instead of to any pope, book, society or person. We must consider the condition of the dead to see if it is possible for them to be reanimated by any power. When we do that we find that every necessary condition for the manifestation of life is lacking. The organs of all the senses are in such a condition that they could not possibly perform their functions. The brain and all the vital organs are in a state of decomposition and have no more sensation than a clod or stone, and no power in the universe can give them more. A dead man is seen to have no advantages in nature over any other dead thing. No one ever did or ever will see a really dead organism come to life again because it is not a fact in nature that such a thing can happen. By comparing this Bible story with nature's processes we see that it is simply a religious lie on nature that only three classes of people will teach for truth—the ignoramus, the liar and the deceiver. Can you afford to belong to either class? The teaching of this fable for truth has prepared the minds of people to believe the lying mediums who pretend to call up the dead and who have successfully duped thousands of people into believing they have actually seen, talked with and caressed relatives long since dead. No one who learns Kerr's discoveries can be duped by such charlatans. All parents should consider it a duty to have their children taught these discoveries to enable them to protect themselves against such wicked deceivers. Such knowledge would also protect them against the equally wicked relic fakers who find the dupes prepared for them through the teaching for truth of

The Story of a Bone Cure.

This story is found in II. Kings 13:20, 21 and says:

"And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet."

To believe such pious lies on nature as this one is an infallible sign of heathenism and idolatry. To teach children that these Bible fables are true is preparing them to become the dupes who will patronize the heathen shrines and relic-mongers and prayer cure fakers that so disgraces our race in the Twentieth Century.

But people will continue to be heathens regardless of their position in society and their knowledge on all other subjects until they learn Kerr's discoveries. They will then be able to instantly detect religious lies on nature no matter in what book they find them or who tells them. They will then know that death is not a sleep nor a rest from which the dead can be aroused by bones and trumpets and mediums. Death places a man in the same condition it does a horse or any other animal and we can see that none of them can be reanimated by any means when dead. People should no longer believe religious liars who say that man's position in nature is different from that of other animals and that death for him is not the same as it is for them. To know if this Bible story could be true or not we must ask neither pope nor scientist, church nor state, teacher nor ancestor, but must appeal direct to nature as the only authority whose verdict is infallible, and we must consult it as a disinterested spectator who seeks only the absolute truth regardless of what it is that we may have true knowledge on the subject. When we do that all our senses testify to the fact that death is the permanent cessation of all sensations and functions that constitute life—that life has ceased forever in the dead man the same as it has done in the dead horse or tree and that he can no more be reanimated than they can be.

The Story of a True Sign.

A story that ought to dispel the belief of all educated people in the religious lie that the Bible is a revelation from a god and all its statements true is the one which says the sun was made to return ten degrees backward for a sign that a god would keep his promise.

The story is in Isaiah 28:4, 9 and says:

"Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah saying, go and say to Hezikiah, thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city. And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken; Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sundial of Ahaz ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down."

To obtain such a result the rotation of the earth from west to east would have to be reversed so as to rotate from east to west and then be reversed again when the required position of the sun was reached. Such a violation of nature's processes could not possibly happen and it never did and never will, but the story is a true sign for many things. Among them can be mentioned the following:

It is a sign that the Bible contains lies on nature; that God is a myth; that the universe contains no real god, that the Bible was written by ignorant and deceitful men; that we are living in an unenlightened and uncivilized age or the people would not believe these Bible lies on nature; that all who believe them are idolaters and heathens; that all who teach that they are true are enemies of our race by helping to keep it in idolatry and heathenism; that the people will remain in ignorance of the true nature of God and life until they learn Kerr's disdoveries and that all who know these discoveries and are not aiding in making them known to others are not doing their duty.

The Story of a Discriminating Fire.

A story in Daniel 3: states that three Jews refused to worship a golden image that their king had commanded them to worship and they were bound with all their clothes on and thrown into a fiery furnace so hot that it slew those who threw them in, but the Jews got up and walked around in it without getting even their clothing scorched or the smell of fire on them. Then their king was so astonished that he called them out and made a decree that all who said anything against their god would be cut to pieces.

This is a good story for testing the intelligence and enlightenment of people with. If they believe it true or even possible they are still idolaters, heathens and ignoramuses no matter if they are the highest officials of state, church or educational institutions.

No civilized and enlightened people will believe there exists a god who could make fire discriminate between idolaters by causing it to consume one class and not another class. When we appeal to nature to see if this story could possibly be true we find that fire has no intelligence by which it could know of the existence of anything or of any commands.

One fact that shows up the amazing stupidity of the people more than anything else is that they ascribe to all objects both animate and inanimate the same senses, int lligence,

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attributes and powers that they themselves have else they could not believe these Bible lies on nature where in all classes of objects are said to obey the commands of a god. This one indictment against the people ought to shame them out of idolatry and into accepting Kerr's discoveries that the universe contains no god that man contains no soul and that life ends at death forever. All parents should see to it that their children are taught these discoveries. All school college and university officials and instructors should see to it that all students in their charge are taught these discoveries. All who wish to do some permanent good for our race should join the C. O. H., order and distribute hundreds of copies of this little educator every month, send in large clubs of subscribers and donate what money they can to have thousands of copies printed and mailed to influential people. Help to make these greatest of all discoveries known to the people as fast as possible.

In our next lesson we will begin an investigation of the New Testament stories on nature to see if there is any truth in them.

Are Idolaters Crazy or Am I?

Of course the idolaters will say I am crazy in answer to the above question. But I have tried to test my own sanity in all the ways I know of and have so far failed to prove to my own satisfaction that I am crazy, so it must be the other party, if either is.

But here is a test case that seems to prove clearly to my mind that those on one side at least must be crazy. It is the obituary of a three-day-old infant that practically all idolaters indorse and believe true and is as follows with nonessentials left out:

"Gladis came to gladden the home of her parents, March 2, 1911, but the Angel of Death hovered near and the little one was taken to her Heavenly home after an earthly residence of only three days.

Gladis has gone home to the mansions of delight to clasp hands with those loved ones in the land of bliss, and there to dwell forever in the city paved with gold and is looking back beckoning to father, mother and sister to come to the Heavenly land.

* * * The baby was buried in Eden Valley cemetery to await the resurrection morn."

A crazy person is judged to be so from the absurdity of his actions, words and beliefs. Is it possible for the inmates of any asylum to have more absurd ideas than those expressed in this obituary?

The following specific lies expressed in it seems to me to be evidence of insanity:

1. That a child comes to gladden the home of its parents. A child knows nothing about its parents, home or anything else. It is created by its parents the same as the young of all animals are, and it knows no more than they do and they know nothing at birth.

2. That there is such a being as an "Angel of Death." The idea of idolaters is that there is a god who sends this "Angel of Death" to murder infants in order to get their "souls," and they are so heathenish as to praise and worship that god, and even to love that "Angel of Death."

Death is not an "angel," neither is it a being or thing brought by an "angel" or sent by a god. Death is simply the name of the condition of an organism after life has ceased in it, and the cessation of life is caused by accidents or diseases that stop all its organs from performing their functions.

3. That the child was taken to "her Heavenly home." The belief is that the "Angel of Death" kidnapped its "soul" after murdering its body so it could be separated from it. Was there ever a more crazy idea? Idolaters teach that a god made this child and sent it down from his factory in "heaven," then sent his "Angel of Death" to kill it and take back its "soul" after a three day's visit and leave its body to be reanimated on a "judgment Day" and taken to "heaven" and given back its "soul." What crazy ideas.

No god exists, consequently none has anything to do with the creation of children.

4. That there are in the skies "mansions of delight," a "land of bliss," a "city paved with gold" and a "heavenly land." All these ideas seem to me to be only the wild imaginations of diseased or insane minds. No such places exist in reality as is proven by thorough and reliable scientific examination of the skies.

5. That to a dead child three days old is ascribed an intelligence that would have required about that many years to learn had it lived. It is represented as knowing its relatives and being able to see them and to beckon to them to come to the Heavenly land. This child in "heaven" is only the imaginary child of a crazy mind. It is as mythical as "heaven." People can be taught to believe and to express crazy ideas for which they would be adjudged insane and sent to an asylum were there only a few of them.

6. That there is to be a "resurrection morn" in which this real infant is to be brought to life again. This is nothing but a crazy idea that no one who wishes to be thought sane should believe. I am willing to stake my sanity on this one proposition. If it is a fact in nature that dead people can be and will be reanimated by any power in the universe then I am certainly crazy but I refuse to accept sentence until I have actually seen it demonstrated. But if it can not be done then practically all the balance of our race is insane because they believe and teach that the dead can be reanimated. That none of the trillions of dead people have ever been restored to life is sure proof they never will be and sentence of insanity should be now rendered against all who believe and teach that they ever will be reanimated. But some may ask, "should we not care for our dead?" Certainly, we should ever love them in memory. We can weep in grief over their sad fate and our loss, and ever hold dear our remembrance of them. But we must not lie about the nature of death to deceive ourselves and others. We must admit and teach the truth that all may know that the universe has no god, that man has no soul and that the life of all organisms cease forever at their death. It is not a sign of an unfeeling and unsympathetic mind to learn and teach the truth about the nature of death. All should know it. All schools, colleges and universities should teach it. All should feel under obligations to teach the truth and to refuse to teach religious lies that are considered insane ideas when people learn the truth.

Kerr's Discoveries Proved True By the Death of 150 in a New York Fire.

About 150 people, mostly girls, lost their lives in a horrible manner in a factory fire in New York, March 25. The fire was on the three upper floors of ten story building. I presume all my readers have read of the details of the disaster and shall not repeat them here. My object in calling attention to it is to teach people how to see that such disasters prove Kerr's discoveries true. The horrible fate of these people proves that they were not cared for by any god, savior, angel, spirit or soul. That fact proves that no other people were ever cared for or ever will be cared for by any such beings. That fact proves that those characters are only imaginary beings that have no real existence at all. That fact proves that the people should cease to believe in the existence of such characters, cease teaching that they exist, cease employing others to teach it and that they should learn and teach and employ others to teach Kerr's discoveries in place of those untruths.

The Fundamental and Irreconcilable Differences Between Myself and Agnostics, Liberals, Freethinkers and Rationalists.

Dr. T. J. Bolwes of Muncie, Indiana, president of the Indiana Rationalist Association, writes me as follows:

"I heartily approve your plan of counteracting the pernicious religious teaching in our colleges and universities and I inclose $1.00 for this fund. I would rejoice if you sustained a philosophical attitude towards all Rationalist movements."

I can not unite with and work in harmony with any Agnostic, Liberal, Freethought or Rationalist society I know of because they are composed of followers of such men as Thomas Paine and R. G. Ingersoll—one a believer in the existence of a god and immortality and the other an Agnostic. The fundamental difference between the beliefs of such people and my knowledge concerning these subjects is as irreconcilable as that between myself and believers in any religious superstition. Such people will not join the C. O. H. because they do not believe the truths it teaches, and I will not join their societies because I do not believe the untruths they teach. I could no more join and help to support a society that teaches the religious errors of Mr. Paine than I could a society teaching tuose of Moses, Jesus, Dowie or Mrs. Eddy. And when it comes to Agnostics the differences between us is as great. They affirm that no living person knows or can know if a person can survive death with a conscience, intelligent existence or not, or if there be a god, but that dead people can and do know all about it while I know that I can and do know that death ends life and that no real god exists, but that dead people can know nothing about it. Any person ought to see from this statement of our position that they are diametrically opposed to each other and that there can be no co-operation between us because the truths I want taught they will not accept, teach nor even tolerate in their papers, books and societies, while I will not accept, teach nor tolerate the teaching of their religious superstitions in our publication or in the C. O. H. That is the reason that no Freethought or Agnostic editor will join and aid the C. O. H. or teach Kerr's discoveries, and that no Freethought, Agnostic or Rationalist society will mention or teach them. But whenever any of those people give up their superstitions and accept these truths I shall be glad to welcome them to membership in the C. O. H. if they will apply for it, and whenever any of those editors and societies cease their false teaching and accept and teach Kerr's discoveries I shall be glad to co-operate with them in any way to promote the propaganda of them to the best advantage and to establish societies to spread and perpetuate this knowledge.

A Greatly Appdeciated Invitation to Attend the First Monistic Congress.

"Hamburg, Germany, March 21, 1911.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, President of the Church of Humanity, Great Bend, Kansas.

Gentleman: On behalf of his Excellency Professor Ernst Haeckel, we take the liberty of inviting you to the First Monistic Congress which will take place on the 8 to 11 of September next at Hamburg.

You will observe from the enclosure it is our intention at the meeting to further and promote, and at the same time to encourage, an increased freedom of thought, and we shall be pleased to welcome you to our Congress as also those of your friends who are in sympathy with our movement and who are interested in the object we have in view.

In connection with the meeting of the delegates of the D. M. B. it is intended that the question shall be discussed as to the place and time for the next Monistic Congress, and also the feasibility of establishing an international Monistic confederacy.

The Congress will be favored by Professor Haeckel as chairman whose presence will greatly add to the interest and furtherance of our meeting, and who will also deem it a great honor of having the opportunity of welcoming you and your sympathetic friends.

Awaiting your favorable reply and also the intimation that we may count upon your valued assistance, we are

Yours very faithfully,

HAMBURG MONISTIC BUND."

I would be tempted to accept the kind invitation to attend this Congress if I knew the German language. Perhaps one of our German members could attend it as a representative of the Church of Humanity.

All Religions of Earth Should Be Declared Public Nuisances And Outlawed as Menaces Against the Public Peace and Dignity of Mankind.

The following account of the outrages on Jews in Russia proves that religions are the world's most prolific source of outrages against the peace and welfare of mankind and proves that they should be abolished as public nuisances and the teaching of "Kerr's discoveries" substituted for them in all the world.

"St. Petersburg, March 1.—Gov. Maklakoff has begun a wide-spread expulsion of the Jews from the Province of Tohernigov, a government in Little Russia.

Two hundred and nineteen families in one district, including wealthy land owners and manufacturers, were marched through the heavy snow drifts. Notwithstanding the intense cold the police opened the doors and windows of their houses and drove them into the street and thence to the outskirts of the district, to be conducted out to the province.

A committee attempted to appeal to the governor, but he refused to see them and they have now appealed to the authorities at St. Petersburg."

What to Do For Those Starving Chinese and What They Should Do For Themselves.

Reports from China all winter have been telling about the people dying by hundreds from the plague and starvation. The first thing for other countries to do is to forward supplies and aid from their national treasurers so that the Chinese will be under no obligation to any religious or charity society for it. Then they need some sensible advice and teaching to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. If China is over populated beyond the productive ability of the country to feed them they should have stringent laws to limit the number of children in families. It must be recognized that it is not good morals nor good sense to produce children beyond the ability of the parents to feed, cloth and educate. I know there is a fable to the effect that a god makes children and will see to it that they are fed and taken care of but no one with any sense will believe or teach those religious lies for truths when they have these accounts of thousands of starving people before them.

The ravages of the plague is mostly due to the people's religious superstitions that prevented them taking proper sanitary measures to stamp it out. They kept the victims of it for weeks among the living spreading the contageon rather than allow them to be burned because their ancestors they believed would not know them in a future life. The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries to them would remedy that by overthrowing the religious lies handed down to them by ancestors from time immemorial. The third precautionary measure to be taken by them is to build plenty of rail roads to transport provisions quickly from places of plenty to famine districts.

Monthly Letter to the Church of Humanity. No. 41.

Dear Comrades: Your votes on the questions submitted to you in the January issue were counted on April 1st, and a two-thirds majority of them were for changing our constitution by vote by mail and for repealing Sections 1 and 2 of Article 5, requiring a membership fee of $1.00 and annual mermebership dues of $1.00, and the repeal of them is so ordered.

There will be no membership fee required of new members and no more membership dues, but present members should pay their annual dues to June 1.

Now that there is nothing to pay to become a member of the C. O. H. all should try to get new members and boost its membership as never before.

What we need most is a big membership for its encouraging influence on the people to try to learn Kerr's discoveries and unite with the C. O. H. in large numbers so that you can all have a C. O. H. in reach of you. Send in your orders quickly for big bundles of papers to distribute free to the people. I shall be greatly pleased to furnish them to you free of charge post paid as long as the propaganda fund in our treasury lasts. See if you can arrange to take and distribute 25,000 copies monthly. Be heroes in this greatest educational work ever undertaken and future generations will place your statues in their halls of fame as the advance guard of civilization and enlightenment.

Remember that the members of other churches are dilligently working and paying to make them strong in numbers, wealth and power and that you are as free to do the same for your church. All churches are what their members make them. See to it that you do your part to make your organization as strong as any them. Then you will take as much pride in it as others do in theirs. The people will always believe religious superstitions until they are taught Kerr's discoveries. Do your part in the great task of making them known and in building up the C. O. H. to perpetuate them.

Remember that your own posterity must from necessity believe religious superstitions and be idolaters unless they are taught to know and accept these discoveries. There can be no other alternative. Send in your order on a post card for all the papers you can distribute monthly. Make your order for 250 copies or any multiple of it. Those of you who have not paid the bill I sent you some months ago will see a mark in this copy which will be the last copy mailed you until it is paid, or you write me that you will pay it and wish the paper mailed to you. I hope none will refuse to pay up and will continue their subscription to the paper. I will think those who do have not learned Kerr's discoveries and are unable to learn them. That would be very discouraging to me indeed. I have done my best to prove them true by citing you to sure proof of them. But when the subscription runs so far behind as some of you have allowed it to do I fear you have returned to the ranks of the idolaters and do not desire the truth taught and will never give a penny to have it done. If that is the case it is useless to mail you any more copies. But I hope it is not the case.

The Gideons Shouldn't Try to Make Hotels Worse Than They Are.

An order for 100,000 Bibles have been placed by the Gideons who have taken the task upon themselves to place a Bible in each hotel bedroom in the country. They seem to be over zealous to acquaint the inmates and patrons of hotels with the stories of the fall of man in the Bible. I admit it abounds in stories of the fall of both men and women, but Adam and Eve are not among them. They are such men as Lott, David and Solomon.

If there is any truth in the gossips about modern hotels they are bad enough now without learning anything about the debauchery of the Bible characters. When the people become really moral the Bible will be classed as an obscene book and its publication and sale prohibited by law.

The Kansas "Blue Sky" Law Should Include Dealers in Heavenly Stocks.

Because the people of Kansas are swindled out of thousands of dollars annually by agents of worthless stocks and bonds of fake companies the legislature this winter enacted a law requiring all such companies to submit a statement of their assets to the state bank commissioner for investigation and approval by him before they were allowed to sell stock in Kansas.

When the bill was introduced it was nick-named the "Blue Sky" bill. State Bank Commissioner Dolly said this law would save hundreds of thousands of dollars to Kansas people every year, that it was not generally known how much was filched from the pockets of Kansans every year by fake investment companies and that the figures were astounding.

But admitting all that is claimed the people are bilked out of by fake commercial companies it is not a circumstance to the amount they are swindled out of by religious corporations that are selling the people "mansions in the sky" in a "city paved with gold." When it comes to selling the people "blue sky" these religious corporations have the most worthless commercial corporations skinned to a frazzle. Why, the agents for stock in sky-mansions so far outclass all competitors in the cunning ability to unload worthless stock on the people that they can unload large blocks of it on the sharpest of the agents for worthless earthly stocks.

The Methodist Conference for Southwest Kansas held in this city recently reported a total collection of $506,993, an average of $16.36 per member in the last conference year. Four years ago Kansas reported a total of 458,190 church members. At the average payment per member as the Methodist reporter they buy worthless stock in that purely imaginary sky city to the value of $7,495,888.40 annually.

This is a confidence game that for downright wickedness in deceiving the innocent investor outranks all schemes so far devised for separating him from his money for worthless securities.

All agents and dealers offering to sell stock or property in any sky city to Kansans should be required by law to submit a statement of such assets to a commissioner who has learned Kerr's Discoveries for investigation as to their real value, and prospective purchaser should see his appraisement of their value before investing.

There Are no Souls to Save, Doctor, Put in More of Your Time Saving Bodies.

Rev. Dr. George W. Shelton of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has established an employment bureau in connection with his church and says in explanation of the innovation:

"The saving of bodies by providing means for sustenance for them lies just as much within the provience of the church as does the saving of souls."

The Rev. Doctor should learn Kerr's discoveries, teach them to his congregation and devote more of his time to his employment bureau.

The Reasons For the Title "Kerr's Discoveries" Given to My Discoveries.

You will notice in this issue that I have begun to give my discoveries in nature the title of "Kerr's Discoveries." The reasons for this change are that they are true discoveries and must have a permanent title to designate the discoverer of them and to identify them in order to facilitate their teaching. This is the permanent title by which I shall hereafter refer to them and I desire that all who write or speak of them or teach them do so under this title.

Kerr's discoveries are that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is permanently ended at death. These three primary discoveries necessarily include all minor ones depending on one or more of these for vitality such as that saviors, angels, ghosts, spirits, god-books, devils, purgatory, saints, hell and heaven, etc., do not exist in reality. These truths are all included in Kerr's discoveries but they are covered by the three primary ones and must from necessity die out in all minds that learn and accept the three primary discoveries.

Absurd Reasoning Sees Evidence of a God Where True Reasoning Sees Proof of No God.

Mrs. Edith Melber of Schenectady New York, murdered her loving little son by giving him carbolic acid to drink when he asked for water. Then, she said she kissed him, laid him on the ground and took the next car for town. When the child was found, identified and his mother arrested she confessed and was sent to prison for twenty years.

In her detection and punishment idolaters claim to see the hand and justice of a god and shure proof that one exists who knew all the time what was being done. Their reasoning is absurd. True reasoning sees in the murder of a trusting child that no god exists at all and that God, Christ, Holy Mary, saints, souls, spirits and angels are simply myths like Santa Claus.

Nature is the Only Infallible Source of the Truths of Nature.

The world of idolaters can be divided into two primary factions regarding what they believe to be the infallible source of truths—popes and bibles. But the fact is that both factions are mistaken. Popes and bibles are the most prolific source of lies on nature. That is the reason both factions are idolaters and will remain idolaters until they do as the Church of Humanity has done—reject both popes and bibles as the source of truth and choose nature as the only infallible source of the truths of nature.

All idolaters who wish to know the truths of nature must give up the false sources and accept the true source. When they do that the C. O. H. will welcome them to membership if they are able to read nature correctly.

Catholics go to the pope to learn the truths of nature. Protestants go to the Bible to learn the truths of nature. The Church of Humanity goes direct to nature to learn its truths and they are the only people who find the truths of nature. The moral is that if the Catholics and Protestants or any other people really wish to know the truths of nature they must look for them where the Church of Humanity does, and they must learn to read nature from the neutral or disinterested point of view or they will make the mistake Thomas Paine did and not find the truth. He tried to read "The Open Book of the Universe" while full of idolatry and religious superstitions which so clouded his vision and distorted his reasoning that it made him see evidences of the existence of a god and immortality where none exists, but where all who have the ability to read nature correctly can see sure proof that nature has no god and that man has no soul.

Notice!

Perhaps some trial subscriptions to this little educator have been donated to relatives and friends by parties desiring the people to know the truth about God and life. If any get it through the mails who did not subscribe for it this is the reason, and it will be discontinued when the time is up for which it is paid for unless the party receiving it renews the subscription.

Kerr's Discoveries are: The universe contains no real god, man contains no soul, life ends in each organism forever at death. Learn to repeat them from memory and then learn to see proof of them all around you and in every newspaper. When you see enough proof of them to convince you that they are true join the C. O. H. so that you can have society and fellowship with those who know the truth about God and life when we have enough members in a place to organize.

All do and ever will fear dying except those who desire to die, and they reject all means of ending life except those of their own selection. But those who know Kerr's Discoveries have no fears of anything hurting them after death.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Pres. C. O. H., Great Bend, Kansas: Having learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity.

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Nature Itself is the Only Infallible Criterion of Its Own Truths.

The truths of nature can only be ascertained by an appeal to nature. It is the only criterion of its own truths. It is the only infallible standard of absolute truth concerning itself and must ever be the arbiter and court of last resort for the final settlement of all questions regarding it. An appeal to nature must ever be permitted to all who take exceptions to the claims of any and all religions, bibles, popes, philosophies, theories and the conclusions of metaphical speculators and scientists. And when a case is settled by such an appeal it must be granted a rehearing if any new and material evidence is discovered in nature that seems to conflict with the original accepted decision. This is the only method by which the ever advancing progress in the knowledge of nature and its processes can be kept up-to-date and in harmony in all educational institutions. The truths of nature can be assertained only through our ability to understand correctly the meaning of facts learned by observation, investigation and experience in nature's processes. The greatest cause of errors being made in reading nature is the inability to read it from the disinterested viewpoint. Scientists, philosophers and metaphical spsculators have all alike read nature incorrectly concerning man's position in it owing to their idolatry and religious superstitions which they felt bound to support and defend by trying and p - tending to see proof of them where none exists. People can see and understand the position of all other animals in nature better than they can their own. All can study the position of the horse in nature from the disinterested viewpoint and understand that it never had a "fall" owing to disobedience of a command from a god; that it was never "redeemed" by a god's suicide; that it has no "soul;" that it will not be resurrected;" that there are no gods, saviors, devils, ghosts, angels or spirits to care for it any way; and that if it was exterminated the universe would coninue unchanged. Outside of man's circle of influence on this little planet his position in nature is identical with that of the horse or any other animal —utterly unknown and uncared for. The universe is not an intelligent organism in the aggregate and therefore knows nothing of its own existence nor of its own intelligent organisms such as man. Man can know of the existence of the earth, planets, suns and a little of the universe but none of these things can know of the existence of man. I define "nature" to mean and include the totality of the known universe and all its changes and processes as distinct from the artificial knowledge and works of man or that of any such beings on any other planet. But no material organism could possibly be a real god and there are no such things in nature as immaterial organisms. A knowledge of these discoveries kills all religious superstitions in all minds that learn it because they know that no gods, saviors, devils, souls angels, ghosts or spirits exist, and that all bibles and "sacred" writings are the works of man exclusively. A knowledge of these discoveries is absolutely necessary to the right understanding of all such works. All parents should see to it that their children are taught these discoveries before they are allowed to read religious superstitions or to hear any teacher of them. Then it will be much more difficult for idolaters to heathenize them. Kerr's discoveries make a complete revolution in the basis of civilization necessary and inevitable. Instead of teaching children to believe religious superstitions and to worship God and Christ under the belief that we are civilizing them we now see that such teaching is the heathenizing of them, and that to civilize them we must teach them that all religions are only superstitions, that no real god exists and that to believe otherwise is heathenism. All the world must now recognize and accept nature's decision for truth instead of that of popes, bibles and "sacred" history, and nature must be read and interpreted from the disinterested viewpoint to see and recognize its truths clearly. My lessons on first page shows how to study and understand the stories on nature in "sacred" histories by simply comparing them with nature from the disinterested viewpoint to ascertain absolute truth. To decide all questions relating to nature and its processes we must make nature itself the referee instead of bibles and popes and scientists. A true scientist will not object to submitting his claims to nature for confirmation and will cheerfully accept her verdict whether it be for or against them as it is absolute truth he seeks regardless of what it may be.

How the Christian Science Officials Missed a First Class Opportunity to Pull Off a Great Miracle and Fool the Fools.

The blundering stupidity with which the officials of the Christian Science church managed the burial of Mrs. Eddy shows that they were not onto their job as were those who managed the burial of Jesus.

Instead of managing to pull off a first-class miracle that would fool our race into worshipping Mrs. Eddy as the Daughter of God for ages they spoiled it all by taking precautions that no "miracle" could happen.

Mrs. Stetson and tens of thousands of Mrs. Eddy's followers were expecting her to come to life again and prove her teaching true that death is only "an error of mortal mind," and they were more than ready and willing to believe any deception that the officials would play on them.

Had the managers buried her secretly some night and then bribed some one to dress up in her clothing to impersonate her, proclaim her resurrection, give a grand reception to the faithful, tell them what to do, announce her departure for heaven, bid them all farewell and then step into a private room to prepare for the ascension, change outer garments with an aviator in there who would then get into the "Heavenly Flyer" awaiting him and be off for heaven in the sight of the multitude about dusk, under the shield of darkness come down in an uninhabited place selected in advance, burn his machine and Mrs. Eddy's garments and go about his business rejoicing with a few thousand dollars more to add to his bank account the world would now have a genuine, authenticated Daughter of God who would receive at least an equal share of its worship and adoration with the "Son of God" in a few years.

The lies that she had a ghost father, raised the dead, controled the elements and did many other "god-like" stunts could have been easily supplied and proven to the satisfaction of a world anxious to be duped by religious fakers. Nine-tenths of the people are ignorant enough to have believed them true, and the other tenth are cowardly enough and mean enough to have pretended to believe them under the belief that to do so would give them a better chance to financially skin the other nine-tenths in business.

What! The impersonator and aviator might tell the truth about the deception? Well, in that case none would believe him. They would be wicked infidels, atheists, liars, devils and a lot more things equally detestable who were enemies of God, religion, civilization, society and good morals.

Everybody would know they were lying because everybody knows God can have a daughter as well as a son and that in this age of woman's rights and abilities that a daughter can do about everything a son can ,and besides it would prove that God had been converted to believe in the equality of the sexes and had concluded to give them an equal share in the responsibility and management of the universe.

But those selfish men would not give God a daughter and they have taken extraordinary precautions to prevent others doing it by having her casket securely locked in a vault and well guarded day and night and then buried in concrete and steel.

God would not have had a son yet had those in charge of the burial of Jesus taken such precautions against deception. But since Jesus, 'the son of God," is a product of liars on nature and as nature is an open and free-for-all field for liars to exploit the probabilites are that within two or three decades Mrs. Eddy will be deified and worshiped as the Daughter of God and that much greater lies will be taught about her than 'here is now about Jesus. Then those who can tell the biggest lies about her will win the most converts and incidentally the largest salaries. No one would give a penny to employ any truthful and honest person to tell the truth about her. No one would want to listen to the truth nor to read it if furnished free. The primary reason that our race is a race of idolaters and will remain so indefinitely is that lies on nature is so much more delightful, pleasing, desirable and intertaining than the truth is to practically all people that they tell them freely themselves and hire others to tell them on fair to good salaries while they will neither listen to the truth nor read it nor employ any one to teach it.

Of such fools is our race composed. Is there any evidence that it will ever be otherwise. I must confess that I can see very little at present. But cometimes great mental changes begin to come over the people unexpectedly. The entire race may be rushing head-long in a certain direction gaining momentum daily until it seems irristible when something happens to check it and reverse its thought and energies. My discoveries may have that effect on the people's head-long rush into idolatry and heathenism sometime when these discoveries have well soaked into the minds of millions of parents who will conclude all at once to put a stop to the heathenizing of their children. Then there will be "something doing" in the organizing line by those parents.

Death From Fires Prove the Truth of Kerr's Discoveries.

Every death proves the truth of Kerr's discoveries to those who have the ability to correctly weigh the evidence it gives. It proves there is no god because such a being would necessarily have to be present when the person died and have the power and will to prevent it else it is not a god. Every death proves that no such a being was present, and being absent in even one case proves its absence in all cases and proves its nonexistence.

Every death proves the nonexistence of a soul in that person because were there such a thing it would and could make its presence known to the relatives and friends and stay with them instead of going any other place. When people are lost they never inquire the way to God, Jesus or heaven but for the way home. When idolaters are in imminent danger away from home they always pray to their idol for protection and aid in getting home. That proves conclusively that had people souls those souls would go home and stay there, and if they had intelligence and ability enough to communicate with "Jesus and the angels" they could and would do all the things at home they are supposed to do in 'heaven."

Deaths from fire seem to be specially conclusive proof that no god nor souls exist in reality. The following list of fatalities by fire should prove to all that there is no god to care how many people and their that there is no god to care for people "souls" roast in "hell" when it is seen in these fires which were as hot as the imaginary hell is:

Date.	Place	Lives Lost
1212	Londan destroyed	3,000
1666	London destroyed	Thousands
1799	Constantinople burned	7,000
1811	Theater at Richmond, Va.	70
1825	Fires in New Brunswick	160
1838	Buildings,, Charleston	Scores
1842	Hamburg, Germany	100
1845	Quebec	70
1847	St. Petersburg Theater	200
1850	Philadelphi	30
1851	3,00 bldg., San Francisco,	scores
1862	Troy, N. Y., destroyed	Scores
1863	Santiago	2,000
1866	Portland, Me	Scores
1871	Chicago	200
1871	Forest fire in Michigan	1,000
1876	Theater, Brooklyn	295
1881	Ring theater, Vienna	700
1881	Theater, St. Petersburg	800
1863	Santiago	2,000
1887	Opera, Paris	20
1887	Sxeter's, England	200
1888	Theater Philadelphia	scores
1888	Theater, Oporto	200
1891	Hheater, Philadelphia	10
1893	Opera, Cincinnati	Scores
1895	Front street, Baltimore	23
1897	Charity bazar, Paris	300
1897	Theater, Brussels	Scores
1897	Opera, Benton Harbor	11
1897	Opera House, Cincinnati	16
1897	Theater, Scotland	10
1901	Theater, Milwaukee	11
1902	Lincolt hotel, Chicago	14
1903	Theater, Chicago	600
1905	Flores, Mexico	250
1906	San Francisco fire	1,000
1908	Barnsley, England	16
1908	Boyerton, Pa., theater	160
1908	Hotel, Fort Wayne, Ind	16
198	School, Cleveland	178
1910	L. Fish, store, Chicago	12
1910	Forest fires, Minnesota	100
1910	Forest fires, Northwest	150
1911	Show, Bologoie, Russia	100

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LESSON VIII. ANALYZING A GOD. The New Testament.

People are beginning to be more cautious as to what they eat and are enacting pure food and drug laws requiring the manufacturers of them to label them with the true analysis of their compounds that all may know what they are admitting to their stomachs.

But I submit the proposition that it is of as great importance to feed the mind on pure truths as it is the body on pure foods. To the present time all manner of religious lies and superstitions have been stuffed into the minds of children for truths. This has resulted in producing a race of idolaters and heathens who have brought on the Dark Ages and will continue them until enough people can be taught Kerr's Discoveries to force the cessation of feeding children's minds on lies labeled truths, and compel the state to teach these discoveries to all children through the public schools for their protection against being heathenized.

The true nature of God, soul and the beginning and end of life, should be taught all children by the state because they are entitled to know the truth about these most important of all subjects. The truths about these subjects are fixed unalterably by nature and are to be classified as scientific truths which should be taught in all schools by state requirement.

But before the state can do that a majority of the people who compose the state must learn these discoveries through the C. O. H. and other societies that may be organized to teach them. So far this is the only society I know of that is organized and incorporated to teach them. It is very important that all should join this church as soon as they learn these discoveries to give it power and influence to combat the societies teaching untruths.

I shall now proceed to analyze Jesus, the latest god set up for idolatry by our race, and give the true composition of this character that all may know how much is pure lies that they have been taking into their minds for truths. Before joining any church all should insist on knowing what it teaches concerning God, soul and the nature of death, and before they accept that teaching they should insist on finding out if that teaching be true or not before uniting with a church. Any church that refuses to help to give true information on these matters to prospective joiners should be discarded at once by them as deceivers and they should seek the church willing to give them true information that they may act intelligently in joining it. No one should join or aid any church or society founded on untruths and engaged in spreading and perpetuating them.

In the composition of this god we must recognize the blending of two distinct characters—one a possible, real man who was a religious fanatic named Jesus and the other a pure creation of fiction named Jesus Christ whose imaginary acts being ascribed to Jesus make an unnatural man of him and cause him to be thought of as a god and idolized as such.

In analyzing this god I shall endeavor to separate these two characters by pointing out what belongs to each.

The Story of Jesus' Parentage

Matthew is the first book of the new testament and it begins the history of Jesus by giving his paternal lineage through Joseph, his mother's husband, to Abraham, 42 generations. That may be the natural parentage of the possible Jesus. But Matthew then denies that Joseph is the father of Jesus and disconnects him with this natural parentage and introduces this imiganary Jesus Christ by reputing to him the parentage of a god through a holy ghost in the following lies:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When, as his mother, Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child by the holy Ghost. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

This yarn is a pure fabrication by the author of Matthew or simply a chimney corner ghost story he picked up from people who were not intelligent enough to have anything more interesting to talk about. We can easily recognize the "ear marks" of its fictitious nature when we know the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, holy ghost or angel. The parties most interested in the parantage of Jesus—Mary, Joseph and Jesus—never wrote a word about this holy ghost business and God and the holy ghost being only imaginary characters could not know anything about it themselves.

This is the beginning of the two characters—one the son of Joseph or some other natural father and the other the son of a non-existing character.

One, probably a real person, named Jesus, the other a character of fiction named Jesus Christ. The blending of the two into one character forms the god the Christian part of the world blindly worships and seeks to induce the balance of our race to worship by persuasion and force. Will the world accept this composite character as an idol in blind faith, ignorance and stupidity? No woman ever did or ever will have a child that has not a material male father because it is not a fact in nature that such a thing can happen. All who affirm that Jesus had no earthly and natural father are simply lying on nature and creating a god named Jesus Christ in the minds of the ignorant composed of lies as all gods are.

More Lies on Nature to Make a God of Jesus.

As no man can be made a god of except through lies on nature Matthew seems to be "onto his job" by introducing many such lies in making a god of Jesus. The star that guided the wise men to the infant Jesus recorded in Matt. 2:9 we will designate lie No. 1 because no such phenomenon ever did happen or ever will happen. Stars are not entelligent entities and know nothing of their own existence or of that of anything else and they are not controlled by any intelligent being whatever. This story is only a bit of religious superstition that I classify as religious lies on nature. It is a shame and extremely disgraceful that all colleges and universities in Christendom teach these plain lies on nature in the Bible for truths.

Verse 13 records lie No. 2 concerning a warning to Joseph in a dream by the "Angel of the Lord." There is no "Lord" and no "Angel" in the universe to give anyone warning about anything. Verses 19 and 20 records lie No. 3 concerning another "Angel of the Lord" appearing to Joseph in a dream to notify him of the death of the child's enemies

Lie No. 4 in Matt. 3:16, 17 says he, Jesus "saw the spirit of God decending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." There being no god and no heaven and no "Spirit of God" this is only a lie on nature to make of a poor ignoramus an idol for fools to worship, as all who worship Jesus are fools to that extent.

Matt. 4: 1 to 5 records lie on nature No. 5 about Jesus being "tempted of the devil" to change stones to bread when he was hungry. There being no such a being as a real devil in the universe it is easy to recognize this lie.

Verses 5 to 8 record lie No. 6 about the devil placing Jesus on a pinnacle of a temple and daring him to jump down. When we know there is no such a being as a devil we know this story is a lie on nature.

Verses 8 to 11 records lie No. 7 similar to the last one. The devil takes Jesus to a high mountain and shows him all the kingdom of the world and offers them all to Jesus if he would worship him. This all shows that the author of it did not know that the earth is round. He imagined all the world could be seen from the top of a high mountain. A person could not see more than half of it were he on a mountain top a million miles high, and then he would need a good telescope to aid his sight in making out the "glory" of the different kingdoms.

Verses 23 to 25 records lie No. 8 wherein Jesus is reported as healing all manner of sickness and disease, curing palsy and lunacy and casting out devils. Since the devil is only a myth no one was ever cast out of anybody by Jesus or anyone else, and as Jesus seems to have been a religious fanatic during the last years of his life he was engaged in making people lunatics to the extent of believing in his religious delusions instead of curing them. His sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5:6 and 7 abounds in religious lies, superstitious, ignorance, falsehoods, idolatry and the impractical and foolish advice of the religious fanatic. But it must be remembered that Jesus did not write a word of the Bible and that we have no assurance that he ever did or said a thing attributed to him in it by its authors. Jesus as well as Christ may be and probably is a purely fictitious character. These New Testament books were written doubtlessly many years after Jesus' death and then only from hearsay, imperfect memory or from conjecture and imagination of the authors. It is really immaterial to us whether Jesus is a real historical character or a purely mythical one. He certainly is not a god nor the son of one and all who worship him in prayer or songs of praise are simply idolaters and heathens on a level with all other idol worshipers.

Those engaged in the manufacture and sale of the Jesus Christ-god to people who are crazy to have a god to worship should be compelled by law to label their output 99 per cent pure fiction to protect the ignorant idolaters from buying it to feed their minds on under the belief that it is all pure truth.

(To be continued.)

A Copy of a Letter Sent to Each of the Four Men Announced to Address the Hamburg Congress.

Dear Sir: Having been invited to attend the first Monistic Congress at Hamburg, September 8 to 11, and seeing your name as one of the speakers to be there I write to ask you to please give me the title of your discourse to be delivered then, and also the basis you will suggest for the proposed International Monistic Federation to be organized at that time. Have you learned, accepted and are teaching the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is ended forever at death as the most important ones for the basis of the proposed International Monistic Federation

Under another cover I am mailing you 18 copies of back numbers of our church paper. Please examine them and let me know if you indorse and accept the teachings of this church. Prof. Ernst Haeckel is a member of the Church of Humanity and I would like to see its discoveries made the basis of the proposed Monistic Federation. Then I would feel justified in aiding it all I can.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. KERR,

Pres. C. O. H.

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An Open Warning Letter to Haeckel to Not Allow Those Ignorant of Kerr's Discoveries to Dominate the Hamburg Congress.

Professor Ernst Haeckel, Jena, Germany. Dear Sir: You are to be chairman of the Hamburg Congress, September 8 to 11, that is to launch a world movement for the promulgation of the scientific truths about God and life with the object of overthrowing idolatry and religious superstitions in the human race, if I understand the object of this world congress correctly.

As chairman of that congress you will be in a position to guide its deliberations and conclusions in the narrow path of exact truth concerning these vital subjects. With your knowledge of the great modern discoveries that the universe containe no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends life in each human being forever you are well equipped for the task of founding a world movement on those discoveries to spread and perpetuate them until our race is redeemed from idolatry of all gods and belief in all religious mythologies.

But I most earnestly warn you that extremely few people know these grand modern scientific discoveries on which that movement of an awakening world should be based and must be based to be of any value in the task of overthrowing idolatry and heathenism in our race. Doubtless a large majority of the delegates to that congress have not learned these vital discoveries and will do all they can to prevent the proposed world movement being based on them with the object of overthrowing religious mythologies. I beg of you to stand firmly as a Towering Light of the World on these positively discovered truths of nature and make them the foundation of this world movement. and the propagation and perpetuation of them its primary object. Let none have a guiding hand in the councils of that congress who will not learn and accept these discoveries and be willing to make them the basis of the movement.

The two proposed American delegates, Messrs. Wakeman and Morton, to be sent by American Freethinkers to represent them at the congress, while both are fine gentlemen so far as I know, yet neither of them have learned these vital discoveries and will refuse to make them the base and object of the proposed world movement on that account. They will probably insist on "The Nine Demands of Liberalism" being made the basis of an organizatoion at Hamburg after revising them to adjust them to an international society. Those demands are as follows:

"Platform—The Nine Demands of Liberalism.

1. We demand that churches and other ecclesiastical property shall be no longer exempt from taxation.

2. We demand that the employment of chaplains in congress in the legislatures, in the navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all other institutions supported by the public money, shall be discontinued.

3. We demand that all public appropriations for educational and charitable institutions of a sectarian character shall cease.

. We demand that all religious services now sustained by the government shall be abolished; and especially that the use of the Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly, as a text-book or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited.

5. We demand that the appointment, by the president of the United States, or by the governors of the various states, of all the religious festivals and fasts shall wholly cease.

6. We demand that the judicial oath in the courts, in all other departments of the government shall be abolished, and that simple affirmation under the pains and penalties of perjury shall be established in its stead.

7. We demand that all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath shall be repealed.

8. We demand that all laws looking to the enforcement of "Christian" morality shall be abrogated and that all laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality, equal rights and impartial liberty.

9. We demand that not only in the Constitution of the United States and of the several states, but also in the practical administration of the same, no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to Christianity or any other special religion; that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis; and whatever changes shall prove necessary to this end shall be consistently, unflinchingly and promptly made."

They are used as the basis or platform of Freethought societies here in opposition to the churches and clergy. They were formulated by some Deists, Spiritualists and Agnostics who were opposed to some features of the present regime as a common platform for the dissatisfied of these three classes.

You will note a total absence of any mention of Kerr's Discoveries or any demand for their teaching. That is because none of those people know them and do not believe them.

In these demands they have the "cart before the horse" because none of them will be or can be granted until Kerr's Discoveries are taught to the people first and a majority of them learn and accept them.

You will recognize the necessity of placing things in their logical order by insisting on the importance of giving the people a knowledge of these discoveries before asking them to do things that only those who have that knowledge will do.

Therefore, I beg of you not to be persuaded to abandon these discoveries by people under any name who do not know them and who will seek to foist their errors or ignorance on the Hamburg Congress.

I also take the liberty to warn you to not allow these discoveries of over towering importance to all else to be shoved into the back ground by delegates who know not their priceless value who will attend the congress to try to make the society it organizes stand for and promulgate all manner of political, economic and social reforms they happen to be interested in.

You are the most illustrious member of the Church of Humanity and you know it is based on these marvelous discoveries with the object of making them known to all the world in time. I hope you will use all your powers to organize a world movement with the same basis and object as this church has at the Hamburg Congress.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

A Critical Examination Into the Meaning of Monism, And An Appeal to Nature to See if That Meaning Is True to Nature.

In view of the coming Monistic Congress at Hamburg, Germany, in September to which I have been kindly invited to attend and aid it is my imperative duty to make a thorough investigation into the meaning of Monism to see if that meaning is true to nature before I can give it my indorsement and aid. It would be very inconsistent in me to advise people to find out what a church teaches and if that teaching be true to nature before uniting with it or giving it financial aid and then ignore that advice myself when asked to join and support a society organized to teach something about nature.

The further fact that Freethinkers who will not accept Kerr's Discoveries and join the C. O. H. to aid in promulgating them are willing to be identified as Monists and to go as delegates to this congress in aid of it creates a strong suspicion that it means something in opposition to to these discoveries. This fact should put the members of the C. O. H. on their guard and make them doubly cautious in accepting Monism without giving it a critical examination.

We shall now proceed to seek information on Monism from all sources at hand The first witness called is Webster's Dictionary which defines it and comments on it as follows:

"Monism, 1 That dictrine which refers all phenomena to a single ultimate constituent or agent; the opposite dualism."

This definition appears vague and susceptible of contradictory meanings. Monism can not be accepted by the C. O. H. under this definition until it is explained what is understood by the "a single ultimate constituent or agent" and it is then seen to be in harmony with the truth. Following this definition is this explanatory note: "The doctrine has been held in three generic forms; matter and its phenomena have been explained as a modification of mind, involving an idealistic Monism; or mind has been explained by and resolved into matter, giving a materialistic Monism; or, thirdly, matter, mind, and their phenomena have been held to be manifestations or modifications of some one substance, like the substance of Spinoza, or a supposed unknown something of some evolutionists, which is capable of an objective and subjective aspect." According to these explanations, if I understand them correctly, the first form—idealistic Monism—is a theaory or belief that mind is the primary object or element in the universe and all substance is only mind in different forms and states. This theory being absolutely untrue to nature must be instantly and emphatically rejected by the C. O. H.. It is simply the Pantheistic God-idea of idolaters which is diametrically opposed to the truths of nature known as Kerr's Discoveries.

The second form—materialistic Monism—seems to me to be only a restatement of the first form in a different way, but the difference must be in the superstition that regards substane unreal in one case and mind substance in the other. As it is not true to nature that mind resolves into matter, the C. O. H. must reject materialistic Monism also. Both these forms regard mind as an independent element and the primary one in the universe from which substance and all its phenoment are derived—the original creator and governor of all things. This is simply the god-idea of idolaters under the name of Monism. God is here named mind and idolaters will recognize, idolize and worship him as mind.

The third form of the monistic theory that regards mind and substance as separate, independent, co-ordinate elements of some unknown something is likewise untrue to nature and must be rejected by the C. O. H. Mind is not a self-existing entity as it is thought to be in all these Monistic theories. Hence Monism must be flatly rejected by the C. O. H. under all of Webster's definitions and explations of its various theories.

The second witness called to define Monism is the Encyclopedia Britanica. It says, volume 23, page 234: "Whereas pantheism regards all finite things as merely aspects modifications, or parts of one eternal selfisting being—all material objects and all particular minds as necessarily derived from a single infinite substance—and thus combines, in its conception of the Divine, monism and determminism, theism as monotheism, while accepting Monism, rejects determinism, and attributes to the Devine all that is essentially implied in free personal existence and agency."

This explanation is equivalent to saying that pantheists, theists and monotheists are all monists and vice versa, and that they are all believers in "the Divine" which is a recognized name for a god. According to this explanation monism must be recognized as a false theory because it is untrue to nature and the C. O. H. can not aid it in any way, but must oppose it.

But before we do that we shall call our third witness, comrade Ernst Haeckel, and let him tell what he understands monism to mean.

On page 20 of "The Riddle of the Universe" he says:

"Monism, on the contrary (likewise taken in its widest sense), recognizes one sole substance in the universe, which is at once "God and nature," body and spirit (or matter and energy) it holds to be inseparable. The extramundane God of dualism leads necessarily to theism; and the intramundane God of the monist leads to pantheism.

The different ideas of monism and materialism, and likewise the essentially distinct tendencies of theoretical and practical materialism, are still very frequently confused. As this and other similar cases of confusion of ideas are very prejudicial, and give rise to innumerable errors, we shall make the following brief observations, in order to prevent misunderstanding.

1. Pure monism is identical neither with the theoretical materialism that denies the existence of spirit, and disolves the world into a heap of dead atoms, nor with theoretical spiritualism (lately entitled 'energetic' spiritualism by Ostwald(which rejects the notion of matter, and considers the world to be a specially arranged group of 'energies' or immaterial natural forces.

2. On the contrary, we hold, with Goethe, that "matter" cannot exist and be operative without spirit, nor spirit without matter. We adhere firmly to the pure, unequivocal monism of Spinoza: Matter, or infinitely extended substance, and spirit 'or energy,' or sensative and thinking substance, are the two fundamental at-

tributes or principal properties of the all-embracing divine essence of the world, the universe substance."

The title of the 18th chapter of the same book is "Our Monistic Religion" and in it he speaks of blending the two ideas of religion and science into one under the name of monism making of it a connecting link between them—a sort of harmonious compromise platform whereon the scientist and religionist could meet in union and harmony.

In this work it is clearly seen that Haeckel considers Monism a religion that believes God and spirit realities.

By an appeal to nature we find that no such real characters or entities exist in the universe. Hence monism is only a religious system of untruths on nature like all other religions. But does Comrade Haeckel hold the same theories now? This book was written by him more than ten years ago while he was a member of an idolatrous church. Since then he has formally united with the Church of Humanity and withdrawn from membership in the other. He knows that the C. O. H. is founded on the discoveries that the universe contains no real god nor spirit, that man contains no soul and that life ends forever at death. He can not believe the teaching of this church and the beliefs expressed in The Riddle of the Universe concerning God and spirit at the same time. I hope he has thoroughly abandoned his errors on these subjects expressed above and accepted without any reservation the discoveries taught by the C. O. H.. I accepted his application for membership in good faith and I firmly believe he made it in good faith and thoroughly knows the truths it teaches. But while Comrade Haeckel has found the truth, rejected his errors and united with the C. O. H. other monists have not done so. They are still religionists, deists and spiritualists. Therefore the members of the C. O. H. should not give this monistic congress any support in any way until there is some assurance that it will be controled by those who know Kerr's Discoveries and will use it in the promotion of these grand truths of nature. I shall do what I can to get this assurance in time for our members to aid it if the assurance is favorable.

But I believe the name of our society should be adopted at this Hamburg Congress for the name of the proposed international society if it is to be based on the same truths with the same object in view. But in view of the conflicting ideas that monism admits from the above definitions it will be a safe prediction that the Hamburg congress will develop into a "confusion of tongues" when the Deists, Spiritualists and Agnostics who will go as delegates begin to air their ignorance. It will be a Herculean task for Comrade Haeckel to whip them into line with the truths of nature which must be done if any good will come of the congress. He should see to it that the congress is not disgraced by any compromise with idolatry and religious superstitions whatever.

While Cleaning House, Back Yard and Alley Don't Forget to Clean Up the Mind of Old Heathen Junk.

This is clean-up season of the year when the people and "City Dads" take a pride in the necessary duty of cleaning up the home, city and surroundings of accumulated filth and old junk during the last winter because it is an "eye sore," disease breeder and indicates laziness and indifference to pleasant surroundings to let it remain. Besides there are laws and ordinances to compel those to do so who will not do it voluntarily for their own good and the good and safty of their neighbors.

But there is a much more important clean-up to be made that is being overlooked. It is the clean-up of the mind. The mind of our race has not had a general cleaning in its history. All minds are full of the accumulated filth, rubbish and old junk of our race that should be cleaned out. This conglomerate mass of incumberance to modern minds is a great handicap to their progress in enlightenment and civilization and the sooner it is cleaned out the better it will be for all.

This obnoxious heathen junk in all minds handed down from generation to generation for untold ages is a prolific breeder of ignorance, idolatry, religious superstitions, lies on nature, foolishness, idiocy, wars, strife and a continual menace and source of danger to the peace, dignity and progress of our race. This accumulated mass of heathen junk consists of gods, devils, souls, spirits, ghosts, angels, heaven, hell purgatory, saints, immortality and minor superstitions too numerous to mention. Those who will not voluntarily clean their minds of this vile stuff should be compelled by law to do so as they are to clean up their back alley for their own good as well as for the good and safety of their neighbors and the community in general. The only solvent that can decompose and clear the mind of this accumulated mind-rubbish is Kerr's Discoveries. All should take large mental doeses of the proof of these discoveries regularly every morning, noon and night and double the dose on Sundays until their mind is thoroughly purged of this heathen accumulation. Children should be given regular doses of it in early life as a disinfectant or inoculation to prevent them catching religion and loading their minds with this old heathen junk. All schools, colleges and universities should employ competent persons well educated in the evidences and proofs of Kerr's Discoveries to teach them to all their students and cure them of idolatry and heathenism and all manner of religious superstitions.

The World Is Yet Floundering in the "Dark Ages" Which Can be Dispelled Only by Kerr's Discoveries

Some speak and write of the "Dark Ages" as though they are now past, when in reality we are living in the midst of them with no prospect of getting through them until Kerr's Discoveries become generally known by all the world.

The idolaters in each of the great systems of religious superstitions are still contending for the supremecy and mastery over the world and will continue to do so until wars of extermination leaves one of them triumphant. Japan had to arm herself heavily and lick a great Christian nation to prevent the Christianizing of herself by force.

China is now beginning to see that she must follow Japan's method and arm herself to the ability of licking any Christian country to prevent her religious superstitions being shot out of her and the Christian superstition shot into her by Christian Dreadnaughts.

The following news item shows how idolaters in two rival religions are preparing for the mighty struggle for world supremacy:

"Just now there is a notable revival of activity in the world of Mohammendanism, and the aggresive propaganda of Islam is leading to a mighty struggle with Christianity in several countries in the old world. This is true in India and Africa; and the followers of Mohammed are showing special zeal in pushing into the new field of Japan. In Turkey the changed order of things is said to be working for the strengthening of Islam as a political power, rather than for the far reaching tolerance.

Translations of recent Moslem publications show that converts in goodly numbers are claimed in Russia and Germany, and even in London and Paris. They make the bold assertion that Christianity is losing ground, and predict that the wold will gradually come under the dominion of Islam. To Christians this seems a most fantastic dream, but it indicates the enthusiasm and confidence with which Mohammedanism is keeping up the fight of centuries."

The greatest religious wars are yet to be fought, compared with which all of the past ones were merely advance guard skirmishes. It is inevitable that our entire race will be forced by shot and shell into accepting one system of religious lies unless it can be averted by a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries in the ranks of idolaters before it is too late.

Back of the insanely extravagant preparations for war in most Christian nations is the desire to Christianize the world by force.

Sir Oliver Lodge's "Scientific" Point of View Is Only the Spiritualistic.

A common failing of idolatrous scientists is to mistake their viewpoint to be that of a scientist when it is only that of the idolater.

Sir Oliver Lodge made this mistake in addressing the National Free Church Council on "The Christian Revelation from a Scientific Point of View." Mr. Lodge is a reputed scientist but is also a Spiritualist and when speaking on this subject he was speaking from the latter point of view, but like many other idolatrous scientists perhaps honesty imagined he was treating the subject from the viewpoint of the scientist. The people should remember that when a scientist defends idolatry and religious superstitions that he temporarily sheds his scientific mind to give it a rest while he dons his heathen mind to give it some exercise. Some scientists may feel under the necessity of working their heathen mind occasionally to maintain themselves while working their scientific mind because the world of idolaters will buy only the product of the heathen mind.

In one sentence he says:

"Do not let us imagine that existence hereafter is something so wholly remote and different that we cannot learn by the testimony of experience here."

Were he speaking from the true view point of a scientist he should have said: "Do not let us imagine that there is any conscious existence hereafter for the testimony of all observation, investigation and experience of scientists prove there is no god, soul nor inmortality."

Remember that scientists are also idolaters and believers in religious superstitions but that they can prove their scientific claims true to any one who will examine the evidence but their religious claims have no evidence in nature to be examined.

The Inevitable Results of Idolatry.

In the rioting between rival sects during the religious festivities of the Mohammedans while celebrating the Muharram, the first month of the Mohammedan year, at Bombay, India, twenty-four people were killed, and many seriously wounded. The fighting is between the Sunnites, the orthodox sect, and the Shaibs, the second great division of the church. Led by fanatics, the Mohammedans charged the police repeatedly but were beaten back by soldiers who used ball cartridges. The soldiers were perhaps Christian idolaters and were doubtless glad of an opportunity to kill the Mohammedan idolaters. Idolatry has always produced such results and always will until all people learn Kerr's Discoveries.

Copy of a Letter to Haeckel.

Great Betnd, Kansas, May 15, 1911:

Prof. Ernst Haeckel, Jena, Germany.

Dear Comrade: I write to thank you for having an invitation sent me by the Deutscher Monistenbund Ortsgruppe Hamburg, E. V., to attend the First Monisten Congress at Hamburg, September 8 to 11.

But it is useless for me to attend it because in the first place I do not know the German language and could neither talk nor understand it, and in the second place the most disinguished member of our church will be there to represent the Church of Humanity—Ernst Haeckel.

However, American money could be used to advantage and I am able to contribute a little to promote the Congress if I can be assured that it will take the advanced position the C. O. H. has and will make its truths the basis of a world movement to overthrow idolatry and religious superstitions on this planet.

Can you give me any assurance that those who are to address the Congress know the discoveries taught by the C. O. H. and will advocate an international movement based on them to teach the people in the plainest words that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is ended forever at death?

There are Freethought editors and societies in this country but they have not learned these great discoveries and seem unable to learn them.

I understand that they are raising funds to send T. B. Wakeman and J. F. Morton to the Monist Congress to represent the Freethinkers of the United States. But neither of these gentlemen know the discoveries taught by our church and consequently are unable to represent it at said Congress or any other place.

I can not aid any movement dominated by Deists, Spiritualists or Agnostics, because they will not learn and teach the discoveries taught by the C. O. H., which is necessary to do to destroy the ignorance and superstitions on which idolatry is founded.

But if the coming Hamburg Congress can be controlled and guided by people who know these great modern discoveries and will base their organized movements on them for their promulgation and perpetuation then I can give it my heartiest support and co-operation.

Please find out for me what the ideas of those who are to address the Congress are on the God, soul and immortality subjects, and what they intend to make the basis of their proposed International Monistic Federation and let me know that I may decide intelligently what amount of financial aid to offer the promoters of the Hamburg Congress.

Under another cover I am mailing you 18 copies of different numbers of our church paper. I mailed each of the four speakers and the seven committeemen the same number.

I hope you will do all you can to place the movement on the same basis as the Church of Humanity has.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Pres. C. O. H., Great Bend, Kansas: Having learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name .....

Address .....

A Powerful Argument to Haeckel and the Hamburg Congress to Found a World Movement to Teach the People Kerr's Discoveries to Redeem Them From Idolatry.

The fact that all schools, colleges and universities of the world conducted by individuals, societies, states and nations inforce idolatry on their students and teach them religious lies on nature for truths is the most powerful argument that can be presented to Comrade Haeckel and the Hamburg Congress in favor of the inauguration at that time of a world movement based on Kerr's Discoveries to teach them to all the world to redeem it from idolatry and belief in all religious mythologies.

There will be idolaters at that congress as delegates who will claim that all religions are dying out and will urge the founding of a new religion for the people to keep them from "deserting God" and becoming unreligious. The facts are that the world is more idolotrous today than ever before in its history. All who worship God and Jesus Christ or believe they are real beings must be classified as idolaters. More temples for idolatry are being built than ever before and their number is increasing daily by leaps and bounds. More money is invested in idolatry than ever before and it is increasing astonishingly fast. More people are devoting their lives to teaching idolatry than ever before and their number is rapidly increasing. In fact every school, college and university is a temple of idolatry and all the educators in them are idolaters and teachers of it by practice and precept. This may seem extravagant claims to Agnostics who are as full of religious superstitions themselves as their minds can hold. Only those who know Kerr's Discoveries can realize that we are living in a world of idolaters in the very darkest of the Dark Ages which is growing darker all the time. In this, the supposed most enlightened country, the state teaches the children religious lies on nature and forces them to practice idolatry and forces their parents to pay for this heathenizing of their children. The only reason the jails are not full of parents who object to this heathenizing of their children is that they are such confirmed heathens themselves that they desire the state to inforce it on their children. For years I have been trying to introduce Kerr's Discoveries to the highest educational institutions in the United States by mailing the 450 leading colleges and universities copies of this educator. Some of them complained to the postal authorities and wanted the mailing of the paper prohibited. I then asked permission of the colleges and universities to mail it free to them. Only 25 of them gave me permission to do so and they were for the most part very indifferent about it. A large majority ignored my request although I sent them a paid reply card. But 115 of them notified me to send them no more copies. While some of them were polite about it others were very insulting. I shall publish these refusals in order to place them before Comrade Haeckel and the Hamburg congress as the most powerful argument to show the necessity for a world movement inaugurated by its leading scientist and most advanced students of nature to make Kerr's Discoveries known to the world that our race may be redeemed from idolatry and belief in religious mythologies.

I shall give the name of the educational institution, the state it is in and the body of the reply to my request.

Midland College, Kansas: Many thanks for your offer but in reply will say that we do not wish to receive any copies of your publication here at Midland College. Please respect our wishes.

Westerminster College, Missouri: There is no use in your sending any copies of your paper. We destroy them.

Missouri Valley College, Missouri: Please do not send them.

Kalamazoo College, Michigan: Your card of the 18th inst., offering to furnish certain copies of Truth About God and Life duly received. We do not care to accept your offer.

Saint Olof College, Minnesota: In reply to your favor of the 18th inst., will say that your paper is not wanted at St. Olof College.

Macalester College, Minnesota: Have distributed two issues. You need send no more because our faculty refuse to read them. Regard them as not worth while. Thank you for your generosity.

Urbana University, Ohio: Your papers have gone directly into the waste basket each time—so you may as well save your expense and my time.

Henry Kendall College, Oklahoma: Your papers will not be circulated—nor will they be received. If they reach us they go in the waste basket.

Indiana Central University, Indiana: Copies of your paper have been coming to us. I must be frank to say that they find no response in our intellectual and religious life.

Hobart College, New York: Not interested.

Upsala College, New York: We are not in sympathy with the movement. Kindly do not send any copies of "The Truth About God and Life."

University of Wooster, Ohio: Please discontinue sending your Truth, etc. It don't meet with such views as we have.

St. John's University, Minnesota: We do not care to have you send "The Truth About God and Life" to us, as we have no time for such unscientific matter.

Case School of Applied Science, Ohio: We have thrown the papers you mention in the waste basket—please do not send any more.

Pennsylvania Military College, Pennsylvania: We are Christians here or try to be what Christians should be. Your paper does not appeal to us.

Haverford College, Pennsylvania: It's probably not necessary to continue the paper.

Canisius College, New York. No.

Otterbein University, Ohio: We have not received your papers for some time. You may discintinue sending them.

Buchtel College, Ohio: From the experience here with your paper I consider it an unwise expenditure of money to send your papers here.

Taylor University, Indiana: Your card of 18 inst., at hand. The faculty here have developed the spiritual faculty so can appreciate spiritual truth, a power you seem to be without. We will pray for you that your eyes may be opened to the falsehood you are spreading. Of course lovers of the truth do not wish your papers.

Mississippi College, Mississippi: O None. Not any.

Iowa Christian College, Iowa: We do not care for your paper, "The Truth About God and Life" as it seems to us to be the opposite of truth.

Carthage College, Illinois: You will do us the favor sir of crossing out our name on your mailing list. Hoping you will comply with our wish sir.

Hope College, Michigan: I have no sympathy whatever with your publication and refuse to receive it and would not think of distributing the paper.

Shurtleff College, Illinois: Your card of the 18th inst., with regard to "The Truth About God and Life," is received. In reply I will say that none of us here are in sympathy with your mission.

Potomac University, District of Columbia: Don't want them.

Proseminar College, Illinois: I acknowledge the receipt of 25 copies of "The Truth About God and Life." Since we have no use for it, I cannot encourage the sending of it any more.

Rochester Ath. and Mech. Institute, New York: The faculty of our school are not sufficiently interested in your paper, "The Truth About God and Life," to make it worth your while continuing to send it.

Leland University, Louisana: Leland University is a fairly settled institution. The present faculty have arrived at their present convictions as the result of thorough investigation in the volumes of recorded learning. You are without hope, without God, without a foundation for ethics. The only place where your dreary regime could be preached would be surrounded by Christians who pity you.

Spring Hill College, Alabama: Can not distribute paper.

Massachusetts Agricultural College, Mass: I have your card of January 18. I think that we do not care to distribute among our college officers the publication which you issue.

Rock Hill College, Maryland: Sir: Don't you dare to send us any more of your blasphemous writings. This is a Catholic school—select and intellectual. We are tired out consigning them to the public privy—the only purpose they are fit for. We regard dessemators of such pernicious literature as the very worst enemies our country has today, the forerunners of anarchy and of free lovism. 'Begone, Satan.'

Smith College, Massachusetts: As there is no interest in your publication here will you kindly discontinue sending them. They are simply thrown into the waste basket.

Columbia University, New York: We find that our instructors do not care to have your publication.

Richmond College, Verginia: My office will not be able to handle your papers as you suggest.

Auburn Theological Seminary, New York: I thank you for your kind offer, while we must decline.

Erskine College, South Carolina: We do not desire your paper.

Middleburg College, Vermont: Please discontinue sending your publication to this college.

Western College, Ohio: In reply to your card of January 18, permit me to say we are not interested in the printed matter you have been sending to the address of this college. May we ask you to discontinue sending it.

Bethany College, West Virginia: We do not care for your rot at Bethany College.

Ohio Northern University, Ohio: The 25 copies of "The Truth About God and Life" have all gone into the waste basket.

Anherst College, Massachuetts: Do not trouble to continue sending your publication.

Shorter College, Georgia: Will be glad if you will not mail any more of your papers to this institution. We are entirely out of harmony with your views.

Earlham College, Indiana: I do not distribute the copies of "The Truth About God and Life" which you send me.

St. John's College, District of Columbia. Have received your paper for some time past. It is of no use to us so you may kindly discontinue sending it.

Pacific University, Oregon: Please discontinue sending copies of your paper to my address.

Benedict College, South Carolina: Your papers are not wanted here.

Newberry College, South Carolina: The papers you refer to have arrived promptly month by month, and just as promptly pitched into the fire.

Princeton Theol. Sem., New Jersey: Thanking you for your offer, I beg leave to say that our faculty and students do not care for the periodical you have been sending, and I suggest the discontinuance of copies to us.

Radcliffe College, Massachusetts: Please do not send copies of "The Truth About God and Life" to this college.

Hartford Theol. Seminary, Connecticut: As the members of this institution are all conscious of immortality and of the pressence of God in their lives, I am afraid it would be in vain for you to send your paper entitled "The Truth About God and Life" to them. I cannot encourage your continuing such needless expense.

Ottawa University, Kansas: We do not care for your publication.

Claflin University, South Carolina: We can not use the papers to advantage you are so kindly sending us.

Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia: Replying to card just received I would say that some of the papers of which you speak were received. After examining them they were promptly consigned to the fire. I have no wish for more. May God keep you from printing this mad folly further.

Knoxville College, Tennessee: The faculty of Knoxville College do not wish your publication.

Angela College, New York: This is a Roman Catholic College. We can not distribute the literature you refer to.

Arkansas Cillege, Arkansas: You may discontinue mailing matter suggested in your recent inquiry.

University of Idaho, Idaho. We have no use for your publications.

Presbyterian College, Florida: Not wanted.

Bellevue College, Nebraska: You may keep your papers for yourself. They are not wanted here. One who has set himself up as you have as an enemy of God and righteousness deserves only to have his work destroyed by fire and to receive the just judgment which he shall hear when at the last he shall bow his unwilling knee before his Maker and acknowledge Him as Lord of all.

University of Chattanooga, Tennessee: It is not necessary for you to continue sending publications to the University of Chattanooga.

This is a fair sample of the way the educational institutions of this country reject Kerr's Discoveries and shows the need of the Hamburg Congress founding an international society to make them known to the educators in all such institutions throughout the world.

The rejection of Kerr's Discoveries by these educational institutions must not be considered the slightest proof that they are untrue to nature when we consider that all discoveries in nature that conflicted with popular idolatry and religious superstitions were rejected by such institutions for many decades and in some cases centuries.

The human race needs redeeming from idolatry and religious mythologies. Will the Hamburg congress inaugurate a world movement to redeem it by providing ways and means to make Kerr's Discoveries known to our race? Or will it be controlled by idolaters who wish to sink the race still deeper in heathenism by creating new gods through lies on nature for people to worship?

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LESSON IX. ANALYZING A GOD. The New Testament.

In analyzing a god no feature of the work is more important than a true explanation of the miracles relied on to prove the power of the god over nature. No thing, person or character, real or imaginary, can be made a god of unless miracles are attributed to it wherein it is alleged and believed to be able to and actually did change the course of nature by commands to it. The people then idolize the god by praise and prayer under the belief that they can induce it to exercise its power over nature and compel it to act as they desire it to.

Such a god is always considered the most valuable asset a people has because they consider nothing so important as to have a god at their service who can and will make nature do as they wish it to.

In making a god of Jesus a very generous quantity and variety of miracles are attributed to him to show that he can control nature in any case that might arise wherein people desired it diverted from its course.

Taking up for examination the book of Matthew which purports to be a history of the exploits of Jesus we find it liberally interspersed with accounts of his power over nature to make it obey his wish by command or touch.

Matthew states in this way Jesus cured multitudes of all kinds of diseases, maimings and complaints and gives specific cases of leprosy, palsy, fever, lunacy and hemorrhage. By this simple method he is said to have made the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb talk, the cripples walk, cast out devils, killed vegetation, increased the quantity of victuals, reversed gravitation, calmed the storms and restored the dead to life. It is taught by idolaters of Jesus to each succeeding generation that this man-god is yet alive, exists everywhere and has the same power over nature Matthew relates. Christian agents are sent all over the world to tell the natives of this wonderful man-god and that he is yet able and willing to perform these miracles with nature for all who wish them if they will only acknowledge him as the only genuine god and worship him in songs of love and praise and ask him in prayers for his services. No wonder the simple minded people will fight for the services of a god and feel that they would be left desolate and exposed to the cold, cruel, unfeeling forces of nature were they deprived of a being able to protect them.

No wonder they pour out their wealth to build mansions for a god and employ large numbers to teach their children how to love, praise and worship a god in order to secure his services in changing the course of nature for them when needed. No wonder they put up such a desperate fight to prevent themselves and their children being deprived of the services of a god by those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries.

But what is the solution of this mighty power that Jesus in common with all gods had over nature that it obeyed his commands? The answer is short, plain and absolutely true. It is lies on nature. Pure, simple and unadulterated lies on nature. Jesus had no more power to change the course of nature by commands than has anyone who reads this lesson. Not one of the miracles recorded in the Bible attributed to the power of God or Jesus Christ ever occurred. They are one and all contemptible lies on nature to make gods for ignoramuses and criminals to worship. Those who do not belong to those two classes but are worshiping a god should cease it because idolatry of gods will persist longest and be hardest to eradicate in those two classes. Intelligent people will recognize the impossibility of these Bible miracles being true from the fact that unintelligent things can not know of their existence or of any commands to them from any source. There is no such a being in the universe as a real God to protect the people from the disastrous processes of nature that overwhelm them.

They have no protection from the forces of nature that destroy them, and never had and never will have except what they themselves provide by their own exertions.

People should be ashamed to expose their ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries by worshiping any god or by aiding others to do so. No one should pray to a god for anything whatever though he be dying for want of aid. Kerr's Discoveries should be heralded all over the world to save the people from the idolatry of non-existing gods, and raise them in the scale of enlightenment and civilization. Another set of missionaries should be sent out over the world by the Church of Humanity to correct the errors of religious missionaries by giving the people true information concerning gods and life. I want thousands of people to join the Church of Humanity as fast as they learn Kerr's Discoveries to enable it to organize branch churches in all larg cities and build them up strong enough to send out such missionaries. It is high time the world was being redeemed, not from original sin, but from present idolatry of gods and belief in religious lies on nature. I invite the readers to join the Church of Humanity and aid in this great work of redemption as soon as they learn Kerr's Discoveries.

An Invitation to the Able to Give Free Scholarships In Kerr's Discoveries to Their Towspeople

It is a recognized principle and duty for the able to give free education in useful knowledge to those unable to pay for it themselves, and also for those who know new discoveries that should be known by all to furnish free teaching in them to those who do not know them.

Following this duty the Church of Humanity has arranged to give a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to 1,000 people in each of 19 cities of over 100,000 people.

These cities are:

San Francisco, California; Tacoma and Seattle Wash., Portland, Ore., Denver, Col., Omaha, Neb, St. Joseph and Kansas City, Missouri; Wilwaukee Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; Scranton, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Richmond, Virginia; Buffalo and Rochester New York; Newark, New Jersey; Worcester,, Fall River and Boston, Massachusetts.

Our distributers of this little educator in these cities would like to have many thousands more to distribute and our printer would be glad to print them but the C. O. H. is not able to have it done. Therefore I appeal to the able in all these cities to send me donations to give free scholarships in Kerr's Discoveries to thousands more in any of these cities. Six dollars will give a free scholarship to 1,000 people in any of these cities per month, or $72 per year. There are many people in each of these cities able to give such scholarships to their fellow citizens and I invite them to do the greatest permanent good they can do the people by accepting this invitation to give as many thousands of their townsmen a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries as they can. The same offer will apply to any other city in the United States if reliable distributers can be secured to do the distributing.

The object is to teach many people in all cities Kerr's Discoveries so they can organize societies to spread and perpetuate this extremely important knowledge of nature therein and rescue their citizens from idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature and thereby elevate them in the scale of enlightenment and civilization.

The Duties of Parents Who Desire to Raise Civilized and Enlightened Children

No parents can raise civilized and enlightened children without having them taught Kerr's Discoveries and they cannot do that successfully without providing the machinery of organized society for that special purpose. Therefore, it is the duty of all parents who wish to raise such children to join this church and help it to build up branch churches everywhere to do this teaching for their children. No public school, college or university in the world will teach them Kerr's Discoveries until they are made known and popularized through the agency of this church and a great demand created for their teaching in all educational institutions.

Have No Fears. The Truths We Teach Were Always True

Many thousands of people will see for the first time in their lives the truths in print in this little educator that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life in ended forever in each person at death. I ask such people to not be scared or afraid as these facts were always true but have only been comparatively recently discovered and publicly proclaimed. They are the most important scientific discoveries in nature of all modern discoveries and it is extremely important that all people study the proof of them until all learn and accept them as our race cannot be civilized and enlightened until they do.

A Unique Position for a Preacher to Be In

A local preacher has organized a company of "Boy Scouts" and says one of the objects is to teach them to observe things.

The teaching of anybody to observe things is an odd occupation for a preacher to be engaged in.

He has utterly failed himself to observe that God, Satan Christ, virgin mothers, ghost fathers, angels, saints, spirits, resurrected dead people, heaven and hell have no real existence in nature.

This is a real case of the mentally and physically blind leading the blind.

Extracts from Samples of Cheering Letters

From A. J. Boyer, Washington, D. C.

"I am happy to see that the quality of the T. A. G. and L. is improving with each number. Oh, what a grand world this would be and what miseries and crimes would be banished from the face of this beautiful earth if religion in all phases were banished forever. You are doing a work that will bless mankind in ages to come. press on."

From Carlton, Indiana:

"You have a great work. You are not crazy but simply born before your time. I am sending you my best wishes in your great work."

(Think I was born in just the right time. The greatest need of the world was some one to make and teach Kerr's Discoveries and here I am on the job.—Editor.)

A statement of Kerr's Discoveries should be substituted for the prayer in opening all schools and assemblies. Having learned and accepted as definite truths Kerr's Discoveries we know that the people must do all things they wish done without any aid from any God, and we shall now proceed with the duties before us to the best of our abilities.

New organizations of idolaters for the promulgation of lies on nature are quite frequent. One inaugurated about a year ago is named "The Men and Religion Forward Movement." The greatest possible "forward movement" members of this society can make is to learn Kerr's Discoveries and cease their idolatry of idol gods and teaching religious lies on nature.

When a man gets stuck in agnosticism he can no more advance than the man stuck in idolatry of God and Christ and it is as hard for him to learn Kerr's Discoveries.

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☐ If your copy contains a blue X in this square it means that your subscription is past due and that this is the last copy you will get until you pay up and renew your subscription. I hope all will do so without delay so they will not miss any of the interesting Bible Lessons on the first page.

People who are served to a free copy of this educator should let all members of their family read it who can and then hand it to some one else.

People in large cities who are given a copy of this educator by distributers should subscribe for it as the distributers will serve a different section of the city each month and probably one copy is all anyone will get.

There is an effort being made by prominent people in many churches to find a common base for a union of all churches. I wish to submit for their consideration Kerr's Discoveries for that common base they are looking for, and wish to remark that truth is as good a base as they will find for the churches to unite on.

Christians believe they are clean since they have washed away their sins in the "blood of the Lamb," but they must now wash away the "blood of the Lamb" with knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries to be cleansed of the vice of idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature.

It is reported in the papers that the Turks are devastating whole districts in Albania, killing prisoners, refugee women and children, burning houses and crops and blowing up churches. There is a chronic state of warfare in the Ottoman Empire between Christians and Mohammedans which will never cease until both sects are civilized and enlightened by being taught Kerr's Discoveries.

Advertising Kansas ignorance, stupidity, shame and disgrace is the publishing in its papers accounts of prayers of its citizens for rain. One such account cames from Atchison, Kansas, as follows:

"Public prayer was made for rain in St. Benedict's Catholic church today and daily prayers by the parishoners have been recommended until rain falls. At every mass priests invoke divine blessing in the way of rain."

Nothing proves the idolatry, heathenism, ignorance and stupidity of any people so much as does the act of praying to idols for things. But this disgrace on Kansas can never be eradicated until its citizens learn Kerr's Discoveries. The state should require their teaching in all schools, colleges and universities in it in place of the lies on nature and the heathenism of praying to idols now taught therin. It is as heathenish and disgraceful to pray to idols created by the imagination, such as God and Christ, as it is to pray to idols of wood and stone.

No Hope for the Hamburg Congress Taking the Right Course

So far I have had no assurance that the Hamburg Congress, September 8 to 11, will take the right course to accomplish anything in the overthrow of idolatry in our race, but several things clearly indicate that it will be controlled by those who do not know the necessary scientific truths that must be known and promulgated to do that.

Neither T. B. Wakeman nor James F. Morton, the American delegates to the congress, knows Kerr's Discoveries and of course will not proclaim and teach them there nor allow them a place in the teachings of any organization proposed if they can prevent it.

The Truth Seeker, New York, is promoting the plan and raising the funds to send these two delegates to the congress. That fact insures the failure of the congress to accept and to teach Kerr's Discoveries—the only teaching that can ever overthrow idolatry in our race. The Truth Seeker has not learned these discoveries and does not believe they are true. It gives no aid of any kind to teachers or societies teaching these discoveries. In every issue is proclaims its ignorance and unbelief of them by stating that it is a "Freethought and Agnostic Newspaper." By thus yoking Freethough with a word meaning ignorance it has come to mean ignorance itself concerning God and life and no one who desires to know the truth on these most important of all subjects should every think of looking to Freethought editors, publications and societies for it.

The Truth Seeker says the Monist International Congress would be termed a Freethought congress if held in England or the United States. If that is the case no member of the C. O. H should aid it in the least because no Freethought convention in England or the United States ever knew or taught the trouth about God and Life or ever founded a society to teach it.

The American Secular Union and Freethought Federation for which the Truth Seeker stands sponsor has for its only object "The Separation of Church and State," and its platform, "The Nine Demands for Liberalism." There is not in its list a "demand" for the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries to any people by anybody or the state. There is not the least desire expressed for the teaching of the truth about God and Life in order to separate the state from idolatry and the teaching of religious lies on nature. It is not the church and state that needs separating but the people who compose the state must be separated from their ignorance that cause them to be idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

No Freethough publication or society has yet recognized this deeper foundation of ignorance on which all objectionable features of idolatrous churches rest, nor have they yet recognized the only scientific truths that must be taught the people in order to destroy that foundation of ignorance.

When we turn to other promoters and participants in the Hamburg Congress we have no better grounds for hoping that any good will come of it.

The only one who answered my letter of inquiry as to the object of the congress and if they knew Kerr's Discoveries and would teach them and make them the basis of the proposed international society was Dr. Ostwald. While he claims to be of my "opinion" concerning God and immortality, it is clear that he does not know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and will not teach them nor support them as the basis of any organization.

He is a Monist and Monism is a religion and all religions are necessarily false becauss they are based on the untruths on nature that there are such things as gods, souls, spirits and other characters of fiction common to all religions and without which no system of speculation on nature could be a religion.

The program of the Hamburg Congress indicates that its primary object is the advocacy of the separation of church and state and church and school. A majority of the addresses are to be devoted to these subjects That proves that the promoters of the congress do not know nor recognize the deeper foundation of ignorance concerning God and Life on which the objectionable features of idolatrous churches rest. They do not seem to know that those same objectionable features will manifest themselves through other channels the same as through the church organizations now if they are closed to idolaters. We have a total separation of church and state and church and public schools in the United States but the same idolatry and religious lies on nature that are forced on the children by the church through state power in other countries, are as effectively and as thoroughly forced on the children through state power operating through the public schools in this country.

The state provides school books teaching the same foundation lies on nature the idolatrous churches teach. The state employs teachers for the public schools to teach the same foundation lies on nature that all idolatrous churches teach and are based on. My children are taken by state force and compeled to attend these schools and forced to worship by hymns of praise and prayers the same idol gods the idolatrous churches worship. The state forces me to pay for this heathenizing of my children. Can a greater outrage be perpetrated on a citizen in any country where they have a union of church and state and church and school?

It is a union of the people who compose the state with ignorance of the true nature of God and life that causes them to be idolaters and believers of religious lies on nature and causes them to force this ignorance on their children and mine through state power. Nothing can possibly dissolve that union and stop the perpetual heathenizing of each succeding generation through state power except the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries until a big majority of the people in all countries learn and accept them. Then the heathenizing of the children will be prohibited by state power through any and all channels in such countries. The next great prohibition contest will be by those who learn Kerr's Discoveries to prohibit the state from heathenizing their children. They will recognize the fact that it is just as objectionable for the state to heathenize heir children where it has no union with idolatrous churches as where it has. I want 10,000,000 voters in the United States to stand up with the Church of Humanity and command the state to cease heathenizing the children thruogh the public schools and then vote for such officials as will put this command in the form of laws with drastic penalties for their violation and see that they are enforced. But before any will do that they must thoroughly learn and accept Kerr's Great Modern Scientific Discoveries, that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death. For this purpose the C. O. H. is giving a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to tens of thousands of people and asks for donations to give tens of thousands more. This is why I am doing all I can to induce the Hamburg Congress to give up its foolish idea that it can in any way check idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature by dissolving the union of church and state and church and school. I want its promoters to see and comprehend that it must be a dissolution of the people from their ignorance concerning the truth about God and life to do any good and a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries is the only thing that can dissolve that union.

Therefore, I want them to take up the teaching of these discoveries and make it their primary duty and object and to base their proposed international society on them. Will they be wise enough to do it or will they fool away their time and energy as American Freethough editors and societies do in fighting effects instead of removing causes by teaching the people Kerr's Discoveries?

I Told Him So

Mr. Ruch was a German Methodist preacher who came west and got a claim of 160 acres of government land within three miles of mine in this county about 35 years ago. He worked hard during the week and on Sunday preached in the homes of the settlers round about wherever meetings could be arranged for. He induced people to believe in, love and worship a god by telling them he had brought them to Kansas, gave them homes and made them prosperous.

I told him he was mistaken, that God was a myth and could neither know or care for him or any one else, that the universe contained no real god. He could not believe me although he was blind in one eye and became very deaf which should have convinced him I was right. But he thought it an affliction brought on him by a god for some good and wise purpose known only to himself. Owing to these infirmities he was recently run over by a train and cut into four pieces, being killed instantly. He cannot know the cause of his death or that he is dead or that he ever lived but the living who read this account should be able to comprehend that I told him the truth.

Wise people should be able to see that there can be no God to give them homes and wealth when there is no god to care for their lives which is of infinitely greater value to them.

Prayers for Rain an Index to the Ignorance of a People

"Bogue Chitto, Miss, June 18 Prayers for rain have been offered daily for the last week by 200 persons in the Pine Grove neighborhood, who meet every morning in their schoolhouse.

"Crops are withering in the fields for want of moisture and farmers are facing a water famine."

So reads a news item that formerly indicated the piety and religious nature of a community but which, as Kerr's Discoveries become known, will be regarded as proof of the ignorance stupidity and uninlightenment of any community that tolerates it.

Prayers for rain or anything else is a heathen ceremony that only idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature will engage in. In the light of Kerr's Discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life in each person ceases forever at death no one should ever think of the vain foolishness of praying to a god for anything under and circumstances whatever.

Any parent who will not teach Kerr's Discoveries to his children wants them to be idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature because no child can be saved from it except by being taught these discoveries.

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Specimens of the Fool, Who Says "In His Heart" There Is No God

From C. A. Richardson Kansas.

"Please pardon my inquisitiveness, but I feel that I must know by what right you claim to be the discoverer of the facts that there is no God, soul, heaven hell and immortality for the individual man.

"I have been aware of these, to me, facts for a number of years yet I know that I have not discovered one of them. These facts have been known by thousands. of scientific students long before you began publishing your paper. I think you do yourself harm by so proclaiming yourself. Please take this criticism kindly as it is meant in kindness.

"Yours for the good work in which you are engeged."

Of course I take Mr. Richardson's criticism in kindness, but I have the most profound contempt for those "thousands of scientific students" whom he speaks of who knew Kerr's Discoveries long before I began teaching them for not doing their imperative duty in teaching them to the people. I never saw or heard of one of them telling the people these truths or did any of my relatives or neighbors. I cannot find nor hear of a paper, pamphlet or book published by any of them to teach these discovered truths. I have read copies of all Freethough publications I could hear of in the English language and none of them know nor teach these discoveries. I have examined hundreds of scientific and Freethought books, pamphlets and tracts but none of them know or teach these discovered truths. Please inform me Mr. Richardson where I can get the papers and books teaching Kerr's Discoveries published by those "thousands of scientific students," whom you say know them. Please give me the name of the societies they have founded to teach them. If you can't do that then please give me their names and addresses so I can invite them to join the C. O. H. and aid in teaching others these priceless truths you say they know. I have advertised extensively in papers such people would likely read asking anyone who knows these discoveries to join the C. O. H. and aid in teaching them to others, but they will not do it. As you must know them personally or you would not be justified in making such a statement I ask you to please give me the names and addresses of all so I can write them personal letters urging them to do their duty to their families, neighbors and our race in general by joining the C. O. H. and aiding in having the truths they know made known to all that they may be rescued from the heathenism of idolatry and belief in religious superstitions and enlightened and civilized thereby. If they will then refuse to do it I want to express my utter hatred and contempt for them for their selfish, cowardly, criminal neglect of duty that allows them to see their own families and friends and all the world worshiping heathen idol gods and believing and teaching heathen lies on nature for truths for lack of the knowledge these "thousands of scientific students" possess, but who refuse to teach it to them. I want to tell them they are as the fool the Bible speaks of as saying "in his heart" there is no God.His foolishness did not consist in knowing the truth that there is no god, but in saying it "in his heart" instead of proclaiming it with lips and pen so all the world could hear it. No one can learn these grandest of all modern scientific discoveries from any number of people who know them to be true but who simply say it in their heart that they are. If they do not proclaim it and teach it by audible words in the hearing of others or by visible writing and printing where others can see it then all who find them out must necessarily do so by their own efforts through experience, observation and investigation and are therefore true discoverers of them. As those "thousands of scientific students" who refused to do their duty in teaching me their knowledge of these truths of nature I never would have known them had I not had the good fortune to have discovered them myself, and this gives me a clear and perfect right and title to proclaim and teach them as Kerr's Discoveries and I intend to do my duty in so far as I can in teaching them to others though all those "thousands of scientific students" refused to do theirs. If these discovered truths are not taught to the people by the fortunate few who discover them our race is doomed to the perpetual heathenism of idolatry of idol gods since not one in a billion of people would ever have the ability to make the necessary study and investigation to find them out for themselves. I want no one to ever have any grounds for saying his parents were heathen idolaters and taught him to believe lies on nature because I refused to impart to them a knowledge of my discoveris, and to hold me in their scorn and contempt for such dereliction of duty as I do those " thousands of scientific students" for theirs.

All Newspapers Help to Perpetuate Idolatry by Lying on Nature

The St. Louis Republic of June 26 says: "The prayers of the farmers of the Mississippi valley were rewarded Saturday with a heavy downpour, which was general, extending into the Tennessee valley."

This is an example of how all newspapers aid in perpetuating idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature by teaching those lies themselves.

No rains ever did come or ever will come in answer to the prayers of farmers or any other people. There is no god in the universe to change the course of nature and clouds and rain are not intelligent things that can do things in answer to prayers or commands.

What do all schools, colleges and universities mean by teaching their students who become editors the heathen lies on nature that rains come in answer to prayers?

The Question Box

From Hornsby and Clingon, Arkansas.

If you say there is no God I ask:

1. Who created nature?
2. Where did the earth and all upon it come from?

If you say cell division then I ask:

3. Where did he first cell come from?

Answer: Many of nature's processes and the true cause of some of its phenomena are not discovered. The discovery that there is no such a being as a real God in the universe to act as the cause of phenomena eliminates a false premise and forces scientists to a more critical investigation of nature to find the true cause of all phenomena.

There is no such a thing as creation in the old meaning of the word of creating something out of nothing.

Time, space and elements of substance always existed. They are uncreatable and indistructable.

With these three eternal things as an eternal base all other phenomena are caused by substance in its many forms acting and reacting upon itself from its own inherent properties, states and attributes which are without life and intelligence.

A combination of elements under favorable enviornments produces life and evolution develops it with all its wonderful senses and mental powers. Substance has inherent power through chemical action to change from visible to invisible and vice versa but that is not a destruction nor a creation of it.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, divils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoverics be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

The Reason Why Kerr's Discoveries Must Be Credited to Himself Alone

One Comrade claimed that I should give all C. O. H. members mutual credit for discovering the truths taught by our church instead of giving them the title of Kerr's Discoveries. I would greatly prefer doing so were it true that all our charter members discovered them. For awhile I named them "the discoveries of the C. O. H." with the idea of giving all its members mutual credit for discovering them but I saw articles from some of them in print that proved that they did not really know them and consequently never discovered them and that put me in the very embarrassing position of claiming a knowledge for people while they denied having it. A conspicuous example is Comrade Franklin H. Heald, editor of Higher Science, Los Angeles, Calif., He is number 30 on our roll book, having sent in his application for membership more than seven years ago, but he has not yet learned the discovery that life ceases in each person forever at death—one of the basic truths of the C. O. H.

In an editorial in Higher Science for June 1911, under "What Higher Science Stands For" he says: "I believe and shall teach as I have heretofore, that we should live for this beautiful world; be happy and try to make those around us happy and if by any chance there is a hereafter, we will be more welcome to it than a long-nosed psalm singer whose face scowls with the Christian hatred, which would gladly see his own mother or child suffer and burn forever in his pet hell, if they dared to question his articles of faith."

The phrase "and if by any chance there is a hereafter," proves that he is totally ignorant of the truth that life ceases in all people forever at death. Were a farmer to seriously say that "if by any chance" his horse that died last year would come to life next year it would save him buying one it would prove that he did not know the fact that his horse would never come to life again. Were a farmer to seriously say that he would treat his horse kindly so that "if by any chance there is a hereafter" for it it will not remember him with hatred it would prove that the farmer did not know the truth that the life of the horse ends forever at its death.

"Higher Science" will have to get a great deal higher in the knowledge of the true nature of death before its editor is justly entitled to membership in the Church of Humanity.

A Petition to Ernst Haeckel by Members of the C. O. H.

Professor Ernst Heackel, Jena, Germany. Dear Comrade: Recognizing you as the leading scientist of the world and the most illustrious member of the Church of Humanity, and realizing your great opportunity as president of the coming Hamburg Congress in September to guide it to the founding of an international society to make known to the world the truth about God and life that idolatry and religious superstitions may be overthrown in our race, I respectfully petition you to do all in your power to base that society on the discoveries taught by our church with their teaching and the establishment of branch societies to teach them in all the world its primary object. And I suggest that you propose the name—International Church of Humanity—for the society

How the Church of Humanity Carries on the Great Work of Introducing Kerr's Discoveries to the World

The greatest scientific discoveries of all the ages are now being rapidly introduced through the agency of the Church of Humanity to the people of the United States.

Every issue of its publication contains lessons teaching the proof of these discoveries and the necessity of building up societies everywhere of those who learn them to teach and perpetuate this knowledge until all the world learns, accepts and teaches

Thousands of copies of this little educator are printed and mailed to educators, judges, law makers, editors and officials throughout the United States and many are mailed to such people in foreign lands from time to time from funds donated to the Church of Humanity to carry on its educational work.

The folowing list for the last month indicates the scope and magnitude of the work being done.

A bundle of 19 copies of different numbers of this educator were sent to President Taft, the vice president and seven members of the Supreme Court, 30 U. S. Circuit Judges; 51 governors of states and territories, 92 U. S. senators, 113 U. S. congressmen, 25 U. S. cabinet officers and their secretaries, 57 New Thought Centers, 13 foreign New Thought Centers and 3 copies to each of the 776 publications in Kansas. A bunch of 25 copies are mailed monthly to 36 of the leading colleges and universities in the United States that gave permission to do so.

Beginning with this issue the Church of Humanity gives a free monthly scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to 1,000 families in each of 19 cities of over 100,000 population in the United States, and this number will be increased as fast as funds are received to do it until all large cities and many smaller ones are given such scholarships.

The Church of Humanity will accept donations of 10 cents to $10,000,000 to be applies on such city scholarships.

Anyone desiring any city to have such a scholarship can have 1,000 copies distributed in it monthly at its offices and residences for $6.00 per month.

The Church of Humanity will carry on this educational work simultaneously all over the United States as fast as funds are received to do so. No officer or teacher in the Church of Humanity gets any money compensation for his services. All donations go into the printing and distributing departments of the educational work.

A scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries gives the receivers of it an opportunity for a higher or more advanced education on the subject of God and life than can be had at any college or university in the world. No college or university can possibly learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries until large numbers everywhere learn them and thus create a demand for their teaching in such institutions. Then each of them will establish a chair for the special purpose of teaching Kerr's Discoveries.

What the Fools and the Wise People Say About Kerr's Discoveries

The fools say they would prefer to believe any religious lie than to know Kerr's Discoveries.

The fools say pleasing delusions are to be prefered to scientific truths that dispel them.

The fools say they would rather pay deceivers to tell them the lies that there is a real god, and that they have souls and will live forever than to accept free teaching that those things are not true.

The fools say it does no harm to anyone to worship an idol and to believe religious lies on nature provided it be the same idol they worship and the same religious lies they believe.

The fools say they want their children to worship the same idol they do and believe the same religious lies on nature, and that if it is ture that they have been deceived they want them deceived also and want the state to protect them from being undeceived by teachers of the truth.

The fools say that although they do not know all about their future life they will when they die.

The fools say they will worship the same idol and believe the same lies their ancestors did in order to be on the safe side.

The fools say that the religious lies that they will be alive when dead and will go to heaven and wear a white robe, a stary crown, walk on gold, play on a harp, grow a pair of wings and live a life of indolence is so pleasing and desirable that they do not want to know the proof that it is not true.

But the number of religious fools are many hundreds of millions and their foolish religious ideas are so many it would require large volumes to record them. It is these foolish religious ideas that produce, propagate and perpetuate all religious mythologies including Christianity that keeps our race in ignorance, idolatry and heathenism and will prevent for centuries the enlightenment and civilization that alone can come through a general knowledge and acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries.

But ten of thousands of people are now learning these greatest of all modern discoveries in natural science through the agency of the Church of Humanity and there is good grounds for hope that in time our entire race can be redeemed from the heathenism of idolatry of gods and belief in religious lies on nature.

What the Wise People Say

The wise people say if Kerr's Discoveries are true they want to know it and eagerly read and study every evidense offered in proof of them.

The wise people say they have no more desire to be deceived concerning the subjects of God and life than on other subjects and are anxious to protect themselves from being deceived longer if they are.

The wise people say they would rather know the absolute truth about God and life no matter what it is than to believe the most pleasing lie ever told about them.

The wise people say that if they have been deceived so far concerning the true nature of God and life they have no desire to have it continued nor to have their children deceived into believing lies on these most important of all subjects as they have been.

The wise people say they will study carefully and thoroughly all evidences pointed out as being proof of Kerr's Discoveries and if they find them true they will join the Church of Humanity and aid it all they can personally and financially in teaching them to others and in organizing branch churches to spread and perpetuate them.

When a majority of the people conclude it is better to follow the wise people's course than the foolish in these matters then they will learn Kerr's Discoveries and assume the duty of teaching the truth about God and life in all schools, colleges and universities and turn out the teachers who believe it best to continue following the foolish people's example.

Contradictory Statements For the Local Y. M. C. A.

The local High School Annual says "the Young Men's Christian Association is "non-sectarian," that "it seeks at all times to bring the fellows to a knowledge of, and in close touch with Jesus Christ," and that the boys are always to be found on the right side of moral questions."

All who believe Jeses Christ to be a god constitute a religious sect in the aggregate. Any society organized to teach that he is a god is a sect no diference what its name is. The very name of this organization proclaims it to be sectarian in distinction from worshipers of other idols.

The organization does not "seek at all times, "or any times to bring the fellows to a true knowledge of Jesus Christ. If it did it would teach them the truth that he is purely a creation of fiction—an imaginary character like Santa Claus.

As Jesus Christ is only an idol of the imagination and as idolatry is man's worst vice and as the practice of vices are immoral it is seen that the boys are not on the right side of this moral question. If they were they would refuse to worship Jesus Christ or any other idol.

A Critic Answered

Fron Comrade J. M. Case, Pennsylvania.

"I do not favor making so personal credit to yourself as discoverer of the philosophy that the C. O. H members endorse. It seems to me that you are short sighted as to the judgment of like-minded people concerning the things they feel should be mutually credited. Very few persons Care to be identified with any movement calculated to build prestige for any individual. To speak of the no god, no heaven or hell, or angels or consciousness after death as simply "Kerr's Discoveries" seems a little too anxious for personal advantage."

Answer: I beg to inform the Comrade that I make no claim to having discovered a "philosophy' of any kind and am not teaching any. A philosophy is equivolent to a theory, opinion and belief and they all express doubt and uncertainty I am teaching no such things. I affirm I made discoveries of absolute facts and am teaching them as such There is no element of philisophy, opinion or mere belief in it. Those who regard Kerr's Discoveries as a mere philosophy, opinion or belief are not in my class at all because they do not themselves KNOW Kerr's Discoveries to be true. I fully recognized the importance of not beginning the teaching of my discoveries as long as there was the least particle of guesswork in them, and I completely eliminated every shadow of the element of uncertainty before I began teaching them. Therefore, I cannot and will not credit these discoveries to anyone who will themselves deny that they know them to be true and holds them as mere philosophies, opinions and beliefs. As I know of no perosn in the world who is teaching these truths as positive facts except myself there are none others to divide the credit with. I only wish millions of people were teaching them as I am doing so I could give them due credit for doing so.

The fact that I discovered them imposes an imperative duty on me to teach them. Any who would claim to have discovered them and feels under no obligation to teach them attaches too little importance to them to deserve any credit for their discovery. I teach them under the title of Kerr's Discoveries to identiy them and facilitate their teaching. I seek only to build up prestige for the discoveries but not for the discoverer. I am anxious for thousands to begin teaching the discovered truths but none need mention me as their discover if they do not wish to. You see it is the truths I discovered that I am anxious for all the world to know and not myself.

Idolatry Follows Our Race From Prehistoric Times As Do the Useless Rudimentary Organs of the Body

A curious mixing of the ignorance of primative man with his modern progress was sharpely contrasted when the 52 aviators in the recent aeroplane race from Paris to London thought it of value to attend mass before starting and illustrates how false ideas follow man down the ages as do the useless organs of his body. But one is the result of ignorance and can be eradicated with knowledge while the other is the result of nature.

A paragraph in one account says: "Before starting, all the aviators attended mass, which was celebrated on the field by the Abbe Lerebourg. By command of the archbishop of Paris an altar was improvised in one of the aeroplane hangars. Many of the contestants took communion. Among those who knelt at the altar and obtained spiritual preparation for the perils of the race was Le Martin. Within an hour Le Martin was carried back, dying, and the Abbe Lerebourg was kneeling at his side giving him the last rites of the church as he expired."

The death of Le Martin illustrates the uselessness of the religious services. One of his legs was broken in two places and his head crusher between the motor and a tree when his machine swerved and turned over and fell into the trees a quarter of a mile from the starting field. Two others were burned to death in the air caused by their gas tanks exploding and covering them and their machines with burning gas. Another one had both legs broken and four more were seriously hurt in the first day of the flight. All this proves the worthlessness and foolishness of having religious services on any occasion whatever. Aviators should learn Kerr's Discoveries and then they would look to the proper construction and condition of their machines and favorable weather conditions for safety instead of to non-existing gods and other mythical characters. They would not worry about their fate after death for they would know it to be the common fate of all to cease living then for all eternity. This scientific knowledge would make them more cautious about risking their lives under unfavorable conditions than many of them are now under their false religious beliefs that they will continue life in another world when they are killed in this.

Kerr's Discoveries should be taught to all students of aviation as a vital part of the educational equipment for aviators.

Another point I wish to call attention to is that while France has separated church and state she has not begun the most important task of separating the people from idolatry and belief in the religious lies on nature by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries, the only thing that can ever do it.

Membership Application

W. H. Kerr, Pres. C. O. H. Great Bend, Kansas: Having learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity.

Name .....

Address .....

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 10

Ladies, Gentlemen and Children: My lecture this month is to 1,000 families in each of nineteen cities with a total population of over 6,000,000 people. My object is to make known to you the great modern discoveries in physical science that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life of each person is ended forever at death. I ask you to not be scared nor afraid as these truths were always true and ever will be true but this may be the first time you ever heard of them since it is only comparatively recently that they were discovered and publicly taught.

The teaching of these truths of nature is not complicated with that of any political, social or economic reform whatever. We realize that these facts in nature should be known by those of all political parties, religions and sects alike the same as are the known facts in physical geography, geology, astronomy, biology and all other physical sciences.

As fast as people learn to know and accept these truths they must cease the worship of God, Christ and all other idols and join the Church of Humanity to aid it in teaching these discoveries and to organize local churches to spread and perpetuate this extremely important knowledge.

The advanced civilization and enlightenment to be founded on a knowledge of these marvelous discoveries must from necssity begin in the large centers of populations first and from there radiate to the smaller cities, villages, rural districts, public schools, colleges and universities. That is the reason I come to you of the great cities with the message of Kerr's Discoveries, and invite you to aid me in extending the message to many thousands of your townsmen and to other big cities in the United States.

On another page you will see our catechism which puts Kerr's Discoveries and the duties of those who learn them in condensed form for convenience. I invite all to commit it to memory so it will be an ever present knownedge and guide to you at all times. You will also see a blank membership application to use when you apply for membership in our church, and on request I shall mail you a blank application for a charter for a branch church in your city when as many as five of your citizens learn Kerr's Discoveries and wish to organize a branch church for mutual aid and co-operation in the educational work of teaching them to your families and others. In uniting with this church there are no fees nor dues to pay to the parent church and each applicant will get a membership certificate and, on request I shall mail him the address of all members of our church in his city so they can become acquainted and organize a branch church when they desire to do so.

Our church catechism is short but it is amply sufficient to furnish texts for a million lectures, every week giving the people proof of the truths of nature it affirms. In all cities of over 100,000 population there should be scores of societies organized to provide lectures every Sunday teaching Kerr's Discoveries to the people until all learn and accept them.

A critic once wrote to scold me for trying to make all think alike and declared that it was contraty to the nature of people to do so and that it would be disastrous to the progress of the race to have their brains all pressed into a common mold which would be necessary to do to get them to all think alike. This careless critic called himself a Freethinker, but his ideas show that he is not a true thinker nor a right thinker.

I have no power to change the size, shape or quality of any one's brain, and there is no need of me doing so if I had to enable all to learn Kerr's Discoveries. It depends entirely on right, thorough and uniform teaching of Kerr's Discoveries to the children of all our race to enable them to know it and not on the size, shape and condition of their brains. Practically all who are educated in the natural sciences know the same truths because they are facts in nature and are uniformly taught by all schools in the world. It does no harm but is right, necessary and very beneficial for all to know the same truths of nature. All now know and give the same answer to the question of the shape of the earth and it is not as disastrous to progress to do so as it was when contradictory answers were given. Likewise there can be only one true answer to the questions of the existence of God and soul, but it can be stated in several forms. The shortest true answer is No. A longer true answer is—The Universe contains no real god, man contains no soul and life ceases forever in each person at death. These answers being true to nature should be uniformly known and given by all people. Instead of these uniform answers being disastrous to progress they would be the very acme of progress in true knowledge and enlightenment on these now world-disturbing questions owing to the many erroneous answers given them. But a uniformly true answer could not be given to them until the truth about them was discovered and then taught in all schools and socie ties. The truth about them is now fortunately discovered. But it remains to be taught to all the world before all the world ean know it and be able to give a uniformly true answer to those perplexing but vital questions. These lectures are for the two-fold purpose of pointing out the proof that these answers are true to nature and of teaching you the necessity of those who larn them forming themselves into new societies for the special purpose of teaching and perptuating this new-found knowledge. It is practically useless to teach you to know these discoveries if you do not then organize yourselves into self-perpetuating societis to transmit this knowledge to your posterity because organizer societies will teach them to believe untruths about these subjects and make idolaters of them. Then when you die without having transmitted your knowledge to your children and provided societies to continue it to your grandchildren it will be seen that all time and money used in teaching you these truths is wasted energy and money. I hope you will not treat my message with that indifference that would make my work in your behalf useless.

The time has now come for all people who are advancing in knowledge and inlightenment to learn and accept Kerr's Discovries and cousign God and Christ to the discarded list of abandoned gods strewn along the pathway of advancing civilization. We should see to it that societies are organized everywhere to spread and perptuate these discoveries to prevent the creation of other gods equally mythical in the minds of the people. Since it is now scientifically discovered that the Universe contains no real god we must all learn to get along without the belief that there is one as thousands of children are now doing concerning the existence of Santa Claus.

They are as good and as happy children as are those who are taught to believe in the existence of that myth and they do not experience the sadness of being undeceived. Remember that whatever sadness and disappointment you may feel in learning Kerr's Discoveries you never would have experienced had you been taught those discoveries from the first, and you should see to it that suitable societies are arganized to teach the children these discoveries to save them from the disappointment you feel in being undeceived. You must not charge that disappointment to those who undeceive you by teaching you Kerr's Discoveries but to those who taught you the lies on nature that gods, souls and immortality are realities. When all people are taught Kerr's Discoveries in childhood they will be as good and happy citizens when they grow up as you are and in some respects much more so. They will rejoice that they know the truth about these vital subjects and are free from the vice of idolatry of idol gods and belief in religious lies on nature. The discord, strife and wars caused by religions will then be eliminated forever on this planet and the greatest cause of unhappiness be removed.

The discovery that the Universe contains no real god shows that God and his son Christ are pure creations of fiction—the work of the imagination of their creators. It is as heathenish to worship these imaginary gods as it is to worship those of wood and stone.

Gods are proven to not exist by what they do not do as well as by the impossible miracles god-makers say they did. In former lectures I pointed out the impossibility of God and Christ doing the miracles alleged of them and explained that they were simply lies on nature by god-makers. I now wish to call your attention to the things gods hav not done as proof of their non-existence.

No god ever gave our race the least bit of aid in its millions of years of tragic, perilous struggle for existence and development from monera to man. No god would have cared had our race persished in that struggle as hundreds of other forms of life perished. No god ever taught our race any one of the thousands of dangers to life and how to protect our lives from it. No god ever taught our race a single one of the thousands of discoveries and inventions that enabled it to gain the mastery over the combined forces of all other forms of life on this planet. No god ever taught our race a single truth in any of the natural sciences that enables it to know and understand the nature of its surroundings and environments. No god ever taught our race a single one of those arts that enabled it to advance from the naked cave dweller to the present stage of magnificent comfort and luxury. No god ever taught our race a single one of the marvelous inventions that nearly annihilates labor, time and space, that fills the world with light, music and beauty undreamed of by the wildest imagination of heaven-creators. No god ever formed a single one of you nor protected your lives for a single moment in your development from the embryonic cell to the present. No god would have cared if none of you had ever been formed in nature's laboratory nor if you had all perished in the course of development as countless millions did. No god is caring for the life of a single one of you now nor when nor how that life will be extinguished forever. All of these assertions are self-evident to the thoughtful observer and investigator, and they must be taught to those who are not.

It is extremely important for the welfare and progress of our race in

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People who are served to a free copy of this educator should let all members of their family read it who can and then hand it to some one else.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitutions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries: if not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

People in large cities who are given a copy of this educator by distributers should subscribe for it as the distributers will serve a different section of the city each month and probably one copy is all anyon will get.

There are about 25 more cities in the United States of over 100,000 population that are not being served with 1,000 copies of this little educator. Can't you, Mr. Reader, send me $6.00 a month to put them on the list with those other 19?

It is announced in the Ingersoll Beacon that Mrs. Bliven is to write articles for it and three more Freethought publications. But she need not waste much time in preparing copy teachhing Keer's Discoveries for such publications. I have tried them and know that none of them want articles teaching these discoveries because the editors have not yet learned them and will not allow much teaching of these truths in their publications.

They have plenty of room for church, clergy and Bible fighters, but very little for teachers of Kerr's Discoveries. That makes their publication worthless for those who know these truths or want to know them. Editors who are followers of Thomas Paine and R. G. Ingersoll can no more advance beyond their religious superstitions and ignorance than the followers of Jesus can beyond his. This shows that the people, teachers and editors should learn the truth and follow it instead of following anybody.

POPULAR LECTURE NO. 10.

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the ages to come that all should know the fact that no god has ever assisted our race or any member of it in any manner whatever.

The true reason is found at last in Kerr's Discoveries that the Universe contains no real god. From that fact all must know that no aid from any god will ever be given to our race or any member of it in any cause whatever in all the coming ages. All must accept Kerr's Discoveries as true and final on tese subjects and must not expect nor depend on any god doing anything whatever for them, but must depend on themselves alone to make every improvement and reform for the betterment of conditions for individuals and the race in general they wish made.

The knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries should be taught in all schools, colleges and universities in the world in order to give the people a true understanding of life and of the necessity for conserving the natural resources of earth for the use of future generations as our race must inevitably perish when those natural resources are exhausted since there is no god to replenish them nor to save our race from its folly of the reckless waste and wanton destruction of those resources on which its very existence depends. All intelligent people should easily comprehend the vital importance of all people knowing Kerr's Discoveries and should send in their applications for membership in the Church of Humanity at once in order to build up new societies for the special purpose of employing teachers of these discoveries.

If any of you are convinced now that Kerr's Discoveries are true I invite you to please send in your application for membership in the C. O. H., and inclose 25 cents for a year's subscription to this little educator as you may not get another copy of it unless you do.

A Substitute For Prayer In Opening the Day's Work, Schools, Legislative Sessions And All Assemblies.

It has become so common with most people to have all exercises opened with prayer that through force of habit many do not feel satisfied unless as the Irishman expressed it, something be said before they begin to talk. So firmly fixed is this habit that it is said a political convention in this state once held up its deliberations for an hour after assembling while a committee was hunting up a parson to open the session with prayer.

As a substitute to satisfy the habit of prayer and to put the mind in accord and harmony with truth and a sense of personal responsibility the following sentence should be repeated orally in concert:

"Having learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is ended forever in each person at death we know there is no god nor other unseen character to aid us and that man must depend on his own exertions and on those of his fellow citizens to do all things he wishes done, we now proceed with the duties before us to the best of our abilities."

As soon as you read a sample copy of this little educator please subscribe for it.

The Impotency of Freethought to Cope With Idolatry and Religious Superstitions.

Thought ever has been and ever will be free regardless of all prohibitions and penalties placed on it because it is a silent, secret brain function that only the owner can know unless he volunteers to express it. But the system of criticism of the churches and clergy by deists and skeptics called freethought and agnosticism is a complete failure as a remedy for idolatry and religious superstitions as was demonstrated by "The Truth Seeker," New York, lately, when it had no remedy but to advise the submission of a husband to an idolatrous wife in discarding it.

The subscriber wrote to the editor to please discontinue sending him The Truth Seeker as he had married a Christian lady since subscribing for it and that they had agreed that neither should try to influence the other, and the editor says it is the only thing for him to do. There is not a word about the necessity of teaching people the truth about God and life and of organizing societies to teach those truths to the children in order to give them a chance to get acquainted with and marry mates who know those truths and will join in teaching them to their children. Not a single Freethought editor recognizes the necessity of truth-teaching and society-building in order to provide life partners free from idolatry who wish such mates. With all their boasting of being freethinkers, rationalists and great reasoners the fact remains that none of them have the ability to learn Kerr's Discoveries and teach them through their publications to prepare husbands and wives free from the heathenism of idolatry for those who wish such life partners. All their ranting criticism of the clergy and churches and Christians, is absolutely worthless to those who wish to know the truth about God and life but who can not get it from those editors because they do not know it, can not learn it, and consequently can not teach it.

Everywhere the most energetic and enthusiastic idolater in a family rules the family in regard to the amount of personal and financial aid it gives to promote idolatry and religious superstitions. As The Truth Seeker is an agnostic journal it teaches readers to believe the lie that no one knows or can learn if there be a real god or not or whether there be a future life or not. It believes and teaches that ignorance in these vital subjects is preferable to knowledge. Therefore from necessity the ignorant must submit to the authority of idolaters who claim to know and The Truth Seeker is logical in advising them to do so since it is unable itself to teach them what the truth is. All Freethought publications whether they teach religious lies on nature or profess agnosticism are strongly partial to those lies presumably to be on the supposed "safe side." They have plenty of space for teachers of idolatry who have a grouch against the clergy and the churches but no space for the teachers of Kerr's Discoveries and organizers of people who learn them. Their attitude to these great scientific discoveries and to the work of organizing people who learn them into societies for their spread and perpetuation makes all such publications not only useless but a positive detriment in the homes of people who have learned Kerr's Discoveries. Therefore, I would advise people who wish to know the truth about God and life to have nothing to do with agnostic publications because they believe ignorance of the truth about God and life is more desirable than knowledge on those vital subjects and they will not learn it themselves nor incourage others to do so. I once had the belief that Freethought editors and authors were more advanced than other people in the knowledge of the true nature of God and life and that they could and would be the first to learn and accept Kerr's Discoveries, teach them to the people through their publications, join the C. O. H., aid in building up its membership from their subscribers and help to organize them into local churches to spread and perpetuate these great scientific discoveries in nature. For years I plead with them to learn and teach the truth, and kept a "Free Directory" in our paper giving their addresses and asking readers to send for sample copies of their publications and subscribe for those they liked best.

But, alas, I was doomed to bitter disappointment. I find that such editors are followers of Thomas Paine, the god-maker and teacher of religious lies on nature, and Mr. Ingersoll, the agnostic. They can no more advance beyond the ignorance of these men than can the following of Jesus advance beyond his ignorance. They please a certain element of soreheads and old grouches who have personal grievances against individual Christians, churches and clergymen but who hold firmly to the foundation lies that all religions are based on. Freethought editors are no aid in rescuing the people from idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature because they do not know the necessary truths to teach and will not allow those who do know them to teach them through their publications. I intend to request all such editors to cease mailing me their publications because I do not wish my children to be agnostics. I want them to know the truth about God and life and they can not learn it from teachers who do not know it and who teach that no one else does know it or can learn it. I believe knowledge on these subjects, as on all others, is preferable to ignorance. When I employ teachers to teach my children I employ those who claim to know something about the subjects I want taught. And when I want them taught the truth about God and life I see no reason to reverse my course and employ those for teachers who claim to know nothing about the subjects. So I shall dismiss all Freethought publications until they can come to my home with a better recommendation than that they are agnostics. Inplace of "Freethinkers" I am looking for true thinkers and right thinkers for teachers of my children, and they must also be right actors to teach them how to put the knowledge into practical service by building up societies to spread and perpetuate it and thereby prepare husbands and wives for those who do not wish their children to be idolaters of God and Christ and other heathen idols of the imagination that have no more real existence than has Canta Claus.

Send in your order for a number of this little educator and thereby help the work of this great cause. You will scarcely miss the small amount of cost.

Some Correspondence With Dr. Wilh. Ostwald Who Is to Be the Chairman of the Hamburg Congress.

"Gross Bothen, Kgr. Sachen 28, 5, 11.

Dear Mr. Kerr: With reference to God and immortality I am entirely of your opinion.

Find it necessary, however, to build up the positive and new thought in a scientific sense.

In my address in Hamburg I will establish that science in all directions is superior to religion and is the greatest good of mankind.

Yours respectfully,

W. OSTWALD."

Copy of Letter in Reply.

Great Bend, Kansas, June 13, 1911.

Dr. Wilh. Ostwald, Gross-Bothen, Krg., Sachen, Germany.

Dear Sir: Your kind letter of May 28 received June 9 and translated by a German neighbor. I beg permission to congratulate you on some statements and to criticise you on others.

I congratulate you on having an opinion that my discoveries are true, but as "opinion" expresses doubt and uncertainty I want you to advance in learning the proofs of my discoveries until your KNOW they are true and then teach them yourself as established scientific truths.

I congratulate you on your coming Hamburg lectures showing that science is superior to religion and is the greatest good of mankind, but I hope you will not retain the names of the foundation myths of religions—god, soul and spirit or any synonym of them—by applying them to nature or any of its phenomena.

I also beg to suggest that you refuse to apply the name "religion" to your teaching or any part of it.

I would be greatly pleased if you would devote a big part of your addresses at the Hamburg Congress to giving proof that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is ended in each person forever at death; and the balance of the addresses to the necessity of founding an international propaganda society to make these greatest of all discoveries known, and to establish branch societies all over the world to spread and perpetuate this knowledge until all learn and accept it. This is the only plan by which the idolatry and religious superstitions of the world can ever be eradicated and I hope you and Comrade Haeckel and other speakers at the Hamburg Congress will adopt it.

As we have in the United States an organized and incorporated society with 300 enrolled members based on these discoveries under the name of the Church of Humanity for their spread and perpetuation I would suggest that the Hamburg Congress adopt this name for their international society if it is put on the same foundation with the same object in view. I shall inclose a copy of the July, 1908, issue of our paper giving a copy of our formal organization and incorporation papers, The fees and annual dues provisions have been repealed. I would be delighted to hear from you on these matters any time.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. KERR, Pres. C. O. H.

Gross-Bothen, Kgr. Sachsen, Germany, June 4, 1911.

Dear Mr. Kerr: I intend to discourse on science, in the sense that it must be regarded as the highest human good. As to God and immortality, I am of the same opinion as yourself. I hold that it is necessary, however, to not only combat false ideas, but to develop and guide the world into a true knowledge of scientific thought. Th is I fully explain in my Monistic Sunday sermons which are published weekly.

Respectfully,

W. OSTWALD.

Reply.

Great Bend, Kansas, June 16, 1911.

Dr. Wilh, Ostwald, Gross-Bothen, Kkr. Sachsen, Germany.

Dear Sir: Your card of the 4th received yesterday and translated for me today. While I congratulate you on your stand for the teaching of scientific knowledge to the people I must also warn you that only the definite and specific scientific knowledge that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is permanently ended at death is the only scientific knowledge that can eradicate the idolatry of gods and the belief in religious lies on nature.

All the public schools, colleges and universities in theUnited States have in a general way accepted as probably true, and most of them teach, all the up-to-date scientific knowledge except Kerr's Discoveries, and not in a single case has it overthrown the idolatry of gods and belief in religious lies on nature in these educational institutions.

All this proves conclusively that only a knowledge of these great modern discoveries can do that. Therefore, I beg of you to drop the teaching of those scientific truths that idolaters accept and concentrate all your abilities on the task of teaching the people the evidences that prove these most important of all scientific discoveries true that the people may be rescued from idolatry thereby.

If you know these discoveries to be true I invite you most earnestly and urgently to send in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity as it is organized and chartered to make these discoveries known and is designed to be an international educational society for their promulgation and perpetuation.

I inclose a blank application for you to fill out and return to me. Then I shall be delighted to forward your certificate of membership. We have over 300 enrolled members in the United States and your great biologist, Ernest Haeckel, is also a member. We want all scientists who have learned these great discoveries to join with us and help to make them known.

Yours rspectfully,

W. H. KERR,

Pres. C. O. H.

The Rip-Saw Editor Comes to the Usual Sequel of the Mere Ranter.

The rip-roaring, clergy-hating and church-lambasting editor of the National Rip-Saw, Col. Dick Maple (Seth McClellen,) who was called an Infidel and Atheist and many more names, has followed the usual course of the mere ranter against churches and the clergy by accepting and becoming an enthusiastic champion of the rottenest mess of religious superstitions ever dished up by idolaters—Christian Science.

This is the usual end of such people which bring disgust to all and is the reason I refuse to accept titles that are applied to them as I am not of their class at all. By their vindictive, unreasoning and unjust hatred of churches, clergy, Bible and God they gather a following of disgruntled idolaters and then when they get sick they desert those followers and plunge heels-over-head into some idolatrous society and become the most enthusiastic of all. Such has been the case with Col. Dick Maple when stricken with paralysis and imagined a Christian Science healer cured him when it seems to me from reading the editorial in the July Rip-Saw that she only succeeded in drawing the complaint to his head. It is so common for all such vitriolic haters of churches and everything connected with them to end up in the embrace of some religious superstition when they think they are about to die that all are learning to expect them to do it. Some have mistaken me to be of that class and have predicted that I would "repent," be "converted" and beg their idol for "forgiveness" when I come to die. I wish to assure all that I am not of that class at all, have no confidence in them, no sympathy or common interest with them and they have none with me because they can not learn nor comprehend the truths I discovered and teach. I have no hatred whatever of churches, clergy, Christians, nor their gods. My educational work is not actuated by hatred nor based on hatred for anything whatever. I have made the most astounding discoveries in natural science of modern times—the discoveries that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life is ended in each person forever at death. In the light of these marvelous discoveries I see that all people are heathen idolaters and from necessity must ever remain so until they are taught to know and accept these great modern discoveries. I have a great desire to save my own children and posterity from the vice of idolatry of heathen idols. But I see that any parent is powerless to do that by himself and that it can only be done through organized societies for that special purpose to enable them to employ competent teachers of these discoveries for their children, and to provide that stimulant to moral courage necessary to learn, profess and defend these truths against a world of idolaters. But the parents themselves must be taught to know and accept these truths before they will join the Church of Humanity to aid in saving their children from the vice of heathen idolatry. That is why I am devoting my time free of charge to teaching these discoveries and am putting $150 a month into the educational work besides.

I ask all parents who learn Kerr's Discoveries to join with me in the C. O. H. and aid in teaching them to the people and in organizing branch societies of those who learn them so that all can co-operate in saving their children from the idolatry of God and Christ and other heathen idols that have no more existence than has Santa Claus.

None who do so need have any fear that I will ever desert them or deny these truths when I come to die because I know these truths as well as I do that twice two are four and no one thinks of denying that knowledge when he is about to die.

The moment you are convinced that Kerr's Discoveries are true please seud in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity.

How to Create a Demand For the Teaching of Kerr's Discoveries.

Ages ago in pre-historic times some one began teaching the lies on nature for truth that there are such beings as gods, souls, spirits and that the dead will come to life again and be immortal. These were such pleasing lies to the sorrowing but ignorant people who believed them true that they at once created a demand for their repetition. That was doubtless the beginning of the elaborate systems of religious lies on nature that cover the world today with their temples of idolatry, "sacred" writings and multitudes of false teachers. Practically all people desire to hear the teaching of these foundation lies of all religions and perpetuate them gladly by teaching them to their children and employing vast numbers of people to make a life work of telling them. While professing to love the truth they abhor any discovered truth that tends to disprove these religious lies on nature and refuse to learn it or tolerate teachers of it until it is demonstrated that those teachers are firm believers in those religious lies and are able to patch up some kind of a distorted harmony between those lies and their new-found truth, and demonstrate by their own example that both can be believed by the same person at the same time.

This policy and practice has blocked the spread of scientific knowledge of natur in many cases for hundreds of years and it will doubtless block the spread and acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries to any great extent for centuries because they come in direct conflict with the very foundation lies of all religions and no semblance of harmony between them can ever be made or attempted, and who would profess to believe both would expose his hypocrisy so plainly that all could see it.

The greatest task ever undertaken by man is the complete overthrow of those foundation lies on nature upon which Christianity and all other religions rest, and whether that task requires 100 or 1,000 years to accomplish it must be done before any part of our race is intitled to the claim of being civilized and enlightened.

Kerr's Discoveries is the fulcrum, and love of truth and enlightenment the leaver, by which these mighty systems of religious mythologies are to be overthrown. Though long and desperate be the task we must ever be encouraged to stick to it by the consolation that when once accomplished never again will religious mythologies block the pathway of human progress as our race assends to those heights of perfection undreamed of by the most enthusiastic Socialist.

But there must be a demand created for the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries. That can only be done by continual and persistent teaching of them until they begin to sink deep into the minds of the people and they become conscious of their truthfulness and one by one begin to get ashamed of being idolaters and of raising idolatrous children. Then they will begin to create a demand for more and better teachers of them by uniting into new societies and calling for oral teachers of them for their children and neighbors, and begin to demand their teaching of schools, colleges and universities.

The distribution of hundreds of

thousands more copies of this little educator would aid, proportionately in creating that demand.

For the small sum of $6.00 a month I can place a copy in the homes of 1,000 more families in any of the great cities I have distributers in and named in this copy. Will able friends of this educational work please add a few thousand more families to our list of readers in each of these cities. You owe it to yourselves, to your families and to your fellow citziens to do all the good you can with your wealth, and nothing you can do with it would be of so much permanent good as aiding in giving them a knowledge of these grandest of all modern scientific discoveries.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

Mr. C. A. Richardson Tries to Produce the Goods, But Fails.

In the June issue I quoted from a criticism of Mr. C. A. Richardson's wherein he claimed that "thousands of scientific students" knew my discoveries long before I began teaching them and I asked him to give me their names and addresses. But when he undertook to do it they dwindled to three—Immanuel Kant, Ernst Haeckel and C. K. Franklin.

On the subjects of God and soul Kant was simply a metaphysical philosopher who knew nothing about them. What he said in his earlier writings favorable to Kerr's Discoveries he repudiated in his later writings which shows he was only guessing at truth in the first case and these discoveries proves that he missed it in his latest guess.

When a child gives the correct answer to a question and then gives another one as a correction it shows that it does not know the answer at all but is simply guessing, and no one should take it for authority in either case.

Such are the contradictory nature of Kant's theories that Haeckel says of him in "The Riddle of the Universe," page 92:

"The young, severely critical Kant came to the conclusion that the three great buttresses of mysticism—'God, freedom and immortality'—were untenable in the light of 'pure reason;' the older dogmatic Kant found that these three great hallucinations were postulates of 'critical reason,' and were, as such indispensible," and in "The Wonders of Life," page 434, he says:

"Kant I. explained the constitution and the mechanical origin of the Universe on Newtonian principles, and declared that mechanicism alone afforded a real explanation of phenomena; Kant II. subordinated the mechanical principle to the teleological, explaining everything as a natural design. Kant I. convincingly proved that the three central dogmas of metaphysics—God, freedom and immortality—are inacceptable to pure reason. Kant II. claimed that they are necessary postulates of practical reason. This profound opposition of principles runs through Kan's whole philosophic work from beginning to end, and has never been reconciled."

Haeckel must be well acquainted with Kant's theories as he refers to them many times.

Kant's teaching is taught in colleges and universities to prove religious mythologies true and not Kerr's Discoveries as Mr. Richardson would have us believe. I have no confidence in any man who wishes to b a witness on both sides of a case.

Kant never knew Kerr's Discoveries. A mere metaphysical speculator on any subject is not a discoverer and teacher of the truth about it.

As to Comrade Haeckel knowing and teaching Kerr's Discoveries he seems to have been the reverse of Kant's his changed teaching if he is now a consistent member of our church. But I think it is not a year since he withdrew his membership in an idolatrous church. In the May T. A. G. & L., I pointed out the inconsistencies between the Monistic ideas of Haeckel and Kerr's Discoveries. Monism assigns an intelligent force, energy or spirit to substance which it does not possess as proven by Kerr's Discoveries. This error of Monism is simply a modified god-idea of idolaters and can not be accepted by the Church of Humanity. I come now to the consideration of Charles Kendall Franklin. But I know nothing about him to base a consideration on except some quotations from his book, "The Socialization of Humanity," sent me by Mr. Richardson. They are mainly a refutation of the "design argument" of idolaters, but not a word is said about knowing there is no god in the Universe, no soul in man and life being ended in each person forever a death.

Mr. Richardson says of these men:

"Their knowledge of these truths (Kerr Discoveries) have been gleaned from all of the fields of the past and present, they are the studies and compilations of a long line of scientists and philosophers, these are the sources of my knowledge on these matters. Where did you get yours?"

I got my knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries direct from nature—the source of all first hand knowledge. nature. All that had been taught me by people up to that time on these subjects are lies on nature. It is strange that Mr. Richardson has learned Kerr's Discoveries from people who did not themselves know them, but who believed and taught errors on these subjects as I have shown.

But it is absolutely immaterial who first discovered and taught these truths. The essential thing for all who know them to do is to join the C. O. H. and aid in having this knowledge made known to all and perpetuated. Otherwise the discovery will be of no value to our race and it will have to remain in the heathenism of idolatry. The knowlege of these discoveries can never be successfully made known and perpetuated through papers, books and lectures alone. That can be done only by self-perpetuating societies founded on it for that special purpose with the object of saving our children and posterity from the idolatry of heathen idol gods. No parent can possibly save his posterity from this vile heathenism by himself. But if millions of parents will join with me in the C. O. H. and organize local churches everywhere to employ competent teachers of Kerr's Discoveries for them we can save them from the vice of idolatry.

The 19 cities of over 100,000 population each in which 1,000 copies of this little educator is being distributed monthly should be served to many thousands more. Will some wealthy philanthropist in each of these cities, who wishes to do the world some good, please send me a check to give several thousand more of his townspeople a monthly scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries? Remember $6.00 a month per 1,000 will do it.

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Our distributers of this little educator in these cities would like to have many thousands more to distribute and our printer would be glad to print them but the C. O. H. is not able to have it done. Therefore I appeal to the able in all these cities to send me donations to give free scholarships in Kerr's Discoveries to thousands more in any of these cities. Six dollars will give a free scholarship to 1,000 people in any of these cities per month, or $72 per year. There are many people in each of these cities able to give such scholarships to their fellow citizens and I invite them to do the greatest permanent good they can do the people by accepting this invitation to give as many thousands of their townsmen a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries as they can. The same offer will apply to any other city in the United States if reliable distributers can be secured to do the distributing.

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W. H. Kerr, Pres. C. O. H., Great Bend, Kansas: Having learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries I hereby apply for membership in the Church of Humanity.

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INTRODUCTORY—A Cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy, Healthy and Wealthy Life to All. This Little Educator Is Distributed by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life Is Ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Souls, Saints Devils, Spirits, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Heckel, the Great German Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Requested to Join the C. O. H. No Fees or Dues to Pay.

POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 11

Ladies, Gentlemen and Children: My lecture this month is to 25,000 people scattered throughout the United States and a few in foreign countries, but mostly in the large cities from California to Massachusetts. I hope some rich philanthropists in this great multitude who wish to do a world of good to humanity with a part of their wealth before they die will learn the modern discoveries I am teaching and enable me to increase the number of my students to several million people.

In this vast multitude there are people of all professions and occupations, adherents of all political parties and Christian sects usually found in this country. This is as it should be because Kerr's Discoveries being scientific truths in nature should be known and taught to all alike the same as the true shape and movements of the earth.

But the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries must not be limited to those of one language, race and country. It must be put into books and translated into every language and distributed throughout the world that those of every race, religion and country may learn the true nature of their gods and what becomes of themselves when they die. Practically all people are anxious to know the truth about these vital subjects, and now that it is at last discovered they are entitled to know it and it is the the first and greatest duty of those who first learn it to aid in making it known to more and to organize themselves into societies to spread and perpetuate this knowledge by teaching it to the children of each succeeding generation until all the world knows and accepts it and teaches it in all schools, colleges and universities throughout the world for all coming time so long as our race exists.

Kerr's Discoveries are that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life in each person is permanently ended at death. These discoveries at once and for all time lifts these subjects out of the domain of religions, philosophies, opinions, beliefs, theories and metaphysical speculations and places them in the domain of scientifically known facts. They must henceforth be taught in the name of science because they are scientific subjects to be treated by the scientific method. The questions of the true nature of God, soul and dying are purely scientific questions and I discovered the truth about them through the scientific method of ascertaining the truths of nature. I shall now proceed to direct you how and where to look for the evidence and proof of Kerr's Discoveries so that you can find it in abundance every day you live and be able to qualify for teachers of them.

But first I must warn you where not to look for the truth about God and life. In beginning to learn the truth about God and life it is as important to know where to not look as where to look for it. Otherwise, you are liable to waste all your time and energy searching in the wrong place as you never can find a thing by looking where it is not though dilligently and long you search.

Do not look in the Bible nor any so-called sacred writings or books for the truth about God and life because it is not in them. They were all written by people who believed and taught untruths about these subjects.

Do not study Christianity nor any other religion to find the truth about God and life because they are all based on and teach untruths about these subjects and are all mythologies.

Do not ask the priests, clergy, nor teachers of any religion, for the truth about God and life, because they do not know it. They are employed to teach untruths on these subjects and should they learn the truth and try to teach it their employers would promptly discharge them for not teaching what they employed them to teach.

Do not turn to liberals, freethinkers, agnostics nor rationalists expecting to find teachers of the truth about God and life. They do not know it. They are also teachers of untruths about these subjects. Some criticise minor and immaterial teachings and methods of religious societies but hold fast to their primary errors. The reformation and all other cisms in the ranks of idolaters are simply rebellions against religious hierarchies, some methods and ceremonies in the teaching and practice of idolatry or some non-essential articles of faith. The fight to dissolve the partnership of church and state and church and school in some European countries are only quarrels among idolaters over plans and methods. All factions are equally idolatrous nd equally firm believers in the primary religious lies on nature. None are teaching the truth about God and life.

Do not go to the scientists who are investigating other matters for the truth about God and life. They do not know it. They are not investigating those subjects. They accepted the religious lies on nature for truths in childhood and can not overcome their early teaching and training. They can teach you wonderful discovered truths in geology, biology, astronomy and scores of sciences they are experts in, but you would search all their works in vain for the truth about God and life. In all their books of truths on other subjects they have incorporated their religious superstitions on these subjects as they received them from their idolatrous ancestors.

Do not go to the teachers in any school, college, seminary, academy, university or other educational institution in the world to ask for the truth about God and life. They do not know it. They have been selected especially on account of their practice of idolatry and firm belief in religious lies on nature and ability to teach this heathenism to the children of their patrons. The first and foremost demand of all parents is that an educational institution to which they send their children must teach them their brand of idolatry and favorite religious lies on nature. That is why we have a "non-sectarian" state university in Kansas that teaches every religious lie on nature believed in by the parents of its students. And this is what's the matter with every educational institution in every nation, race and language and results in the thorough heathenizing of each succeeding generation. Were a teacher in any of these institutions to learn Kerr's Discoveries and attempt to teach them he would be promptly dismissed. But the time must come when the manhood of thousands of these teachers will assert itself and they will exercise their inalienable right to learn and then teach Kerr's Discoveries. That time will come when they know they will b esustained and defended by tens of thousands of the patrons. That is why I am teaching you these discoveries and urging those who learn them to unite in the Church of Humanity for their promulgation. Then school teachers and officials can count how many want these discoveries taught.

Then children can be taught this most important of all knowledge by teachers in all educational institutions as they should be. But until that time comes you must go where I did to get the education you can get no where else in the true nature of God, soul and life, and that is to nature direct. I never could have learned the truths about these subjects had I confined my search for them to the people, books, societies and institutions I have warned you do not know them but are teaching untruths instead.

But in going direct to nature in search of truths on these subjects I must further warn you to not fall into the mistake Thomas Paine and thousands of others did of seeking only for evidence that can be misinterpreted and distorted into a semblance of proof of your religious superstitions and overlook or ignore the world of clear evidence disproving the very foundation of those superstitions by proving that there is no real god, no soul and no immortality for man.

In the search of nature for this evidence you must be guided by and have full confidence in your own five natural senses aided by your best judgement in forming correct conclusions from evidence observed.

With this warning, caution and advice for you to strictly follow and with a clear idea of the gods, soul and immortality idolaters taught you exists we we will start out to observe nature to see if those things really do exist as facts in nature.

The first object of unusual interest we happen upon is a dead horse partly devoured by wolves and vultures. All our senses prove to us it is dead. We were never taught that there is a god to care for the horse, give it a soul, resurrect it again and put it in a heaven or hell. Therefore we are free from prejudice or self-interest to see clearly that no god exists to care for this horse, and by inference no other horse. We never had the least evidence nor reliable proof that the horse has a soul that leaves the body at death and continues a conscious existence. We see that the organs of all his five senses like those of man are dead and can not perform their functions as they did before life ceased. Some of them are now gone and others are partly decomposed. We see the brain is dead and can no more generate mind and thought and reason from impressions on it through his five senses as when alive. We can easily see that no power could possibly resurrect this horse into a whole, sound, live horse again. He is totally dead and must remain so for all eternity. To him it is now the same as if he had never existed.

But with impatience you exclaim, "We accept this evidence and your reasoning, logic and conclusions based on it that for the horse there is no god, no soul, no resurrection and no immortality. But man is a different being entirely. He has reasoning faculties, judgement, love and affection which are special soul qualities proving that God endowed man with something superior to the horse and in his own immage, and he proves his loving, watchful care over man continually by giving him drink, food, shelter and protection from harm. He would not do all that for man to let him perish forever as this miserable horse. He must have some more worthy object in view and that object is to have us worship, praise and

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

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Have no fears that I may be mistaken in the knowledge I am teaching. I have as much at stake as any one can have and was absolutely certain of the truths I teach before I began teaching them.

What is needed is a Church of Humanity in every community with a large membership, regular weekly meetings and a salaried lecturer to tach Kerr's Discoveries to the people.

When the people learn Kerr's Discoveries one church in a neighborhood will be enough to teach them and that will save about nine-tenths of the expenses of churches, and give the people truths in place of lies besides.

This little educator is teaching advanced knowledge of God and life that can not be had in any educational institution in all the world now. Subscibe for it and learn Kerr's Discoveries in advance of all the universities.

Don't be afraid that learning Kerr's Discoveries will make criminals, worse citizens. Remember that all kinds of criminals are now firm believers in the religious lies on nature, that gods, souls, immortality and hell are realities. To learn Kerr's Discoveries will civilize and enlighten them and that will surely make them bettr citizens.

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love him on earth and in heaven forever for his love, care and goodness to man."

"See!" exclaims one of the party, "the horse has a bridle on and also a ladies saddle. This may mean tragedy. Let us look around."

A deep interest is now injected into the find. All is excitement. A search is at once started to solve the mystery.

"Come here," shouts one after going a few rods, "a woman has been murdered." All rush to the spot. A woman, partly devoured by wolves and vultures, is there.

I notice a white leaf sticking out of the sand and on uncovering it find a blank report book for the secretary of a Sunday school with several pages filled with the story of the tragedy. I begin reading it to you. When her name and address is read a committee is at once started to her home to report the find to her family and the authorities. She writes about how she found herself in Death Valley before she realized that she had missed the way home in the dusk of evening while returning from a distant village where she had gone to organize a Sunday school. She thought she would retrace her course and quickly get out. But after a while she realized that she was hopelessly lost. Then she appealed to God, her ever sure and willing aid in time of need, to guide her safely home. She placed herself unreservedly in his care and followed faithfully the direction she thought he indicated to her mind. But on and on she rode all night and all the next day praying continually for God and Christ to help her find her home or to guide some one to her. There being no water nor food to be found she was nearly famished from thirst and realizing that she might go to sleep or get so weak she would fall off the horse she tied herself to the saddle as best she could.

Exhaustion overcame her at last and she fell fast asleep or became delirious from which she was suddenly aroused by falling off the horse and breaking her leg. To her surprise and incouragement the sun was up and shining brightly and she beheld with joy the boundry of Death Valley not far off and saw on the distant hill tops land-marks she recognized as being near her home. She records her profound thankfulness to her heavenly father for his loving kindness and tender mercies in starting her on the right way home.

But, alas, she can not remount her horse nor drag herself on the ground. She places herself in God's hands with full confidence in his ability to find a way of bringing aid to her. She tried to tell her horse to go home and bring her husband or one of the children for her, but it could not understand her language and would not desert her though it,too, was suffering greatly for want of water. She records the faithfulness of her horse and seems to now realize that it had not been lost at all, but had started direct for home when she could no longer guide it. She remembered now many times when it tried in its gentle way to go in some other direction but she would not let it. She seems to have begun to suspect that for some cause unknown to her God was giving her a terrible punishment and might not stop it short of death itself. On several tear-stained pages she pours out her love for her husband and children and especially the baby. She expresses her love for her father and mother, brothers and sisters and members of her church and Sunday school and especially her child that died a few years ago beside whom she wishes to be buried if they do not find her alive. She now begins to write of intense pain in her broken leg and of the tortures of thirst, and the writing shows she had hardly strength to write legibly. She is evidently growing delirious as the writinf can not be deciphered except the word "baby." But she recovers again enough to write a little the next morning to say she would soon be dead and out of her unbearable misery.

She expresses her intense sorrow for her family whom she knows are distracted with grief and are searching in vain for her. She mentions her faithful horse again, how he drove off the vultures in the evening and aroused her to consciousness in the early morning dawn fighting off the wolves. She writes a fervent prayer for God to have pity on her, her husband, children and babe and for their sake if not her own to forgive her for the sins he is punishing her for and allow her to see them once more before she dies.

A few more illegible marks and all is blank. What we behold tells the sequel.

The committee sent to report the find has not gone many miles when a horseman comes racing to meet them to ask if they had heard anything of the missing woman. They tell of their find and the horseman gives one of them his horse and instructions where to find the nearest house with a phone where he could report to her family and the villages round about. Then he joins the others in their return to us. He tells us how her family phoned to the village to inquire about her when she was not home when expected; how they quickly gathered a small searching party in the village and went over the road she should have traveled and searched all night for her; how the next day all the villages and ranches were notified of the lost woman and how all able people for many miles around were organized into searching parties; how on the third day the clergy had called all to their various churches who could not join in the search to hold continuous prayers to God to save and protect and to guide rescurers to her.

Come now and let us reason together and formulate sane conclusions based on this hypothetical case and thousands of real cases which happen in the world every year with the essential features of this one where the victims meet their sad fate in sea and wreck, in earthquake and fire in storm and mine and hundreds of other ways. This tragedy is my answer to the claims you were making when the bridle and saddle were observed. Can't you see that people no more have souls than have horses? Can't you see that had this woman a soul it would have went straight home to baby when liberated and reported where the body was? Can't you see that she is as dead as the horse and that it would be as impossible to resurrect her as the horse? Can't you see that since there is no unseen beings to care for this woman when alive there can be none to care for her when dead?

Can't you see that since there are no gods to care for this woman there can be none to care for you or I or any other people?

Can't you see that all religions are only heathen superstitions based on lies on nature?

Can't you trust your own senses and your judgement based on them? What are they good for if you can't use them as your guide to truth? Are they not as reliable in this age of infinitely greater knowledge as were those of our savage ancestors who founded the religions? Come! Come! Let us have some trust and confidence in the ability of our own senses and reasoning powers to read correctly the open book of nature.

The Belief In Old Heathen Lies On Nature Make Modern Writers Appear to Be Simpletons.

It seems incredible to me that modern people who have sense enough to learn the arts of reading and writing can believe the old heathen lies on nature in the Bible to be true when they must be able to see a world of proof that they are not.

A case in point is the editor of the "whether common or not" page in "The Commoner," Mr. W. J. Brayan's paper of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Writing of "Biblical Humor" in the issue of August 18 he says:

"And did you ever stop to think about the humor of that little episode that put a stop to the building of the tower of Babel? How easy it would have been for the Lord to have stopped the work by upsetting the tower, or destroying the material. But He didn't. He brought on the confusion of tongues, and when a bricklayer called for mortar he got bricks, and vice versa; and when the foreman ordered a thing done something else was done; and men who should have come up went down; and men who should have gone down came up. It must have been a merry old time. Is it sacrilege to believe that the Lord enjoyed the situation and had a quiet laugh at the antics of the little human ants so far below him?"

The writer evidently is amused when he contemplates how tickled his idol was at the practical joke it played on its children when they loved him so well as to desire to go up to see him, but there is no amusement in "that little episode," for one who sees that our race is idiotic enough to believe it true in this age when one can look through the telescope and see that there is no heaven and can go up in a flying machine to the very spot where the Bible liars said a heaven is and see for himself that no such a place exists in reality. In the face of these easy methods of learning the truth how long will writers continue to make fools of themselves by believing and teaching the old heathen lies on nature found in the Bible? There is only one answer to this question. From necessity all must believe and teach them until they learn Kerr's Discoveries that God and soul are only characters of fiction and death the end of life.

The Bible fable explaining the cause of the differences in languages has no recognition in philology which is the name of the scientific investigation into the origin, development and evolution of languages. Those who wish to learn the truth about

this subject should study some standard work on philiology instead of the Bible lies on nature which teaches that languages were invented and thrown into the minds of people in a perfected condition by a god to confuse them. Sane people should be able to know that it is impossible for people to unlearn their native language instantly and learn a strange one without a teacher of it.

Were a man to utter a word in a language unknown to him he would not know it because he would not know its meaning.

Mr. Maupin, the author of the above quotation, has simply reproduced the fable as taught him when a "kid" by his idolatrous parents or Sunday school teachers just as a phonograph record would have done, and he seems to have no more ability to recognize its absurdity than the record would have.

All this proves that the adult reproduces the religious lies on nature taught him in infancy as faithfully as a phonograph record would do and with as little thought of them being untrue. It also proves that if parents desires their children to know and to teach the truth about God and life when they grow up they must teach them Kerr's Discoveries in childhood because very few of them will have sense enough to learn them when they grow up regardless of the unlimited amount of evidence all around them to prove these discoveries true. That is why I persistently urge all who learn them to join the C. O. H. and organize themselves into local societies for the special purpose of teaching their children these great modern scientific discoveries in nature while they are young and can learn them. When they grow up their religious superstitions become inflexible and they are unable to learn new discoveries that contradict them just as is the case with Mr. Maupin, Mr. Bryan and the people all around you and very likely yourself.

I Observe

That those who wish the credit of making Kerr's Discoveries are doing nothing for their promulgation to entitle them to the credit.

That those who object to Kerr having all the credit for his discoveries are not objecting to him doing all the work and paying all the money to make them known.

That those who are fighting the church and clergy are not teaching the people those truths about God and life they must know before they can do without idolatrous societies and the clergy.

That a separation of church and state does not separate a people from their religious superstitions.

That church and clergy haters are members and supporters of other societies that teach the same religious lies on nature they do.

That it is as heathenish to teach and practice idolatry in the public schools as in churches.

That it is as degrading to stand up to pray to idols as it is to kneel.

That where no one prays for rain they get it as soon as when prayed for.

That nature knows no distinction between those who know and teach Kerr's Discoveries and idolaters because nature does not know of the existence of either party and there is no god to make nature show any discrimination.

That when idolaters on land are praying for rain it is falling in abundance on the ocean which proves there is no god to hear and answer their prayers.

That the recent prolonged drouth which caused idolaters to pray for rain was followed by floods, cyclones, hail and lightning which killed many idolaters and their stock and destroyed much of their property, all of which proves that there is no god to control the elements.

That it is as heathenish to worship God and Christ an dall other imagination-made gods as it is to worship the hand-made and machine-made varieties.

That those who fight the Roman Catholic church are simply envious of their success in heathenizing the children and wish they could be as as successful in that debasing business.

That every little one-horse village has from three to a dozen temples of idolatry whose poverty-stricken congregations of idolaters insist on having their special brand of heathenism taught to their children and neighbors when if they were sensible people they would learn Kerr's Discoveries, have them taught in the public schools,, close their temples of idolatry and give their cdergy more honorable occupation.

That when parents wish to raise civilized and enlightened children they teach them Kerr's Discoveries.

That all criminals are firm believers in religious lies on nature and detest Kerr's Discoveries.

That the greatest desire of idolatrous parnts is to have their children heathenized when it should be to have them civilized and enlightened by seeing that they are taught Kerr's Discoveries..

That some idolaters hate me because they imagine I am trying to deprive them of a god, soul and immortality when I am simply teaching the scientific discoveries that those things are not realities in nature.

That some parents refuse to try to learn Kerr's Discoveries through fear of losing the trade or votes of other idolaters when they should consider it their first and highest duty to learn these great modern discoveries to enable them to teach them to their children since the duty of raising civilized and enlightened children should be put above all considerations of trade and office seeking.

That those who have joined the Church of Humanity and aid in its propapanda work are as prosperous in business as idolaters, and that they are in every way as good citizens. Then what is the use and need of being heathen idolaters?

Do Not Die Uninlightened to Fill An Idolaters's Grave.

As sure as you die without learning Kerr's Discoveries you will die uninlightened on these vital subjects to fill an idolaters grave as do all who die believing in the existence of gods, souls, immortality and many other lies on nature handed down the ages from our ignorant, uncivilized ancestors.

That should be considered a deep disgrace to yourself and family and friends, and as life is very uncertain you should get busy and learn these most important of all scientific discoveries in nature.

Oh, Those Horrid Cranks Who Will Not Let the People Do As "God Intended" They Should.

It is now recognized by all close observers that it is those horrid cranks that cause so much trouble and unrest in the world. They will not keep still and drift quietly with the tide of humanity back to the good old days of the cave-dwellers. Oh, no, not they. They wake everybody up and cause a commotion by insisting on them learning things and doing things they don't want to and thus drive them to progress, knowledge, enlightenment and civilization.

It were they who got those crazy ideas in their heads about improving on "God's plan" and began monkeying with sticks and things making pictures and marks we call hieroglyphics and thus invented the arts of reading and writing and gave the people a language instead of leaving their vocabulary to the animal grounts and squeals as "God intended" it to be.

It were they whose brains began to evolve new ideas never heard of before and they began utilizing natural resources by making clubs, spears, bows and other weapons for the capture and subjugation of the animal kingdom for the people's food, clothing and slaves instead of hiding from them in caves and trees, naked and subsisting on raw snakes, lizards and wild fruit as "God intended" them to.

It were they who fooled away their time tinkering with old junk and traps trying to make things like the "wheels in their head" which resulted in putting the people on wheels, propellers and wings, making them the champion runners, swimmers and flyers in the known universe instead of leaving them to walk as "God intended" they should.

It were they who becoming dissatisfied with "God's way" gave the world artificial light and heat and power; gave it transportation, communication and commerce which "God never intended" it to have.

It were they whose inquisitive minds ever thirsting for knowledge delved into the secrets of nature and with the aid of microscope , telescope, spectroscope and scores of other instruments reveals to the people the marvelous truths of nature that "God never intended" them to know.

Because I have made and am teaching the greatest of all modern scientific discoveries—that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life of each person is permanently ended at death—I am classed by some as a crank. But when I remember what the cranks have done for the world I do not feel greatly insulted on being classed with them.

Immediate Demands of Civilized and Enlightened Citizens of Great Bend.

1. We demand that the Board of Education and all teachers selected for our city schools learn Kerr's Discoveries at once and refuse to read the Bible, repeat prayers and sing idolatrous hymns in any of the said schools.

2. We demand that a large majority of the citizens of Great Bend learn Kerr's Discoveries at once and be prepared to support, defend and sustain the above action of the Board of Education and the school teachers.

3. We demand that a large majority of the citizens of Kansas learn Kerr's Discoveries before the next general election and then from their numbers select all state and county officers who will, when elected, make all necessary appointments from their numbers to the end that all religious superstitions be eliminated in our school books and Kerr's Discoveries inserted instead as we wish to live in a civilized and enlightened state and make it possible to raise civilized and enlightened children.

Only a Matter of Course.

As a matter of course some people believe that I am the wickedest man on earth, some that I am as crazy as a bed bug and some that I am only a harmless crank. And in the course of time when Kerr's Discoveries are taught in all schools, colleges and universities of every country and language and any person found worshipping God and Christ or any other idols is promptly sent to jail or an asylum it will still be only a matter of course. But it will illustrate the natural evolution of knowledge and enlightenment and the wonderful metamorphosis wherein time transforms the fool into the future brilliant scientist and the brilliant theologian into the future fool.

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It is a recognized principle and duty for the able to give free education in useful knowledge to those unable to pay for it themselves, and also for those who know new discoveries that should be known by all to furnish free teaching in them to those who do not know them.

Following this duty the Church of Humanity has arranged to give a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to 1,000 people in each of 19 cities of over 100,000 people.

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Our distributors of this little educator in these cities would like to have many thousands more to distribute and our printer would be glad to print them but the C. O. H. is not able to have it done. Therefore I appeal to the able in all these cities to send me donations to give free scholarships in Kerr's Discoveries to thousands more in any of these cities. Six dollars will give a free scholarship to 1,000 people in any of these cities per month, or $72 per year. There are many people in each of these cities able to give such scholarships to their fellow citizens and I invite them to do the greatest permanent good they can do the people by accepting this invitation to give as many thousands of their townsmen a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries as they can. The same offer will apply to any other city in the United States if reliable distributors can be secured to do the distributing.

The object is to teach many people in all cities Kerr's Discoveries so they can organize societies to spread and perpetuate this extremely important knowledge of nature therein and rescue their citizens from idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature and thereby elevate them in the scale of enlightenment and civilization.

As Fast As Parents Become Civilized and Enlightened Through Learning Kerr's Discoveries They Will

Prohibit their children from worshipping God and Christ and other idols by prayers and songs of praise and flattery to them.

Prohibit them from taking part in any idolatrous exercises whatever.

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Join the C. O. H. themselves and have their children do likewise and teach them how to aid in the service of Kerr's Discoveries by getting them a good example in contributing freely for their dissemination.

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"W. H. Kerr. Dear Comrade: Inclosed find money order for $5.00 for 50 subs for one year to inclosed list. Your paper is certainly enlightening the people if they are honest enough to admit the truth."

(In clubs of 10 or more subs at a time they are only 10 cents each. Send in lists of a few hundred of your neighbors and have them enlightened by being taught Kerr's Discoveries. You can not possibly have societies and schools to teach your children these greatest scientific discoveries of all the ages until hundreds of your neighbors are taught to know and accept them. That is why I pay a distributor $2.50 to hand copies of this little educator to 1,000 of my neighbors each month.—Editor.)

Cut It Out!

In writing to me some address me as "Rev." and some as "Dr." I do not wish any such titles although I am confident I have as much reverence for the truth about God and life as the clergy have for lies about those subjects. And as for the "Dr." no educational institution has confered any titles on me and very likely none will wake up enough from their stupid idolatry to comprehend the enormous value of Kerr's Discoveries to humanity until centuries after I am dead.

Subscribe for this little educator and give your family a chance to learn the greatest scientific discoveries of modern times.

Join the Church of Humanity as soon as you learn the truths it teaches and aid it in its educational work.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions andtheir societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

Mrs. Carrie Nation Is Dead.

Carrie Nation, the famous saloon smasher, died in a sanitarium at Leavenworth, Kansas, June 9. Many editorials have appeared in the papers on her work and methods as a temperance reformer. Owing to her militant methods of smashing saloons with her hatchet some have thought her insane. But if destroying the property of those who have insulted and injured one is evidence of insanity then whole nations go insane at times when they not only smash the property of those who offend them with shot and shell but also kill the owners. But those editors have not told the cause of her insanity because it would raise a doubt of their own sanity since they believe the same things that caused her to act crazy. The cause of her insanity was her belief in the Christian religious lies on nature. I heard her lecture once in this city and bought of her a souvenir hatchet pin and the story of her life written by herself. It is full of the proof of the Christian fanatic who believes the religious lies on nature in the Bible to be true and who is a danger in any community, state or nation if he can get followers enough.

She believed she was the special agent of a god to smash saloons and believed that a god was often with her to aid and direct her and encourage her in the task. She fills pages in quoting Bible texts to show that God and Christ were smashers of their enemies and their property of the first magnitude and commanded their followers to continue the good work.

She relates how God led her horse in the direction he desired her to go in a smashing raid; how, in answer to her prayers for affliction on her only child because she did not love God enough, he gave her typhoid fever that nearly killed her and caused the loss of a jaw bone, and how he restored it again in answer to her request when the object was accomplished; how he selected a husband for her, found lost articles for her and made himself quite useful to her as her "man Friday;" how her "Savior" had been with her three days at a time looking over her left shoulder and she entertained him with conversation, song and music and that she knew he was pleased by his "sweet, smiling gratified expression."

The book of 197 pages is interspersed with many accounts of God and Christ doing special favors for her. Idolaters will take this as evidence of her "spiritual" nature but as people learn Kerr's Discoveries they will recognize it as symptoms of insanity.

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 12

All Calamities Prove the Truth of Kerr's Discoveries.

My lecture this month will be devoted to teaching you the true meaning of calamities that extinguish the lives of millions of our fellow beings annually, and how to recognize them as proof of Kerr's Discoveries.

One cause of the people's slowness in learning these modern scientific discoveries is their inability to recognize the proof of them though that proof is all around them in abundance all the time. The reason they do not recognize it is because no one has taught them to do so and teachers of religions have given them a false meaning to what they do see.

A case in point was the discovery of the true cause of eclipse of the sun and moon. Although the people could see them plainly the discoverer could not get them to learn and accept their true meaning because they were paying their teachers of religion to teach them all about everything and those teachers assumed to know the true nature and meaning of the eclipse. Being as ignorant of it as the people who employed them they nevertheless proceeded to explain that they were caused by their god as a warning threat that he would blot them out if the people did not do as the said god desired them to. The said god being only a character of fiction like Santa Claus of course could not tell the people what he wanted them to do and so the teachers of religion were free to tell it for him. Consequently they substituted what they themselves wanted the people to do and not to do as the wishes of their god. If those teachers had had the wisdom and freedom from desire for personal and class aggrandizement to always lead the people in the right course there would be some truth in the claims of idolaters that they were a necessary factor in civilizing the people. But more often than otherwise they led them in the wrong course and when all is considered in the light of Kerr's Discoveries it is seen that they retarded rather than promoted civilization just as they are doing now. They told the people that their god wanted them to kill off his enemies, sacrifice to him, build him temples, obey his representatives in all things they required and shut up or kill off all who dared to contradict them in anything whatever or he would blot out their sky-lights forever as he was showing them how easily he could do it. On this plan they explained to the people the cause and meaning of all calamities such as pestilence, famine, earthquake, drought, flood, hail, storms, lightning, disease, defeat in battle and all other misfortunes to the people. All these were the result of anger of the gods caused by the people's disobedience to the priests. They were also taught that success in battle, prosperity and freedom from calamities were the result of aid from the pleased gods for the people's obedience to the priests' commands and requirements.

In time all movements of the elements and good and bad luck came to be regarded as being caused by gods as punishments or rewards for the people according to their disobedience or obedience to their priests. In this way our ignorant, barbaric ancestors laid the foundation of the present religious mythologies that have overspread the world, dominates every race, nation, state, society, family, individual and educational institution; that thoroughly blocks the path of human propress until none can possibly be made except this dam of heathen ignorance and superstition be carried forward and strengthened at the same time. This impregnable dam composed of religious superstitions has been strong enough to not only successfully resist human progress but to make it flow backwards for hundreds and even thousands of years as human retrogression.

Occasionally a new truth in nature was discovered that conflicted with the teachings of the hired defenders of that dam of religious superstitions. Then an intellectual battle, sometimes mixed with the physical, had to be waged for decades and sometimes centuries against those defenders to force it ahead enough to admit the new-found truth. Then that truth was promptly worked over and utilized to strengthen the dam. The discovery of the true cause of the eclipse is a good illustration of this process. After fighting it for centuries it was finally accepted and promptly utilized in proof of the wonderful wisdom and mathematical precision of a god in the arrangement of the solar system. No educated idolaters now teach or believe that human conduct has anything to do with bringing on an eclipse of the sun and moon, but they believe and teach the equally absurd religious lies on nature that they prove the existence, power and wisdom of a god in moving the planets with such precision. As sure as the teachers of religious lies on nature were mistaken in the first place about the cause of the eclipse they are mistaken now about it being proof of the existence and intelligence of a god. The very fact of perfectly true movements of the planets that enables astronomers to tell the exact time and amount of eclipse months and years in the future is positive proof that these planets are not intelligent, living entities themselves and are in no way created, guided or controled by any intelligent being whatever. The course of all intelligent beings from the lowest to the highest is always erratic and were the planets intelligent beings or controled by intelligent beings no one could tell a day in advance what their movements would be, not even those who guided them.

The uniform movements of suns, planets and satellites prove positively that they are not in any way controlled by an intelligent power but by the unintelligent attributes and properties of the substance of which they are composed acting and reacting upon each other and upon the properties of the ether in which they float, all of which are so constant and uniform that it excludes the possibility of an interference by any intelligence whatever.

Likewise, all natural calamities such as earthquakes, storms, hail, lightning, floods and droughts are in no wise caused by an intelligent power. Man's bad or good morals, ignorance or knowledge, idolatry or civilization and his obedience or disobedience to teachers of idolatry have no more to do with them than they have with the eclipse. They, like the eclipse, are caused by natural and unintelligent forces and would continue the same if there were not a human being on this planet. That millions of people are killed by them is merely accidental and without the element of design, intention or knowledge on the part of the forces that produce them. The impartial distruction of people without regard to who or what they are is sure proof of that fact. The best citizens, innocent babes and most fanatical teachers of idolatry are as liable to fall victims to those natural forces as the most hardened criminals. Temples of idolatry filled with idolaters are as liable to destruction by these forces as are penitentiaries filled with criminals. The members of idolatrous church and their property are as liable to destruction by these forces as are the property and members of the Church of Humanity. Then why not join a civilized church to aid in teaching truths instead of idolatrous churches to aid in teaching untruths when you see there can be no natural disadvantages in doing so? But some of you may say there is no need of any church if Kerr's Discoveries are true. I reply that we have the lies teaching churches, societies and schools now which never can be evolutionized into truths-teaching institutions on these subjects until the people are taught to know and accept those discoveries, and to do that will require the machinery of an organized society of those who learn them to collect funds and hire specially qualified teachers of them. That society should be named "church" for advantageous reasons though all are perfectly free to teach them under any other name they desire or as individuals under no organized name. The essential thing is their regular, systematic and continuous teaching and the only way to provide that for the people, and especially the children, is through organizations for that special purpose of those who know them. Then all the people can observe the rate of growth in the spread, acceptance and popularity of Kerr's Discoveries and observe for themselves that those who accept them are as good citizens as idolaters and that there is no god nor other unseen being to punish them in any way for doing so. That of itself will be a powerful objective educational lesson to the people which they can get in no way except by organizing those who learn and accept Kerr's Discoveries. If any who read this have accepted those discoveries and are not yet members the C. O. H. I most earnestly invite and urge them to send me their application for membership at once.

While the better educated class of teachers of idolatry no longer teach that the eclipse is a sign of anger of a god and a threat of punishment on the people for not being more punctual in their idolatry of him and more obedient to the clergy yet they all brazenly teach that all the calamities and misfortunes that befall the people are such. With impatience and disgust I have often listened to teachers of religious lies on nature tell an audience of farmers and their families that the greatest damage to crops were drought, hail, grasshoppers and chinch bugs and that they were all punishments from God for not loving him more, building more and better churches, attending divine services more regularly and supporting his servants better. They did this in the face of the fact that some other sect of idolaters in the neighborhood were doing all these things but with not the least exemption from these plagues. When their attention were called to the other sect getting no better results they used it as proof that they were on the wrong track, that some of their methods, ceremonies and teachings were displeasing to God and very likely was the cause of him sending the punishments. And so the fault-finding and counter fault-finding between the followers of the different religions and different sects of the same religion goes on continually and often results in the most bitter and vindictive wars between them over the responsibility for bring-

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When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

☐ A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

He Proves My Claims True.

In the last issue I criticised Mr. Will M. Maupin, editor of the "Whether common or not" page in Mr. Bryan's paper, "The Commoner," for accepting the biblical story of the tower of Bable for truth. In the September 15 Commoner he comes back at me with a 48 line three stanza poem and nearly a column of prose wherein he confirms some of my most important claims although trying to see some amusement in it at my expense.

But he did not reproduce my quotation of his on which my criticism was based. Perhaps he is ashamed of it. But I shall, as I know idolaters who can not be weaned from idolatry by proof and reason must be shamed out of it just as an overgrown child has to be shamed out of nursing. Here it is:

"And did you ever stop to think about the humor of that little episode that put a stop to the building of the tower of Bable? How easy it would have been for the Lord to have stopped the work by upsetting the tower, or destroying the material. But He didn't. He brought on the confusion of tongues, and when a bricklayer called for mortar he got bricks, and vice versa; and when the foreman ordered a thing done something else was done; and men who should have come up went down; and men who should have gone down came up. It must have been a merry old time. Is it sacrilege to believe that the Lord enjoyed the situation and had a quiet laugh at the antics of the little human ants so far below him?"

Aside from his attempted rebuttal criticism his poem has considerable merit and fairness and I shall reproduce it following each stanza with my comments:

Squelched.

I have studied all the "isms," all the
cults and "ologies,"
From the Persian Zoroaster to Confucius, the Chinese.
I've studied some of Buddah, of
Mahomet I have read,
And theosophy I've delved in till an
ache came in my head.

I have listened to the speakers and
I read the written page;
I have tried to catch the reasons of
philosopher and sage;
But all my time seems wasted, for I
really must infer
That I won't get started rightly till
I follow Mr. Kerr."

This proves my claims to Kerr's Discoveries to be valid since one may search all the works of all the sages, philosophers and scientists of all the world both ancient and modern in vain for them. He is right in seeing now that his time in searching elsewhere for the truth about God and life was utterly wasted since he must learn Kerr's Discoveries and follow them, not "Mr. Kerr," to know the truth about those vital subjects and be able to incorporate them into his store of knowledge for every day practical use.

"By a scientific thesis he's prepared
to demonstrate—
If you'll send along the money just
to help to pay the freight—
That the soul is non-existent, that at
death we reach the end,
That the world's profoundest thinker
lives in Kansas, at Great Bend.
He's discovered God is nothing, that
eternal life is not;
That the things we learned in childhood are a bunch of tommyrot.
And so it seems I'll never in this old
world make a stir
Till I swallow the discov'ry of a
scientist named Kerr."

And why shouldn't he and others be willing to pay the freight on printed truths for their own enlightenment and civilization?

They pay for the production and printing besides the freight for millions of tons of religious "tommyrot" to heathenize themselves.

He doesn't know that I am donating $1,000 in time and $150 in cash every month to give 25,000 people absolutely free teaching in Kerr's Discoveries and that I am comparatively a poor man or he would not think it unreasonable that I should ask those I wish to aid to help to pay the freight.

But he is mistaken if he thinks I wish him or anybody else to "swallow" Kerr's Discoveries. None can learn them by putting them into their stomachs. I want them to put Kerr's Discoveries into their minds, thoughts and ideas as positive scientific truths of nature to be a part of their definite knowledge and an ever present guide to their thoughts and actions through life.

"But amidst my search and study
there comes stealing over me
Simple truths my mother taught me
as I stood beside her knee.
And I see her sweet face smiling as
she raised her trusting eyes
To behold the stately mansions built
for her beyond the skies.
I can see her walking bravely through
the Shadow of the Vale
with a trust in Him who led her and
whose arm will never fail—
So I guess I'll take my chances and
just follow after her,
And pass up the scientific and prolific Mr. Kerr."

This is a clear demonstration of my claims that each succeeding generation repeats the religious "tommyrot" handed down from ancestors as a phonograph record would grind it out and with as little thought of it not being true.

My own dear mother who is yet living is as firm a believer in the religious superstitions taught her and as punctual in her practice of idolatry as Mr. Maupin's mother could be, and she taught me the same superstitions his mother taught him. But in my observations, experiments and investigations to find out more about the nature of those wonderful beings and places than mother could tell me I had the good fortune to get to the bottom of the case and to my astonishment found them all pure creations of fiction—that no such beings as gods, devils, souls, ghosts, spirits, saints, saviors and angels, nor such places as heaven, hell and purgatory exists in the universe—that they are all contemptable heathen lies on nature that no people will believe nor teach for truth when they become really civilized and enlightened. But learning and teaching these discoveries does not lessen the deep love I always had for my mother. I am still trying to follow her highest and best teaching which is to be intelligent, honest, truthful and to not be a hypocrite.

Many great discoveries in nature besides Kerr's have been made since we were boys that our mothers could not teach us anything about because they were unknown. But that is no reason why we should not learn them and teach them to our children. That's the only way our race can make progress in useful knowledge.

Another strong point I wish to bring out is that all idolaters get the same satisfaction out of the worship of their idols and belief in their religious lies on nature as do the Christians. Whether those idols be purely imaginary such as God and Christ or have real substance for a base such as scarabs, snakes, crocodiles, wood, stone or anything else makes absolutely no difference in the satisfied feeling of their worshippers. And while Christian idolaters think I am both wicked and cruel to try to deprive them of that satisfaction by teaching them the truth they are trying to deprive other idolaters of the same satisfaction. In China right now it is being resented by armed forces and many missionaries are being beseiged in walled cities.

Another thing that Mr. Maupin can't understand is that I am as happy and am getting as much pleasure out of knowing and teaching the truth as he is out of believing and teaching lies although he may have the freight paid and receive a handsome salary besides. Perhaps that is what illuminates his mother's path and induces him to follow it closely since if he did not he would lose his job on the Commoner instanter.

An Invitation to the Able to Give Free Scholarships In Kerr's Discoveries to Their Townspeople.

It is a recognized principle and duty for the able to give free education in useful knowledge to those unable to pay for it themselves, and also for those who know new discoveries that should be known by all to furnish free teaching in them to those who do not know them.

Following this duty the Church of umanity has arranged to give a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to 1,000 people in each of 18 cities of over 100,000 people.

These cities are:

San Francisco, California; Tacoma, and Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Denver, Col.; Omaha, Neb.; St. Joseph, and Kansas City, Missouri; Wilwaukee, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; Scranton, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Virginia; Rochester, New York; Newark, New Jersey; Worchester, Fall River and Boston, Massachusetts.

Our distributors of this little educator in these cities would like to have many thousands more to distribute and our printer would be glad to print them but the C. O. H. is not able to have it done. Therefore I appeal to the able in all these cities to send me donations to give free scholarships in Kerr's Discoveries to thousands more in any of these cities. Six dollars will give a free scholarship to 1,000 people in any of these cities per month, or $72 per year. There are many people in each of these cities able to give such scholarships to their fellow citizens and I invite them to do the greatest permanent good they can do the people by accepting this invitation to give as many thousands of their townsmen a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries as they can. The same offer will apply to any other city in the United States if reliable distributors can be secured to do the distributing.

The object is to teach many people in all cities Kerr's Discoveries so they can organize societies to spread and perpetuate this extremely important knowledge of nature therein and rescue their citizens from idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature and thereby elevate them in the scale of enlightenment and civilization.

The great variety of religions and religious sects in the world shows the need of an international uniform standard of teaching about God and life. I suggest that Kerr's Discoveries be adopted as that standard as the truth about those subjects is the only thing that is feasible for a universal standard.

Sensible Suggestions to Great Bend—Hope It Will Accept and Other Cities Follow Suit.

The following is from the local daily:

"Representatives of five of the churches of Great Bend met together last night and decided to hold a big revival meeting here commencing November 12 and lasting five weeks. A big tabernacle is to be built which will seat 3,000 people and the religious campaign planned for Great Bend will be the greatest ever held in the town.

Chas. Grant Jordan of Volant, Pa., will be asked to come and take charge of the meeting. Dr. Jordan is considered to be one of the leading workers of the world in evangelical work and the fact that he was requested a short time ago to join Fred B. Smith in the Men and Religion movement is a proof of his ability.

The ministers who are taking a lead in the movement locally are greatly pleased with the interest being shown and expect this religious campaign to be one that will set a record in religious work for years to come.

No revival campaign has ever been planned here on so large a scale before and the results of the movement should be in accordance with the interest shown."

But what's the use, Great Bend? You are planning all this in the interest of a heathen superstition, religious mythology, barbaric idolatry, lies on nature to further heathenize your children and mine. Whatever may be your success in such work will have to be undone by the teaching of Kerr's

Discoveries before our city is justly entitled to the claim of being civilized and enlightened. Since it is truly discovered that God is only a character of fiction like Santa Claus it is as much an act of idolatry to worship him as it is to worship an idol of wood or stone.

You have hundreds of thousands of dollars to perpetuate those ancient religious lies on nature conceived in ignorance and babarism but not a penny to aid in making known the scientific discoveries I am teaching which alone can civilize and enlighten the people. Is it possible that you have not the mental ability to comprehend, recognize and learn the truths of nature I am teaching? It seems incredible to me that such be the case. Yet I am forced to believe it or to believe that you know them but are deliberately and wilfully teaching what you know to be lies for truths.

It seems equally incredible to me that you will deliberately heathenize your children by having them taught to worship idols. But I must accept as true one horn of this dilemma. If I assume that you can not learn Kerr's Discoveries then whose falt is it—yours or mine? I am doing my best to teach them to you. Are you doing your best to learn them? I beg to suggest that members of other churches in Great Bend get busy and learn Kerr's Discoveries and then in a united effort, including the Church of Humanity, win the entire town for truth, civilization and enlightenment.

People who are holding on to their mother's gods and can not be persuaded nor coaxed by evidence, proof and reason to let go of them must be ridiculed and shamed into doing so just as a five-year-old child is to make it let go of its mother's breasts.

How to Make the Teaching of Religious Lies On Nature Unpopular.

The teachings of the religious lies on nature that there are such beings as gods, devils, souls, spirits, ghosts, angels and such places as heaven, hell and purgatory and that the dead will be brought to life again, will never cease so long as people wish those lies taught to them and their children. And people will wish those lies taught and will employ and patronize teachers of them until they are taught Kerr's Discoveries and persuadad to publicly accept, proclaim and teach them.

It always has been and always will be utterly impossible for any people to cease believing and teaching untruths about things until they are taught to know the truth and then persuaded to have the moral courage, desire and will to openly and publicly accept, proclaim and teach it. This is inevitable from the very nature of progressive and evolutionary knowledge. But it always has been exceedingly difficult to teach a people truths that contradicted their religious lies, and still more difficult to persuade them to have the moral courage, desire and will to publicly accept, proclaim and teach them. The promulgation of the discovery of the true shape and movements of the earth was a good illustration of this difficulty. A few astronomers discovered and rediscovered them during thousands of years and tried to teach them to the people but they conflicted with some of their minor religious lies and not many would try to learn them and those who did could not be persuaded to have the moral courage, desire and will to publicly accept, proclaim and teach them owing to their unpopularity with idolaters. This is also a good illustration of how religions have prevented the propagation of true knowledge and enlightenment all down the ages and disproves the claims of idolaters that religions have been aids to civilizing the people. In reality they always did and always will prevent the people becoming civilized until they are all discredited, rejected, abandoned and completely overthrown through a general knowledge and acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries.

The great intellectual battle to stamp out the heathenism of idolatry of idol gods in our race is yet to be fought out.

When we consider the former tasks which required many centuries to get the people to learn and accept some scientific discoveries in nature that contradicted a little twig on the tree of religious superstition that overspreads the entire world we can have an idea of the magnitude of the task of uprooting and destroying that tree through the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries.

To make religious lies on nature unpopular all should ease patronizing the institutions, societies and teachers of them as soon as they learn Kerr's Discoveries. They should refuse to join or aid in any way any church, Sunday school or other society engaged in teaching any religion; refuse to be married, have a child christened or a sermon preached over their dead by a clergyman or any teacher of any religion whatever; refuse to buy books and periodicals that teach any religion.

Remember always that all religions are composed of lies on nature and that the only way to eradicate them is to cease patronizing them in every way. Transfer your patronage and aid to the Church of Humanity to aid in making truth popular to counteract the power and influence of religious lies.

The twelve Virginia farmers on the jury in the Beattie murder case made fools of themselves when they prayed to God for wisdom to do justice to the accused. If they had had as much sense as farmers ought to have they would have comprehended the fact that since no god exists to care for the murdered wife none can exist to care if an innocent person be killed for the crime or not.

Religious Lies On Nature the Greatest Cause of Infant Mortality.

Very few people can now see any advantages to be gained by having all learn Kerr's Discoveries. But a closer study of the subject will show many great advantages to all when all learn and accept them. Besides the pleasure and consolation of definite knowledge of what becomes of us at death and perfect freedom from all traces of fear of gods, devils, hells and all other unseen characters and places of religious fiction the world will be freed from all traces of religious hatred, strife, persecution, prosecution and wars, all the labor and expense of teaching and perpetuating religious lies on nature which is now enormous, all the labor and cost of standing armies and navies to keep religious sects from murdering each other and many more worthless legacies of ancient barbarians. But one moral and humanitarian advantage Kerr's Discoveries will give the people worth special mention is the knowledge that there is no god to require the production nor the death of children.

Practically all women are taught the religious lie that a god requires them to produce children for him. Then when those children die from lack of proper food and care through the financial or physical inability of the mother to provide it she is assured by religious liars that they are not really dead but have been taken by a god who loves them to a heaven where he can take better care of them than their mother can and relieve her of the burden, and where they in perfect happiness and freedom from all ills await the coming of their mother.

I firmly believe that the life of every child is greatly cheapened by the teaching of those wicked religious lies on nature and that no people who believes them can have a proper appreciation of the value of a child's life. I believe that teaching was responsible for an eastern judge allowing a mother only one dollar damages against a corporation that killed her child. I believe those religious lies are responsible for a large per cent of the more than fifty thousand unnecessary deaths of infants that Collier's said in the September 16 issue occur in the United States annually through neglect. In 1909 there were 140,057 infants under one year of age died in the United States in 55 per cent of its population in which registration of deaths was required. In 1907 the infant mortality under one year of age in Great Britain and Ireland were 132,722; German Empire, 351,046; Prusia, 49,357; Saxony 29,309; Wurtemberg, 14,191. An average of about 18 per cent of all children born in these Christian countries die under one year of age. Undoubtedly a large per cent of them die through neglect owing to the people's religious superstitions that a god created them, owns them and kills them when he wishes to take them to a heaven to live with him and to be cared for under his personal supervision. Why should any mother care only for the temporary separation from her child when God takes it? She is taught to believe that God knows what is best for her and the child and that both are in his keeping and that he has a perfect right to take either or both to heaven when he thinks best to do so, that no power nor care can prevent him doing it and that it is wicked and sinful to try to do it. Any sane person ought to be able to see how such religious lies cheapen life and causes indifference to the death of infants.

Recently the Gideons placed 192 bibles in hotel rooms or this city according to the local daily paper. But it is mistaken when it said they "went to the various hotels of the city and placed bibles in the different rooms." I own the largest hotel in town and no bibles were placed in it, nor was permission asked to do so. Very likely the Gideons had heard that I was trying to run a clean house by excluding immoral characters and concluded it was no use to ask me for permission to put bibles in as its principal characters, including God, was very immoral.

Send In Your Donations to the C. O. H. For Its Educational Work.

The Church of Humanity is an organized and chartered educational society to teach the people the great modern scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life of each person is ended forever at death. It has now a responsible and efficient organized system of teaching these new-found truths of nature and can use any amount of money in the work people wish to contribute. No teacher nor officer gets any pay. All donations are used to pay for printing and distributing this little educator. Every $6.00 donated will add 1,000 copies to its circulation a month. Will you, Mr. Reader ,add a few thousand copies to its circulation?

While Christians in this country are praying to their idols for rain the Chinese are praying to their's to stop the rain. Neither set of idols pay any attention to the prayers of their respective idolaters. They should all learn Kerr's Discoveries and get wise to the reason why.

Rev. J. H. Gardner, in jail at Ellensburg, Washington, awaiting trial on the charge of beating his wife to death tried by three different methods to commit suicide in one day. No claim is made that it was all on account of learning Kerr's Discoveries or that he ever heard of them.

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Membership over 300 and new members joining right along. We want 1,000 members by January 1, 1912. Will you be one? This is the only church or society in the world that gives its members a free guarantee and insurance that they will never go to hell no matter what they do or fail to do. The president of this church has made four discoveries that makes this guarantee and insurance perfectly safe, viz, I. That no god exists. II. That no one has a soul. III. That dead people will forever stay dead. IV. That there is no such place as hell. We want all people to be good citizens by ceasing to believe or teach religious lies on nature that heathenizes the people by scaring them into idolarty of idol gods, and to belive and teach Kerr's Discovery that civilize and enlighten them. If you wish to unite with this educational society sign your name and address and return this to the president of this society, W. H. Kerr, and he will send you a pretty certificate of membership.

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POPULAR LECTURE NO. 12.

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ing down on all the wrath of God in plagues and calamities as punishments until the poor fool idolaters don't know what to do to please their idol gods and get exemption from such dreadful punishments. This fact in itself should be enough to prove to any sane person that there is no real god in the universe or he would inform the people himself what he wished them to do. It also shows the necessity for joining the Church of Humanity as fast as people learn Kerr's Discoveries to enable it to employ teachers of them and call the religious liars to account for their brazen, wicked lies on nature to scare the people into the heathenism of idolatry and the employment of liars on nature in all educational institutions and societies. The Church of Humanity must be built up so it can employ teachers everywhere to counteract the evil influence of this pernicious teaching of liars on nature by teaching the people Kerr's Discoveries and that their conduct has no more to do with causing natural calamities than causing an eclipse of the sun and moon, that there is no god in the universe to punish them for being civilized and enlightened through learning and accepting Kerr's Discoveries, joining and aiding the Church of Humanity and refusing to employ and support teachers of religious lies on nature.

I recently listened to a religious nature-faker in this city explaining the causes why God withheld the rain during the recent wide extended drouth. It was all owing to the wickedness of the people in refusing to love and worship God, contribute to the support of his servants and obey them, and a reminder that God had full control of the water works system and would shut down the power-house permanently if the people didn't come across with the required rents and tolls for the service. He threw the scare into his audience for all it was worth as a money raiser to make them shell out as I come out to hear him again through fear of God turning off the hydrant that supplied their section with rain if they refused to do so.

Were a father to catch a neighbor threatening his child with a punishment if it didn't give him a penny he would thrash that neighbor if he could and then have him hauled into court for additional punishment. But that same father will send his children to the teachers of idolatry to be scared by religious lies on nature with threatened punishment from a god into giving them their all. Shame on any parent who will allow his children to go to any place to be scared by teachers of idolatry with threats of punishments from a god into being idolaters and into contributing to the support of such lies and liars. Shame on any parent who will not join the Church of Humanity as soon as he learns Kerr's Discoveries and aid it in teaching them for the protection of his own children against being scared into the heathenism of idolatry of idol gods.

Instead of calamities of all kinds being punishments on the people from a god as the teachers of religious lies claim they are absolute proof that no such beings as gods and souls exist in nature nor any other unseen or immaterial beings whatever.

People must learn to recognize in newspaper accounts giving the details of disasters like the following are sure proof of Kerr's Discoveries:

DATE	PLACE	CAUSE	KILLED
Aug. 25,	Manchester, N.Y.	Train wr'ck	26
Aug. 30,	Charleston, S. C.	Storm	11
Aug. 24,	Ely, Nevada	Mine fire	7
Sept. 5,	Lima, Peru	Steam'r wr'ck	81
Aug. 26,	Cannonsburg, Pa	Theatre panic	29
Sept. 6,	Hankow, China	Floods	100,000
Sept. 6,	Chiasso, Switz'nd	Cholera in Italy	30,000
July 16,	Skyesville, Pa	Mine explosion	21
July 19,	So.Porcupine,Ont.	Forest fires	122
July 17,	Little Rock, Ark.	Typhoid fever	150
Aug. 23,	Tokio, Japan	Typhoon	500
5 days	In 26 U. S. Cities	Excessive heat	659
July 11,	Bridgeport,Conn	Train wreck	11
Aug. 9,	Gibralter	Ship founder'd	93

"London, July 10.—According to figures received in this city the deaths from the plague in India have reached the enormous total of 650,690 for the half year ended on June 30"

In looking at all the world every day through the eyes of the newspapers we can see clearly that the followers of all religions and of all sects of idolaters are treated precisely alike by nature, that the idolaters of God and Christ have not the slightest immunity from calamities of all kinds over the idolaters of any other idol. That is sure proof that God and Christ have no more real existence than have Brahma, Siva, Vishnu or any other god. It proves that accepting intelligent material organisms there is no mind or intelligence in the universe to know of our existence, or of the gods our race have created and worship, or of the calamities that befall us. All the victims of the above calamities have proved conclusively that none of them had souls since no souls reported to their relatives and friends how their death happened and where to find the bodies. Souls that could not do that could not go anywhere or know anything. That is self-evident from the uniform and universal nature of people when alive.

I want all people to read the newspapers and note particularly all calamities and how they prove Kerr's Discoveries true. When you can look through the eyes of the newspapers and see what is happening all over the world every day you should be ashamed to be so stupid as not to know Kerr's Discoveries. And when you learn them you should be ashamed to remain in the ranks of idolaters as you must be classed with them until you proclaim your acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries by uniting with the Church of Humanity to aid it in its great educational work.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

A Call For 1,000 Volunteers.

The Church of Humanity sends out a call for 1,000 volunteers to join its ranks at once as accepters of Kerr's Discoveries. Both sex of any age will be accepted. We have 305 now enrolled. We want enough more to increase our membership to 1,000. It only costs a postage stamp to send in your application for membership. There will be no other expense except as one volunteers to contribute to the educational work. I shall mail each volunteer a certificate of membership suitable for framing. If you have learned and accepted Kerr's Discoveries I invite you to volunteer to be counted with us for its moral, encouraging and educational effect on others.

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 13

All Murders Are Sure Proof of the Truth of Kerr's Discoveries.

In my lecture this month I shall present for your consideration such easily understood proof of the truth of Kerr's Discoveries that every normal child over ten years old who reads it or hears it can understand it and will accept it as ample proof of these discoveries and should give them a permanent place in its mind as a part of its definite knowledge.

This proof that I shall introduce is the kind that gave me the right clue in early childhood that led me straight to Kerr's Discoveries in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases forever in each person at death. In order to grasp and hold firmly in my mind these discoveries as sure truths of nature against all evidence and proof to the contrary offered by the teachers of religions I found it necessary to have some easily understood and reliable proof of them ever in my mind which I could instantly call up to disprove any and all so-called proof of the existence of God, soul and immortality as it was presented to me by teachers of it or as it occurred to my mind in my own experience, observations and investigations to find the actual truth. Among the things I selected for that purpose was the horrible murder of entire families and the circumstances connected with them which was sure proof that none of them had souls and that God is only a character of fiction like Santa Claus because it would have been utterly impossible for such cases to have happened had God and souls been realities.

I shall now introduce three murder cases which can not be true if God and souls are realities but since they are true then God and souls are not real beings. There can be no escape from that conclusion. The most of you have doubtless read of these cases and will remember them but you were never taught to see and recognize them as proof of no god and no soul. This shows that people can be surrounded by sure proof of Kerr's Discoveries all the time but can not recognize it until they are taught to do so. The cases I refer to are the four families thought to have been murdered by the same man at different times as follows:

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Sunday night, September 17, two families living in adjoining cottages were killed with an ax as they slept, except the husband and father of one family who was absent at the time. They were Mrs. Burnham, her daughter Alice, 6 years old and son John 3 years old, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wayne and their 2 year old child. It was two days before this tragedy was discovered. The murderer is not found to date, October 22.

Two weeks later, on October 1, in Monmouth, Illinois, William E. Dawson, his wife and daughter were murdered in the same way and the crime not discovered for several hours and the murderer is yet at large.

On October 15 a family of five in Ellsworth, Kansas, were murdered with an ax as they slept and the crime not discovered until Monday evening. The murderer is not yet caught. Their names and ages are: William Showman, aged 27; Mrs. Showman, aged 27; Lester Showman, aged 6 years; Fern Showman, aged 4 years; Senton Showman, aged 1 year.

I wish you to recognize the fact as I do that none of these victims had a soul because no soul was on guard to protect the body from danger while it slept, report the murder to neighbors and point out the criminal as would be the case were souls realities. We must know that a soul would do just as one of the victims would do had he escaped alive. There can be no other sane conclusion. It certainly is a bit of insane thinking to believe that were souls real entities they would desert their own bodies and those of their dearest relatives, abandon their dearest friends and neighbors and let the murderer escape in such cases. Live people never act that way under similar circumstances, and we must believe that had people souls that controled their thoughts and actions before death they would control themselves in a similar manner when separated from the body. There can be no sane escape from this conclusion.

These murders are equally sure proof that God and Christ are not real beings and that no real god of any kind exists in the universe. A critic once wrote me that I could not know whether there is a god or not since I had not searched every section of the universe. But I do not have to go anywhere to look for a god to know there is none. Any being to be a god at all must be right where I am else he is not omnipresent and without that attribute no thing can be a god. Therefore were god and Christ and other idols real gods they would necessarily have to be right around each of these murdered victims all the time. Was your God and Christ there when all these innocent people were being murdered? What would you think of an able-bodied man who would have been there with ample power to stop them but who would not do it nor report the crime nor expose the murderer though he saw every move he made, knew him well and where he is? You know the neighbors of these murdered people would lynch such a wretch as an accomplice of the murderer and you would not convict them of murder if on a jury to try them on that charge. How then can you excuse in God and Christ a refusal to act when you believe they were there, saw and heard it all, had ample power to prevent it but would not do it? Would they not deserve your condemnation more than a fellow man would under such circumstances? They knew all about these victims and the murderer before it occurred and knew just when and how it would be done else they are not omniscient, and without that attribute no thing can be a real god. What would the relatives, friends and neighbors do to a man who would inform them that he had had such previous knowledge but did nothing to warm the victims or to prevent the crime? You know he would be considered equally guilty with the murderer and treated accordingly. How can you love and worship gods who, were they real beings, would evidently be more wicked than a fiendish human murderer? And how can you love and worship gods who are simply heathen idols of the imagination?

You must believe God and Christ were right in the room with all these people when they were being murdered, knew all the time when and how it would be done and had ample power to prevent them if you believe there is a real god. If they have not the power to prevent these crimes then they are not omnipotent and no thing can be a real god without that attribute.

Has your God and Christ the three attributes of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence necessary in a being before it can be a real god? If you answer in the negative then they are not real gods. If you answer in the affirmative then you must believe they knew of, were there and were able to prevent all these murders. But as they did not do it of what possible good are they? Did not the victims fare the same as if the universe contained no real god? And can't you see that that is the case and that Kerr's Discoveries are true?

If the murderer is caught and punished some idolaters will say a god did it to satisfy his sense of justice. But since there is no god of sympathy nor pity for these victims as we see there is not, there can be no god of revenge to punish the criminal. Some idolaters will claim that their god will even up things in another world by taking these victims to a heaven and sending their murderer to a hell. But as we here see that no god exists to care what befalls either party in this world there can none exist to care what befell them anywhere.

When we see that no god exists to do anything for these families in their greatest need we can be sure none exists to do anything for us no matter how great our need, and we should ever remember Kerr's Discoveries that we may know the reason why, and remember that these perished families are sure proof of the truth of those discoveries.

In conclusion I ask you to remember such tragedies as these when the teachers of any religion try to make an idolater of you by telling you stories of the goodness, mercy, love, kindness and sympathy of their god and what he will do for you if you worship him. You will know they are only religious lies on nature to heathenize you, for you will know that no real god exists in the universe and that no one has a soul and that death ends life forever.

Be Prepared to Give the Right Answer to Those Who Ask You to Be An Idolater.

I once read an article on "The Thoughtless Yes," given in answer to solicitors for worshipers of the Christian idols, but I never read nor heard a sensible excuse for declining such a request. I have often heard the reasons given for not going forward to the mourner's bench, professing Christ as their savior publicly and joining an idolatrous church when asked to do so by a pleader for heathenism but I have never yet heard a sensible reason offered for refusing to do so. That is because all those asked were already heathen idolaters and were simply offering some excuse for not publicly proclaiming and practicing it. But people should always be prepared to give a sensible answer on such occasions and only those who have learned Kerr's Discoverie and have united with the Church of Humanity are prepared to giv it. The first question usually asked by a pleader for worshipers of the Christian idols is: Are you a Christian? You should be ready to promptly reply: No, I am not a Christian and I am glad to be able to inform you that I never will be one because I have learned Kerr's Discoveries that the universe contains no real god and that man contains no soul. I am a member of the Church of Humanity and as I never can accept Christianity nor any other system of mythology for truth I must ask you to please move on. This straightforward decisive answer will in most cases terminate the interview. But should he persist in extending it then tell him that you do not desire to discuss the subject but will give him address of the editor of your church paper who will be pleased to send him proof of Kerr's Discoveries on application. Should he then ask you why you came there if not to honor and worship God just tell him plainly that you were there simply as a spectator to observe how modern heathens worshiped their idols as he would do were he in any country where they worshiped some other idol.

The fact that no soul of the wife of Henry Clay Beattie, jr., appeared in court to tell who did the killing is sure proof she had no soul.

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

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The Church of Humanity Making Progress.

The members and offcers of organized societies wish to see their particular teaching accepted by ever increasing numbers and wish them to unite with their society as proof of their indorsement and willingness to aid in the propaganda work that the teaching may be spread and perpetuated. The Church of Humanity is no exception to this general desire and while our progress is slow as all great evolutions in knowledge are in their initial stage yet we are proud to announce a steady gain from time to time in the number who are learning Kerr's Discoveries and joining our society to aid in spreading and perpetuating them. The following are names of those who have recently subscribed for the little educator to take a year's course of study in Kerr's Discoveries:

F. D. Scott, D. C.; R. F Kerr' Kansas; L. Ruther, Wisconsin; Chas. **Barnard, Wisconsin**; B. H. Cozrin, Kentucky; G. A Higgs, Indiana, A. M. **Pedeler, Missouri**; Charles Vestering, Texas; A. H. Holzworth, Oregon; I. M. Near, Minnesota; H. Kaemmer, Minnesota; H. Krogman, Minnesota; Dr. W. Dicer, Indiana; B. M. Mohr, Nebraska; D. M. Long, Oklahoma; **H. C. Roberts, Kansas**; T. M. Armstrong, North Carolina; H. C. Witmer, Pennsylvania; Dr. M. Stearn, Pennsylvania; H. H. Shape, Wisconsin; C. R. Hurst, Nebraska; J. W. **Read, Colorado**; M. Goldberg, New York; S. T. Mussy, Mass.; P. Smith, Kansas; W. A. Wright, Arkansas; N. **Crouse, Utah.**

The following are the names of those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries and recently united with our society to aid in its upbuilding and educational work: G. B. Furman, W. Va.; E. J. Zimmerman, Mo.; J. M. Montgomery, D. C.; C. Vestering, Texas; B. B. Mohr, Nebraska; J. J. Miller, Kansas; H. C. Roberts, Kansas.

The following comrades have contributed to the C. O. H. Educational Fund as follows: W. I. Kirk, $3.25; A. Friedolin, 25c; C. E. Coursen, $1; Aug. Lieske, $1.25; Wm. Landman, $1.00; O. Ellsworth, $1.00; Wm. Gerchow, $1.50; W. M. Cline, $1.00; J. M. Case, $1.00; C. Vestering, 75c; Wm. Milburn, $2.00; H. C. Roberts, 50c.

While this report of progress is very gratifying to the officers and members of our society yet we would all be pleased to see it greatly increased in all three departments for next month's report.

Through this little educator the C. O. H. is practically conducting a correspondence school to teach Kerr's Discoveries. We send out and distribute a thousand copies monthly in eighteen cities of over 100,000 population to introduce these great modern scientific discoveries to the people. Those who desire to learn these new discoveries in nature will then send 25c for a year's course of study in them and we are glad to see an ever increasing number taking the course. We hope all who take the course will be able to learn these discoveries within a year's time and then join our society. But should any fail to learn them in that time we wish them to continue the course until they do learn them and then continue it least they forget them and be won back to idolatry by the teachers of lies on nature.

While it is pleasing to see a few of our members contributing small sums to our Educational Fund it would be proportionately more pleasing to see more of them contributing to it. Each member should contribute something to this fund at least once a year to make it possible to introduce Kerr's Discoveries to an ever increasing number of people through our system of free distribution of this little educator. Then we should expect to get an ever increasing number of applicants for a year's course of study in these discoveries and an ever increasing number of graduates in them who will apply for membership in our society and become contributors to our Educational Fund. This is the only practical way of popularizing, spreading and perpetuating this most important of all knowledge. The world can not be redeemed from idolatry of gods and belief in religious lies on nature by any other course. All who wish our race civilized should aid in making Kerr's Discoveries known to the people and in building up the Church of Humanity to enable it to continue the work when they die. Every subscriber should join the C. O. H. as soon as he learns Kerr's Discoveries.

Those who have recently ordered the full list of Kerr's writings advertised in this copy are: Dr. Wm. Dicer, N. Crause, M. Goldberg, W. A. Wright, H. C. Roberts and J. D. Berger. Those who get this list should read them all through and then send in their application for membership in the Church of Humanity if convinced that Kerr's Discoveries are true to nature.

An Open Letter to the Patrons, Officers and Teachers of All Schools.

I wish to call the attention of parents, officers and teachers to the fact that you are expecting and demanding much more of children than you yourselves are capable or willing to perform —the learning of new truths. You all expect and demand that every child learn absolutely new truths to it every year, month, week and day it is in school and that it remember them and put them into practice in its daily life. Can you yourselves learn the two plain truths of nature known as Kerr's Discoveries—that the Universe contains no real god and that man contains no soul? These simple truths should be no more difficult for you to learn than it is for a child to learn the name of the letters or figures or any other daily lesson. Have you the mental ability and willingness you expect every child to have to learn new truths?

If you have not, then why not? Must each person learn all he is ever to know in childhood? Is there an age limit to the capacity to learn new truths? Can only those learn new truths who can be put into a class with a text book to study and a teacher with authority to require them to learn it? If this be the case then you must allow and require the children to learn Kerr's Discoveries and inforce their teaching in every public school, college and university though you do not have the ability or willingness to learn them yourselves. You must follow the same course in this case you do in scores of other cases wherein you are requiring the teaching of new scientific truths in all public schools that you never learned and have not the ability, time nor desire to learn. You recognize and admit the truth that the children have an inalienable right to know new discoveries in nature that their parents never knew and never will know, and that it is the duty of those parents to provide them with an opportunity to learn them. Kerr's Discoveries are the most important scientific truths of nature ever discovered and every child should be taught them in the public schools regardless of whether their parents know them or not. The children must not be denied the opportunity to learn the truth about God and life simply because it was not discovered and taught in schools when you were students. There are many other things and many truths strange to you now being taught in schools that were never taught there before because they were unknown til recently. You are requiring teachers to learn them and submit to an examination for a certificate of qualification to teach them to the children before you will employ them. You must follow the same course in having Kerr's Discoveries taught in all schools. Teachers who are too ignorant, stupid and bigoted to learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries must not be given a certificate of any grade or allowed to teach in any school. The heathenizing of the children in the schools must be stopped through the introduction and teaching of Kerr's Discoveries therein. You must not wait until the illiterate, stubborn, bigoted ignoramuses learn them before you begin to inforce their teaching in the school, because you do not follow that plan before you begin requiring the teaching of other subjects in the schools. You know you never would teach anything in them if you did.

Kerr's Discoveries are now as surely and positively made as any truths of nature taught in any school. It only remains now to teach them to the people to make them known and accepted and our race redeemed from the heathenism of worshiping idol gods. The best, quickest and most satisfactory way of teaching them is to do it through the schools for children. A splendid plan for beginning their introduction in all schools would be to give each students able to read it a copy of the C. O. H. catechism and then for the opening exercis each day have the teacher read each question and the students the answer alternately. Simply because many of you do not wish to be civilized and enlightened through learning Kerr's Discoveries you have no moral right and should have no legal right to prevent your children from learning them.

How to Make Idolaters Pay For Their Own Education In Kerr's Discoveries.

A comrade once wrote me that he would not pay anything to have idolaters taught Kerr's Discoveries since they receive all the benefit and should pay for it themselves. He made a serious mistake in assuming that those who know Kerr's Discoveries get no benefit from promulgating them.

Members of the C. O. H. can not save their own posterity from the heathenism of idolatry until they are numerous enough to organize branch churches in every neighborhood and to maintain special teachers of these discoveries for their children. They can not prevent the teaching of idolatry to their children through the public schools and the taxation of themselves to pay for it until a majority of idolaters are taught Kerr's Discoveries. Therein lies the benefit to each member of the C. O. H. and the necessity of increasing our numbers through teaching these truths to others. It is not to be expected that people who do not know of Kerr's Discoveries or do not believe them when they do hear of them will volunteer to pay for their teaching. Only thos who know them and who comprehend the benefits to themselves I have pointed out of having others taught them can be expected to aid in financing that educational work. If they refuse to do it then there can be no relief to themselves from the conditions idolaters impose on them. That is self-evident. But while there is no direct way of making idolaters pay for their own education in Kerr's Discoveries there is an indirect way of doing it. That way is the same way they use in making members of the C. O. H. pay indirectly for the teaching of religious lies on nature and by which each sect of idolaters make all the others aid them financially to promulgate their teaching. That way is to use a part of their profits in all deals with members of other sects and with C. O. H. members in their propaganda work. The members of our church can use that plan in making idolaters pay for their own education in Kerr's Discoveries. The lawyers, doctors, school teachers, merchants, farmers, office holders, laborers and those engaged in any moneymaking occupation and profession in our church can donate to our Educational Fund a share of the fees, wages and profits they get from idolaters for their services and sales to them. In this indirect way I am making idolaters contribute $150 a month to the C. O. H. Educational Fund when I could not induce them to give one penny to it in the direct way. Now every member of the C. O. H. can make idolaters contribute several dollars monthly to this fund in the same way and I suggest that they make them do it by sending me a part of all fees, salaries, wages and sales they receive from them every month for the C. O. H. Educational Fund and thus make them pay for their own civilization and enlightening.

When Agnostics who criticise any feature of religious teaching are asked what they have to give in place of religion must answer that they have nothing but ignorance to give. But members of the Church of Humanity can always answer that they have truths to give in place of all religious lies.

As fast as any learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the C. O. H. so that when asked by idolaters to join their church they can tell them they are members of a church.

An Invitation to the Able to Give Free Scholarships In Kerr's Discoveries to Their Townspeople.

It is a recognized principle and duty for the able to give free education in useful knowledge to those unable to pay for it themselves, and also for those who know new discoveries that should be known by all to furnish free teaching in them to those who do not know them.

Following this duty the Church of umanity has arranged to give a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries to 1,000 people in each of 18 cities of over 100,000 people.

These cities are:

San Francisco, California; Tacoma, and Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Denver, Col.; Omaha, Neb.; St. Joseph, and Kansas City, Missouri; Wilwaukee, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; Scranton, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Virginia; Rochester, New York; Newark, New Jersey; Worchester, Fall River and Boston, Massachusetts.

Our distributors of this little educator in these cities would like to have many thousands more to distribute and our printer would be glad to print them but the C. O. H. is not able to have it done. Therefore I appeal to the able in all these cities to send me donations to give free scholarships in Kerr's Discoveries to thousands more in any of these cities. Six dollars will give a free scholarship to 1,000 people in any of these cities per month, or $72 per year. There are many people in each of these cities able to give such scholarships to their fellow citizens and I invite them to do the greatest permanent good they can do the people by accepting this invitation to give as many thousands of their townsmen a free scholarship in Kerr's Discoveries as they can. The same offer will apply to any other city in the United States if reliable distributors can be secured to do the distributing.

The object is to teach many people in all cities Kerr's Discoveries so they can organize societies to spread and perpetuate this extremely important knowledge of nature therein and rescue their citizens from idolatry and belief in religious lies on nature and thereby elevate them in the scale of enlightenment and civilization.

The "Will of God" a Greatly Overworked Lie.

The "will of God" is a greatly overworked lie by promoters of both good and evil. President McKinley thought it the "will of God" for the United States to wrest Cub. and the Philippines from Spain and sent battleships and an army to inforce the will. The Spaniards were equally sure it was the "will of God" to retain those possessions and contested the McKinley will.

During the rebellion the north was cock sure it was the "will of God" to free the slaves and sent an army to inforce the will. The south was equally certain it was the "will of God" to retain slavery and vigorously contested the Yankee will.

During the Anglo-Boer war President Kruger was certain it was the "will of God" for the Transvaal to be an independent country. Queen Victoria thought so too until the English began to win battles. Then she concluded the "will of God" was on her side after all.

In the Russo-Japanese war the Russians knew it was the "will of God" for them to win; that he never would allow heathens to lick Christians. It required the killing of 455,000 men and to the destruction of $1,200,000,000 of property to convince them that the "will of God" was not worth a kopeck.

In the present war between Italy and Turkey both sides are sure God is with them and that it is his will they should win. The Italians are Christians and believe their special claim to God's aid is their superstition that he had an illegitimate son and that they worship the "kid" as a "chip of the old block." The Turks are Mohammedans and believe their special claim to God's aid is their superstition that he never was a dad, that he is too smart to divide his praises and glory with a son. These are the primary conflicting superstitions of these two sects of idolaters. But in preparing for war the Italians practice pantheism which claims that God is everything and everything is God, therefore, they believe the more God they manufacture into battleships, guns and ammunition the better chance he has to win if he is aimed right. That is the practical theory all Christian nations are adopting to insure God's aid in time of war.

Reports say the Sultan is engaged in prayer most of the time to God for aid and has ordered prayers in the mosques, invoking the aid and protection of the prophet against Italy. But some of the wiser leaders know that a dead prophet is a poor stick to depend on for aid and advise inaugurating a "holy war" on Italy. They know that men can not be made foolish enough to march up to a cannon's mouth to be blown to atoms unless they can be convinced that it is "the will of God" and that they must do it to escape hell in a future life and to get free transportation and passport direct to heaven.

Many idolaters are now vehemently proclaiming that Socialism is the will of God and must therefore prevail. Most of the prosperous idolaters are equally certain that capitalism and competition is the will of God. Many on both sides are ready to fight to inforce the "will of God." In nearly every lecture advocating any reform or change it is set forth as being the "will of God." That plea is very disgusting to those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries and know that God is a myth like Santa Claus and can have no will on either side of any subject. If people had good sense in this matter they could see that no real god exists or he would express his will himself to all people on important subjects and not leave them to fight over it. When people are civiliged and enlightened through learning Kerr's Discoveries they will never say that anything is the will of God in an effort to induce people to believe, do or not do a thing.

The Kind of Letters I Like to Get—Send Me Fifty of Them Every Day.

"Bennington, Kansas, Sept. 29th, E. M. 311.

W. H. Kerr. Dear Sir and Comrade: I herewith send in my application for membership in the Church of humanity. I am satisfied that "Kerr's Discoveries" are the most scientific explanation of the eternal and inexorable truths of nature, and the only sure means of eradicating the ancient and absurd religious lies from the minds of the masses of the people.

Inclosed find $1.00 for which please send me all of Kerr's writings and place the extra 50 cents in the propaganda fund. Henry C. Roberts."

By All Means Let Us Have a Pure Stock Law That Includes Heavenly Mansions.

Under the caption "A Pure Stock Law" Collier's in October 7 issue says: "Events of the last few years have proved that there is a class of criminal stock promoters as definite and continuing an element in society as the professional burglar and pickpocket. They number a couple of thousand men and a few women. Each person of them creates many schemes to defraud during his career. Their schemes deal with the sale of worthless stocks in eight main divisions of enterprise. They rob the public today of $150,000,000 a year (in the opinion of the post-office inspector.) * * * What has been done in Kansas, in the administration of Governor Stubbs, to regulate the stock enterprises, is worthy of serious study in other states."

But Collier's did not mention the greatest stock swindling scheme of all the ages—the selling of heavenly mansions for the abode of souls and resurrected dead people. This is not one of the eight main divisions of enterprises mentioned in which worthless stock is sold to suckers by scheming promoters, yet the public is defrauded out of many times more money annually than by the other eight methods combined. Every one is taught to believe the lie that he has a soul and that he must dig up the cash to buy a heavenly mansion for it. The average cost of these purely imagginary mansions varies in different localities and with different promoters. Buying stock in these non-existing mansions of promoters is called saving the purchaser's soul.

Billy Sunday, the most successful salesman of stock in heavenly mansions has estimated the average cost to each sucker in the following cities who buy enough heavenly room for his imaginary soul through Sunday's brokerage office to be as follows:

Atlanta, $75; New Orleans, $78; Chicago, $395; Boston, $450; New York, $545; Indianapolis, $620.

When we consider the tens of thousands who have been buncoed into buying heavenly mansions by this promoter at these prices and then consider that there are over 175,000 such promoters in continental United States with over 200,000 offices called churches costing over $1,400,000,000 with seating capacity for oxer 60,000,000 suckers and that more than half of them have been duped into buying heavenly mansions at these figures while the entire population has bought more or less stock of these promoters and that the entire world is overrun with them in the same way we can have some idea of the gigantic magnitude of this form of swindling the public through the sale of worthless stock.

Then when we consider that Kerr's Discoveries prove that souls, resurrected dead people and heavenly mansions are not facts in nature but purely imaginary characters and places we can realize the degree of insanity in our entire race which must be eradicated before it is truly intitled to being called an intelligent specie of animal.

But in the meantime the suckers should be protected from fraudulent stock promoters in heavenly mansions by a pure stock law and every nation should appoint a commission versed in Kerr's Discoveries to pass on the value of heavenly mansions before any promoters would be allowed to offer them for sale to the public.

But the only present practical method for parents to protect their children from being swindled and made fools of by such promoters is to learn Kerr's Discoveries themselves, join the C. O. H. and help to establish branch societies everywhere to teach them to their children. Then they will know better than to bite when such swindlers try to work them.

The Glories of Heaven and Earth Contrasted.

Of course heaven is only a little bunch of religious lies on nature—a purely imaginary place in the skies. The imagination of the adherents of each religion hold a different picture of it. The picture of it generally held in the Christians' imagination contains about the following inventory with slight variations to satisfy individual imaginations:

General Appearance. One barren platform forty rods square with a stone fence ten feet high all around it to keep angels in and devils out and a gate, tended by St. Peter who lets only desirable citizens in. One old bewhiskered patriarch, named God, sitting on a bench whose shining bald pate lights up the inclosure while he plays that he is a Russian czar ruling over an absolute monarchy. One brown stone mansion a hundred feet square and three stories high without a piece of furniture, light, heat and sanitary provisions, but with a piece of the platform in front of paved with gold. One old fashioned county fair amphitheater without a roof on which

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the entire population divided into two parts take turns of twelve hours each at singing the praises of God throughout eternity for providing them with such a lovely abode.

Personal Property. On intering this abode the unfortunates are in a perfectly nude condition and must go to the commissary of supplies to receive the following outfit which must last them throughout eternity: One cheap cotton night gown, one pair of wings, one crown and one harp.

When we contrast heaven with the richly furnished homes of the average modern family and the public conveniences and utilities to add to the comforts and pleasures of life we must draw two radically different conclusions regarding the desirability of heaven from that taught us by idolaters. We must admit that Mr. Satan and his band of angels mentioned in the holy novel who rebelled against conditions in heaven were the only characters in it that had good sense. We must rejoice that Kerr's Discoveries were made so that we can know that we can escape such a horrible fate as going to heaven and still be good citizens.

The Craziest Business In All the World Is That of "Saving Souls."

When one considers the enormous capital invested and the millions of people employed in the business of "saving souls" and the feverish anxiety of the people to have their souls saved and then considers Kerr's Discoveries in nature that no one has a soul and that no hell exists to save it from he must admit that the business of "saving souls" is the craziest business our race ever engaged in.

The Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston, declares that the cost of saving souls in his church during last year was $70 each.

"There is only one way by which one can obtain the approximate cost of saving a soul," said Mr. Johnson, "and that is by taking the cost to run the church and dividing it by the number of apparent conversions made in a year. It costs us 614,000 and we had 200 apparent conversions, making a cost of $70 per soul."

People who are guided by good sense in this matter are investing 25c in a year's course of teaching in Kerr's Discoveries to learn the truth instead of paying $70 to have their souls saved.

Wishes Without Action Is Vain.

Those who wish the C. O. H. to grow in numbers must join it and try to get others to do so, because wishes without action is vain.

Those who wish Kerr's Discoveries to be learned by their relatives and neighbors must donate a year's course of teaching to them by subscribing for this little educator for them, because wishes without action is vain.

Those who wish more people to be introduced to Kerr's Discoveries must contribute to the C. O. H. Educational Fund, because wishes without action is vain.

Those who wish to raise civilized and enlightened children must have them taught Kerr's Discoveries, because wishes without action is vain.

The Pains You Feel On First Learning Kerr's Discoveries Are "Growing Pains."

The discovery and teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is one of those shell-bursting times in human progress wherein the agonies some people feel and are frightened believing them to be symptoms of early dissolution are simply growing pains as aptly diagnosed by Everybody's Magazine for October which runs as follows:

"The big, clumsy, lumbering creature that is called human progress belongs to the order of Crustasea, and not only is it difficult to tell from its crab-like movements whether, at any given moment, it is going or coming, but its sole method of effective growth is by periodically bursting its shell of tradition, convention, and dogma, forming a new and more commodious shell under conditions of vulnerability and danger, and then, during a quiescent and contented epoch, filling the new shell once more to the bursting-point.

Naturally, when one of the shell-bursting times comes round, the poor beast is convulsed with fright and horror. Its dogmas irk it. Its conventions have become brittle. Its morals have got out of joint. And it thinks it is going to die. But the aches that it takes to be the agonies of dissolution are merely growing pains."

Now if any of you have any uncomfortable feeling in your heads on reading this little educator for the first time you will know what's the matter.

Desire to Want the Truth Then Publishers Will Provide It For You.

Many newspapers now pay for and carry syndicated Sunday school lessons and sermons because they think all are idolaters and want them while they will not announce Kerr's Discoveries at advertising rates because they believe none want the truth on these subjects. Now if there are any who prefer truth to lies in their papers they must let the publishers know it before they can begin to think of making the change. The only way to inform them so that they will know that you mean it is to write the word "refused" on a copy of your newspaper carrying this objectionable matter and order the postmaster to return it to the publisher and then write him a letter explaining why you did so and state that when he substitutes the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries for the teaching of religious lies in his paper you will be anxious to renew your subscription. This is the most effective method you can follow in popularizing these discoveries with newspapers and of making lies unpopular with them. I intend to follow this method myself as I believe I can get the daily news without it being mixed with the teaching of religious lies on nature.

Religion Is the Mother of Lies.

Christian idolaters teach that Satan is the father of lies but in the light of Kerr's Discoveries it is seen that Satan is a myth like Santa Claus and therefore never did and never will tell a lie, but that religion is the mother of lies. Every religion including Christianity is based on lies on nature, is composed of lies, maintained, spread and perpetuated by pure lies on nature. There never was, is not now, and never can be a religion established, propagated and perpetuated except by the use of pure lies because religions are systems of teaching of the existence of gods, souls and immortality and now that it is discovered that none of these things are realities it is seen that all religions are nothing but systems of lies on nature.

At least ninety-nine per cent of all lies uttered by our race are religious lies to found, propagate and perpetuate the religions of the world. On this account alone every good person should shun, abhor and detest every religion. They should refuse to join, patronize or aid any society or corporation engaged in teaching any religion whatever.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions andtheir societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

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As the women are winning the freedom of the ballot everywhere they may sometime be called upon to vote on teaching Kerr's Discoveries in the public schools and they should be learning them in order to vote intelligently.

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INTRODUCTORY—A Cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy, Healthy and Wealthy Life to All. This Little Educator Is Distributed by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life Is Ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Souls, Saints Devils, Spirits, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Heckel, the Great German Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Requested to Join the C. O. H. No Fees or Dues to Pay.

POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 14

Man's Religion Is Not Natural, But Is the Result of Education In Lies On Nature.

What is the matter with the people that they will believe and teach lies on nature to bolster up religion when their own experience and observations should prove to them that they are nothing but lies? The answer must be that the people will believe any lie told them in the name and interest of their religion though it conflicts with their own experience and observations. That must be because they are taught to refuse to give a hearing to any who challenge those lies by offering to disprove them with evidence and because they are taught to believe that their own ideas based on observed facts that disprove religious lies are the whisperings of a devil to inveigle them into a hell.

What a terrible crime against humanity will all teachers of religions be charged with when in the distant future all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries and recognize the truth that our race had been kept in heathen idolatry for long ages by the teachers of religious lies on nature. The amazement of those future people in finding that college graduates taught in the Twentieth Century "that man is naturally religious and by nature inclined to have communion with God" will only be exceeded by their amazement that lawyers, doctors and educators believed such assertions when their own childhood experience and observation of children all around them disprove it.

In the local daily report of the evangelist's discourse in the tabernacle occurs the following: "In the morning his sermon was on the craving of the heart or man's natural thirsting for God. It was a sermon that was strong and to the point and easily followed, and in which the speaker tried to establish the fact that man by nature is naturally religious and by nature inclined to have communion with God." I promptly challenge that teaching as not being true to nature and shall make it the subject of this lecture because it is a common false teaching of all teachers of religion. I understand the evangelist, Rev. Chas. Grant Jordan, is a graduate of Princeton University and is what is termed an educated man. He ought to be able to recognize the force of the evidence I cite against his assertions if the uneducated are not. His assertions lead me to doubt if any educational institution teaches its students to distinguish accurately between man's natural and his artificial traits, ideas, desires and habits acquired through education. I shall now proceed to give the Doctor a lesson in making such a distinction as a supplement to his college education, and hope that all educational institutions will use it in teaching their students to distinguish accurately between natural and acquired desires through education.

Now, Dr. Jordan, I wish to point out to you a clear case of a man's natural craving and thirsting for things. In Great Bend there are five or six thousand people. You have probably been in scores of larger cities and know conditions in them fairly well. Did you ever see or hear of a society organized to employ people to teach children that they should eat and drink something? Did you ever see children that had no craving and thirsting for food and drink until they were taught to desire them? No, you never did and never will see such societies and children. That is because nature provides every child with a natural craving and thirsting for food and drink. They naturally get hungry and thirsty before they are old enough to be taught that they should do so. Now that is a clear case of nature providing a desire, craving and thirsting in man unadulterated with education. This natural desire is practically uniform in all people the world over regardless of race, color, nationality, language or degree of education or civilization.

Now, Dr. Jordan, contrast this uniformity of nature when providing a desire in man to the chaotit condition of an artificial desire created through education. Instead of religion being a natural desire it is the very best case of the artificial to contrast with the natural. I shall ask Dr. Jordan if he ever saw or heard a reliable account of any child ever telling anything about a god, asking any questions about a god or praying to one before it was taught anything about such a character? I know he never did and never will because it is not a fact in nature for any child to have a natural idea concerning the existence or nature of a god until it is taught something about such a character. No child was ever born to our race or ever will be born to it with a "natural craving or thirsting to have communion with God." The experience of each person who can remember things before he was taught anything about a god is proof that he never had a thought about such a being until he was taught the fable of his existence and nature. All parents who observe their own children closely in this matter know that they have no more idea of the existence of a god nor desire to worship one before they are taught to have than have the young of other animals, and like them would grow up, live to old age and die without ever believing or caring anything about a god. The child of man is not endowed by nature with anything whatever differently from the young of other animals and the fact that none of them believe nor care anything about a god is sure proof that nature does not endow man with any such ideas either.

It should be self-evident to any close observer of nature that all man's differences from other animals in the way of ideas, customs and habits are purely artificial as the result of education, and that man is educated in false ideas and wrong acts as well as in true ideas and right acts. To get a true idea of what nature alone endows man with and what he is with the artificial addition of education from man just consider what the difference would be between grown twin boys had one been carried off in infancy by some wild animal and raised in a wilderness where no human beings had ever been. Then in middle age capture him and bring the twins together again and you will see the contrast between the natural man and the natural plus the artificial man. Your natural man would not utter the name "God" nor any sound that could be construed to mean it. He would not have the least idea of the existence of a god nor the least desire to have one. That proves that all ideas of the existence of a god and desires to love, fear and worship one is purely the result of education from man and not a gift of nature. Did nature give man a religion that religion would be the only one man would ever have and it would be the same in all ages, in all races and in all classes and no form of education would be necessary to inculcate it, propagate it or perpetuate it. It would be as universal and self-perpetuating as is hunger and thirst for food and drink. Did a real god exist he would personally teach each person all he desired him to know, do or not do. The fact that no god does it is sure proof that no real god exists in the universe.

But you will note a wonderful contrast in the appearance of these reunited twins at first with the odds nearly all in favor of the one with the artificial addition. He has a language, is clothed, educated and refined and as he is religious idolaters will claim that all the advantages he has over his brother is due to that religion and that it should be perpetuated whether it be true or not for its effects on man as he would soon become like this wild man were it not for his belief in the existence of gods, souls and immortality. But such claims would be nothing but lies to make idolatry appear to be a necessity and a virtue when it is only a heathen vice that can improve the artificial man only by being discarded.

This particular twin besides being a firm believer in the existence of gods, souls, heaven and hell is a habitual drinker of beer and whiskey and is a regular smoker and chewer of tobacco. These habits have grown on him until he is unable to break them and he has no desire to try to do it as from force of habit his mind craves them. Will Dr. Jordan claim that they are natural cravings given him by nature in the face of the fact that the wild man can not be induced to take the second taste of them? Since the wild man does not use them while his civilized brother does it would be as true and as reasonable for brewers and tobacco dealers to claim that the great difference between them is due to the use of whiskey and tobacco as it is for idolaters to claim that it is due to the belief in religious lies on nature. Would Dr. Jordan believe them were they to claim that man would degenerate and return to the condition of this wild man were the use of whiskey and tobacco discontinued? Of course he would not in the face of the fact that he knows lots of people who never used either one who are as good citizens as those who do and who show no indications of returning to the state of this wild man. I believe he can comprehend that these are artificial habits, desires and cravings acquired through education and not given man by nature. I believe that he will even admit that the civilized man is still further improved by discarding these asquired habits and desires.

I want all people who learn and accept Kerr's Discoveries to join the Church of Humanity so that idolaters can see for themselves that there is no more danger of people who discard religion becoming wild men than there is of those who discard whiskey and tobacco.

The teaching of the existence and nature of Santa Claus is a similar case to the teaching of the existence and nature of God. Will Dr. Jordan claim that nature endows every child with a love for Santa Claus and a desire to write to him for presents? Can he comprehend the fact that no child would ever think of such a character nor have the least bit of love and affection for it were he not taught to have by wilful liars or undeceived children? Did he ever see a child that had been undeceived continue to write to Santa Claus for presents unless it was playing the hypocrite to aid in deceiving other children or to let somebody know what presents it wished?

When a child learns the truth that Santa Claus is only a myth its love for him gradually dies out although it may feel the keenest sorrow on first learning it. Some children resent the truth and get angry at those who first try to undeceive them and will denounce them as wicked enemies of their dearest friend and benefactor.

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out ... that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

Merits And Demerits of Rival Nature Fakers to Amuse Great Bend.

Beginning November 12 a troupe of professional evangelists began holding a five weeks' religious revival in Great Bend in a large tabernacle erected for the occasion. During the first week the local theater had a professional hypnotist and his troupe of helpers. As usual in such cases the religious entertainer hated his rival in the amusement of the people and the people who patronized him. The local daily reported him as saying 'some pointed things about the fake shows which run over the country and the people who run after them."

I wonder if he knows, or if he simply forgot, that he would not have a corporal's guard to hear him at the tabernacle were people to stop patronizing fakers. In the light of Kerr's Discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life of each person ceases forever at death it is seen that the greatest nature faker is he who tells and teaches for truth the religious lies on nature that gods, devils, souls, resurrected dead people, heaven and hell are realities in nature.

Admitting that the hypnotist and his helpers were only playing a make-believe game to amuse the people there are some things to be said in his favor in contrast with religious shows. He did not threaten those who did not attend his show nor believe his pretenses with the vengence of a god nor the tortures of a hell as a punishment for their non-attendance and unbelief in his claims, nor did he offer he reward of an eternal heaven for patronage and belief in them. He did not try to inculcate a deadly hatred in those who patronized his show for those who did not by teaching them that all who did not believe in his teaching were devils, imps of Satan, degenerates, infidels, anarchists and enemies of truth, good morals and civilization.

While it is to be deplored that any should be willing to deceive in the name of a scientific truth in nature and lead the people to have false ideas of it yet it falls far short of the wickedness of heathenizing the people by teaching them the religious lies on nature for truth that make them idolaters of idol gods and sets the stage for all manner of religious hatred, strife and wars.

I dare say the audience at the hypnotic show had more innocent, genuine mirth each evening than there will be at the religious show in the entire five weeks. Of course some people at the latter show may have such perverted ideas of fun that they will feel a deep pleasure in being told that some time they will be able to sit on the walls of the "New Jerusalem" and watch their bad neighbors who attended hypnotic shows swimming in a lake of burning brimstone and be able to say "I told you so" and to ask them if it is "hot enough for them." But I assure them most positively that such joys can never be realized by them because heaven and hell are only fictitious places having not the slightest existence in nature.

Truths of Nature Cannot Be Ascertained By Vote, But By Investigating Nature.

Many people have such erroneous ideas of the wisdom of majorities that they depend on majorities to decide questions by vote for them that are not proper questions to be settled in that way. Educational institutions should teach their students how to determine what questions should be left to majority vote and what should not be. No one should ever think of the absurdity of assertaining the truth in a dispute over an alleged fact in nature by a vote. Yet it is a fact that many people are so ignorant as to believe that the truth about such questions can be assertained in that way. A neighbor once asked me if I would believe one man, in a group of forty men, who said there is no god when the other thirty-nine said there is.. He evidently though such a method would be the right way to find out the truth in the case and that such a majority could not be mistaken. He was wrong in both his conclusions. The truth in that case is fixed by nature and it can only be assertained in the first place through an examination of nature. The one man who has devoted his life to that examination for the special purpose of finding out the truth in this case, who is an expert scientist in his line of research, who can see and understand all the evidence on both sides and who through this scientific research discovers that the universe contains no real god not only knows more than the thirty-nine who gave no special study to the case or who sought for and considered only the evidence on the wrong side but he knows more than thirty-nine **billions of such** people on this particular subject. The addition and multiplication of the number of such people voting against him adds nothing to the evidence against him. When one man is wrong in his assertion that God is a real being it does not make his assertion true were the entire human race to vote with him. When one man is right in his assertion that the universe contains no real god it does not make his assertion false were the entire human race to vote against him. Facts in nature, such as this one, cannot be made, unmade nor changed by the vote of the people. Kerr's Discoveries is not the first case, nor will it be the last case, wherein one man has learned truths in nature unknown to all mankind. Hundreds of such cases have preceeded it and hundreds of like cases will follow it.

What Constitutes a Christian.

Millions of people profess to be Christians when they have nothing but false ideas of what constitutes a Christian. Most of them have the false idea that all good people are Christians and that bad people are not Christians and that when good people go wrong or commit a crime they are no longer Christians. They make Christianity and non-Christianity synonymous with good and bad citizenship. This false idea of what constitutes a Christian is fostered by the hired teachers of the Christian religion to give it the credit for the works of good people while relieving it of the discredit of bad people.

The fact is that good and bad morals have nothing to do in making people Christians or non-Christians. The greatest criminals can be the firmest Christians while the most moral people and best citizens may not be Christians at all.

One definition of a Christian given by Webster is: "One born in a Christian country or of Christian parents, and who has not definitely become an adherent of an opposing system." Such a person may commit all the crimes in the catalog of crimes if he can and still be as thoroughly Christian as the best citizen.

A Jew, a Mormon, a Mohammedan, a Buddhist, a Confucianist or the follower of any other religion is such by the same standard without any consideration of their morality or good citizenship whatever.

Fundamentally, a Christian is one who believes, professes or is assumed to accept for truth the religious lie on nature that Jesus was the son of a god, and is now a real live god. Those who believe those lies on nature are Christians no matter how many crimes they commit and those who do not believe those lies are not Christians no matter how good they are.

Today, November 24, Henry Clay Beattie, jr., will be electricuted for the murder of his wife if Governor Mann of Virginia does not grant him a respite. When he murdered his wife he was as much of a Christian as any person can be and he will die a thorough Christian because he was born in a Christian country, of Christian parents and he was taught to believe the Christian lies on nature and never learned that they are untrue and never repudiated them. He is reported to be reading almost nothing but the Bible and religious literature and has given himself up to prayer and says he is "sure of going to heaven." Such a man is a Christian, was born one and always remained one but he is a very wicked criminal. So it is no evidence whatever that a person is a good citizen for him to claim that he is a Christian, but it is evidence that he believes certain religious lies on nature that no good person should believe, and which all people claiming to be intelligent should be ashamed to profess to believe.

Tabernacle Notes And Pertinent Questions and Comments.

Two weeks of the five weeks of the union revival meetings to be held in a tabernacle in Great Bend by a professional evangelist and his helpers has been put in to date, November 26, and from the amount of money required to build the tabernacle, pay the performers and finance the religious show I wish to ask some pointed questions:

How many men are contributing money to aid in financing this religious revival who have not paid their taxes for 1911 in full?

How many have not paid their bills of all kinds due merchants, professional people and laborers?

How many will be asking for public aid from the city and county treasury to live on before another harvest?

How many are living in rented or mortgaged homes?

Would it not be best to provide a home with comforts and luxuries for yourself and family before investing in imaginary mansions in an impossible heaven?

Would it not be best to invest your surplus cash in helping to make Kerr's Discoveries known to the people and thereby aid in their enlightenment, civilization and progress in useful scientific knowledge instead of investing it in the teaching of religious lies on nature for the perpetuation of a heathen idolatry?

A new york preacher preached an hour to a crowd of a thousand men, women and children who had gathered to see a Sunday ball game at Poughkeepsie. There will be no need of legislation to prohibit Sunday baseball if the preachers are allowed to practice such an imposition on those who go to see a Sunday game.

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Look Out For Wilful, Deliberate Teachers of Religious Lies on Nature.

I wish all people to be on their guard against being deceived by teachers of any religion who have learned Kerr's Discoveries but who, owing to their moral depravity, continue to teach religious lies on nature for the money there is in it or for the hope of gaining thereby some financial, political or social advantages.

As all Christendom is covered with Sunday schools and churches and as they all teach that it is wrong and immoral to deliberately tell lies about anything I had hoped that all people were so good that when they once learned Kerr's Discoveries they would from their love of truth and honesty and their interest in the general enlightenment, civiliation and progress of the people, and for the protection of their own children from the idolatry of idol gods, cease the teaching of religious lies and begin teaching these discovered truths instead. But from evidence and observation I find that many people will not do it. Hence this warning sent out to all the people to be on their guard against such teachers of religion which I am sorry their depraved morals make it necessary to do.

People have told me and others have written to me that I should not teach my discoveries though they be true; that I should keep still and say nothing about them; that I should teach Christianity whether I believed it or not as that is what they would do were they in my place.

I also observe that in other matters people will continue propagating and perpetuating lies on nature after they have been undeceived through learning the truth, in spite of all the teaching of Sunday schools and churches that it is wrong and immoral to deliberately lie and deceive. I have observed that many children are so fond of lying and deceiving taught them by their parents that they will join heartily in the scheme to lie to other children about the existence, nature and home of Santa Claus. The undeceived child cannot detect any difference between those who are deliberately lying to it about Santa Claus and those other children who actually believe what they tell it so accurately do the liars play the part of honesty and sincerity. Hence I warn you to be on a sharp lookout for those religious liars who have been taught Kerr's Discoveries but are only playing the part of religious teachers to deceive you into giving them your money and confidence under the belief that you will do it more freely than you would were they to teach you the truth.

An Appeal For Aid to Carry On the Educational Work.

Never in the history of the world was there such an important educational work to be done as that now being done by the Church of Humanity in teaching Kerr's Discoveries to the world. Nothing but the teaching of these modern scientific discoveries to the people can possibly redeem our race from the heathenism of idolatry of idol gods. Our entire race must from necessity remain heathen idolaters through the perpetuation of its religious lies on nature until Kerr's Discoveries are made known and accepted to such an extent that the teaching of those lies will cease forever. I have vast opportunities to make these great discoveries known through the distribution of this little educator had I the money to print and mail it. I can get the names and addresses of all officers, instructors and students in all the 450 colleges and universities in the United States, all the publications, all the members of all state legislatures and congress and millions of addresses from city and telephone directories, but I need donations of money to pay for printing and mailing this little educator to them.

Out of my own donation to the Educational Fund of our church I am paying for printing and distributing 19,000 copies in 19 cities monthly, and as the distributers cover a new section of the cities each month our discoveries are introduced to that many people who never heard of them before. Besides all this I mailed nearly 8,000 copies to teachers, editors and phone lists last month. No one can estimate the number of people we put on the right road leading out of wilderness of religious superstitions each month. I can use any amount of money in this great educational work its friends will send me. Those who wish Kerr's Discoveries introduced to the people of any particular town having a city directory or a telephone directory may send me two copies of the same directory and one-third of a cent for each name it contains and I shall mail papers to them. In this way any person living in a neighborhood covered by a phone system can easily and cheaply have all his neighbors for miles around introduced to Kerr's Discoveries.

Under the title "What European Cities Can Teach New York" the "Thrice-a-Week World, New York, enumerates 75 instances wherein some European cities have improvements superior to New York. But the greatest improvement any city can make is to clean out of the minds of its citizens the old heathen religious lies on nature that have been accumulating for ages. That trash can be cleaned out only by installing Kerr's Discoveries in every mind. After the "city dads" have flushed and disinfected their own minds with Kerr's Discoveries they should employ expert teachers of them to mop religious rot out of the people's minds and inocculate them with these truths to prevent them catching the contageon of heathism again from those who have it in an active stage.

A Changed Situation Caused By Kerr's Discoveries and the Founding of a Church on Them.

For many centuries when an impartial investigator studied the churches of the world and noted the contradictions of each other in their respective teachings he could sum up the situation by saying that they may all be mistaken but they could not all be right. That can never truthfully be said again so long as the Church of Humanity exists or any other church that teaches Kerr's Discoveries. With this church included no one can truthfully say that all churches are wrong nor that all churches are right We now have churches taking opposite sides of the fundamental questions of the existence of gods, souls and immortality in which one side of necessity must be right and true while the other side of necessity must be wrong and false. The man who now says that no church is right has not heard of the Church of Humanity or doesn't know what he is talking about since it is self-evident that either the Church of Humanity or the other churches are true on these foundation questions. And as it is now a sure thing that at least one of the churches is right and true to nature in its teaching it behooves all, both church members and those who are not, to get busy and investigate the claims of these various churches as to the existence of gods, souls and immortality and then investigate nature to find out if such things really exist or not that they may know which church is teaching the truth. They should then unite with that church and aid it personally and financially in the teaching of the truth. No one should asspire to be dead-beats and deadheads in society by shirking their plain and moral duty in this matter.

But those who are not members of a church should never aid any church in any way until they find out definitely which one is teaching the truth on these primary subjects, since if they do they are liable to aid the wrong church and thus do more harm than good. And those who are members of a church should make a like investigation of nature to see if their church is in reality teaching the truth on these foundation questions and if they find it is not doing so they should at once resign their membership in it and join the church that is teaching the truth. Since it is now self-evident that at least one church is teaching the truth all should be sure they know which one it is and then give all their aid to that church and not foolishly waste their energies and wealth in doing evil by aiding the false church.

The Difference.

Every aid you give and every cent you contribute to any church, Sunday school or society teaching Christianity or any other religion is so much assistence given to perpetuate heathen idolatry in our race and to prevent it becoming civilized and enlightened. But every aid you give and every cent you contribute to the Church of Humanity is so much assistence given to make Kerr's Discoveries known to the people which alone can civilize and enlighten them by freeing them from the heathenism of idol worship.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions andtheir societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

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Man's Religion Is Not Natural, Etc.
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They will refuse to believe the truth and hasten to their parents who taught them the lie to inlist their aid in the defence of the reality of Santa Claus. This puts the parents in a dilemma. Many of them have not the moral courage to admit to their children that they had been lying to them while teaching them all the time how wicked and sinful it is to tell lies. Some of them will give evasive answers prefering the child to be undeceived by others while some will lie it out as they began refusing to admit that they are liars or even unbelievers in the existence of Santa Claus.

The process of dispelling the God delusion in adults will in some respects be similar to that followed in dispelling the Santa Claus delusion in children. In some communities the people are becoming civilized enough to cease lying to the children about the existence of Santa Claus. I have heard no complaint of the children being any meaner on that account. Superstitions soon die out when the people cease teaching them to the children. Witch stories and ghost stories are no longer rehearsed in families as formerly. Consequently the belief in the existence of such things is dying out. Stories about the exploits of the devil and the heat of hell are not so common in the pulpit and in the family circle as they once were. Therefore the vivid belief in their reality is beginning to fade out. But we must recognize the truth that heaven is as fabulous as hell and God as fabulous as Satan and that souls, resurrected dead people and immortality are as fabulous as all of them. It only remains now to teach the truth so vigorously and persistently that all these religious superstitions are only contemptable heathen lies on nature until it shames idolaters out of teaching them for truth to relegate them to the scrap pile of discarded superstitions that have gone before.

Some Common False Ideas Disproved.

I often get letters expressing false ideas inimical to the spreading of Kerr's Discoveries and I shall here publish one containing some of them and show up their absurdity.

I shall number the ideas I wish to disprove with a corresponding comment number:

From H. H. Shape, Wilwaukee, Wis. "Your interesting publication, "Truth About God and Life," first came to my notice several days ago when I rescued it from some waste paper.

(1) You are a brave man and I am now thinking that I would like to see you, to see what you look like for you have unusual courage and speak unusually plain.

(2) You could not secure an audience with the Pope if he knew you were coming.

(3) Religious folks would not patronize you if you were in business.

Shake, Brother Kerr.

You have a message for the world.

May nature grant you a long healthy life.

Inclosed you will find a postal M. O. for 25 cents for subscription to your paper."

Comments—(1) Of course it requires strong moral courage for an idolater to refuse to practice his heathenism when all those around him are indulging in it, but it requires no more courage for a man who has learned Kerr's Discoveries to refuse to be an idolater of God and Christ than it does for a Christian to refuse to worship a Chinese Joss in China. When one knows there are no real gods, devils and hells in the universe he is no more afraid of them than he is of Santa Claus or any other character he knows does not exist. I frankly admit that it requires a high degree of true moral courage in idolaters to begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries since all are taught the religious lie that to even doubt the existence of a god is the whispering of Satan to make sure of landing them in hell. However, all societies of idolaters teach that we should love the truth, seek for it and bravely proclaim and defend it when found which neutralizes to some extent their false teaching. They must not suspect that the truth about God and life is contrary to their religious superstitions else they would teach that it is right to tell the truth at all times except when religion was the subject of discussion and then "lie like a trooper." Since Kerr's Discoveries are absolutely unchangeable scientific truths of nature and all idolaters continue to teach that people should love the truth enough to learn it, tell it and defend it it should not require much bravery to learn these newfound truths and join the C. O. H. to aid in their promulgation.

(2) No priest nor preacher of any sect has ever refused me an audience when I called on them and I do not believe the pope would any more refuse to see me than he would any other common man. The idea that there must necessarily be a deadly enmity between the clergy and myself is based on the erroneous belief that I am a fighter of religious hierarhies churches and societies generally. Those who understand my teaching know that I am not in that class at all. They know that I have made and am devoting my time and money to teaching scientific discoveries in nature that is of as vital importance to all including the clergy and the pope as to myself and they should be as anxious to learn these truths as I was. No one has any more grounds to be angry at me for making and teaching these discoveries than for being angry at any one for wishing to know the truths of nature on any other subject and investigating it until they find the truth and then teach it. The priests of all religions should rejoice that Kerr's Discoveries have been made and they should be among the most anxious to learn them for their own satisfaction and to enable them to teach the truth about these vital subjects. No clergyman has put up any very stiff fight against me to my knowledge and I do not anticipate any from them as it would put them in the ridiculous position of fighting nature for not being in harmony with religious lies as did those who fought the discoverers of the true shape and movements of the earth.

(3) Perhaps the most potent argument to scare idolaters from trying to learn Kerr's Discoveries is that were they to do so they would lose trade or their job and no more would be given them. That is a false alarm that will be worked by unscrupulous idolaters to scare their fellow idolaters into "standing pat" in their ignorance and religious superstitions. As a matter of fact there is nothing in this claim but a very dishonorable excuse by which some idolaters seek to justify their own heathenism. Just think of the low, contemptible nature of any man who would play idolatry of God and Christ under the belief that he can thereby win the confidence of other idolaters and have a better chance to skin them in business. For the same reasons such a man would worship a Chinese Joss when in China, a scarab when in Egypt, a crocodile when in some parts of Africa and a made-in-America tin god when in some parts of Asia. There is no man more contemptible in my estimation than he who refuses to learn Kerr's Discoveries, or after learning them refuses to acknowledge it by joining the C. O. H. and aiding in its work, for trade reasons. Such a man will deliberately aid in heathenizing his own family by playing idolatry himself and requiring his children to worship heathen idols for the hope of financial gain.

To a certain extent I am in business and must depend entirely on "religious folks" for customers. I expect to remain in business and to have idolaters for customers so long as I live because all the people can not learn Kerr's Discoveries during my lifetime. When I have farms to rent, my share of crops to sell or money to lend I find that religious folks are as anxious to deal with me and on the same terms as with idolaters. Were I engaged in any business I could not conduct and be a civilized man at the same time I would let go of that business, and that's what I think others should do under similar circumstances.

I believe a higher duty for all parents than mere money making is the raising of civilized and enlightened children and that can not be done without teaching them Kerr's Discoveries, and to do that successfully will require organized societies of those who know them for that special purpose. As fast as people learn these new discoveries they should openly and publicly profess that knowledge and unite with the C. O. H. to aid in making it known to others and in forming branch churches to perpetuate it. None need have the least fear that this knowledge will kill industry and commerce to such an extent that there will be nothing to do for those who learn it. I need food, clothing, shelter amusements, literature, etc., as much as an idolater does, and they will need as much of these things after learning Kerr's Discoveries as now. How then can the learning of these discoveries injure business except that of teaching lies on nature? And those engaged in that can become teachers of these truths instead. That ought to be more satisfactory to all. Everything connected with the production and distribution of this publication except writing the copy and mailing it is done by religious folks. You see I must depend on them entirely for aid in this educational work or I could not do any of it. Isn't this a form of business? There ought to be a hired teacher of Kerr's Discoveries in every neighborhood, society and educational institution in the world and thousands of publications devoted exclusively to teaching them. That would balance the number thrown out of the business of teaching lies on nature and then both teacher and student should be better satisfied and contented than now.

Being civilized and enlightened through learning and teaching Kerr's Discoveries is not incompatible with industry and commerce.

Civilized People Will Prohibit the Singing and Playing of Religious Hymns in Their Homes.

Hymns are religious lies on nature formed into poetry and set to music. The singing of them is the most effective way of teaching those lies, especially to children. As fast as people become civilized through learning Kerr's Discoveries they will cease the idolatry of gods and the teaching of religious lies on nature. It will therefore become necessary and an inperative duty to not only cease the singing and playing of religious hymns themselves, but to prohibit it in their homes. There are a great abundance of cheerful songs expressing truths and good sentiments that can easily be substituted for those expressing idolatry of gods and religious lies on nature.

Those who wish me to give their neighbors some lessons in Kerr's Discoveries can mail me two copies of their phone directory and 35 cents for each hundred names in it and the lessons will be promptly mailed them. There is no better nor cheaper plan than this, nor one more convenient to have all one's neighbors given copies of this little educator to introduce to them these great modern discoveries in nature. Try it comrades.

No parents can raise civilized and enlightened children without teaching them Kerr's Discoveries because neighbors, schools, papers and books will teach them idolatry of idol gods though their parents do not.

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 15

Some Catholic Resolutions and the Answer to Them.

The following resolutions passed by a council of the Knights of Columbus, an organization of Catholics, were received through the mail recently. I shall insert numbers corresponding to the number of my comment on the statements or ideas affirmed:

The resolutions:

Whereas a certain Great Bend publication, (1) falsely named "The Truth About God," (2) the avowed object of which is the propagation of infidelity, is regularly and (3) unnecessarily inflicted upon a suffering public:

And, Whereas it is (4) not distributed solely among those who appreciate it, but regularly and insistantly sent to those who not only do not want it, but find (5) its doctrines (6) most obnoxious:

And Whereas we who are the (7) victims of this imposition consider the sending of this obnoxious publication as an insult from the sender because (8) as Christians we find our most (9) sacred beliefs blasphemed and outraged in a most conspicuous manner by its editor.

And Whereas, (10) we as citizens of the United States have a right to hold our own beliefs without being persecuted for them by (11) misrepresentation, vilification and abuse.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Hoisington Council No. 1521 K. of C.

1st. That we (12) condemn the publication because of its principles, and the editor for his (13) lack of consideration for the feelings and beliefs of others.

2nd. That we resent the fact that it comes to us more or less regularly through the mails, even though we have never subscribed for the sheet and never intend to do so.

3rd. That we also resent the fact that in spite of these facts a Barton county publishing house prints this obnoxious and vilifying periodical.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, that a copy be sent to each clergyman and each Council of the Knights of Columbus in Barton county, to the Catholic Advance and to the newspapers of the county and also to the publishing house in question and to the editor of this insulting and obnoxious sheet.

These resolutions was unanimously approved by the Council in regular meeting held December 17, 1911.

(Attest: R. J. SULLIVAN,
Rec. Sec.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Resolutions.

Mr. R. J. Sullivan Rec. Sec. K. of C., Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir: This is to acknowledge receipt of the resolutions of your order pertaining to the distribution of our publication and the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries which your society claims is obnoxious to it.

I expect to publish the resolutions in our January issue and answer them as fully as time and space will justify. I would be glad to place this answer in the hands of each of your local members to enable them to understand my teaching and motives better, and will gladly send you a bundle of copies to distribute to them if you will kindly consent to do so, or to mail me a list of the members and their addresses that I may serve them.

I inclose a little pamphlet explaining to some extent the evidences that the universe contains no real god.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR,
Pres. C. O. H.

Reply.

Hoisington, Kansas, 12-29, 1911.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 26th inst. received. You will find the answer to it in the resolutions, a copy of which we sent you. I remain

Yours respectfully,
R. J. SULLIVAN,
Rec. Sec.

Explanations, Corrections and Comments.

I have observed that those who object to the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries do not understand me nor comprehend the evidence that proves these great modern discoveries true, and that when they do so understand and comprehend they join the Church of Humanity to aid me in this great educational work if they are good, honest citizens who take an interest in the welfare, enlightenment and progress of the human race in general and of themselves and families in particular.

Therefore, I shall devote this lecture to answering these statements and resolutions in an endeavor to make my position, motive and object clear and hope to be able to get a hearing by millions of Catholics in this and foreign countries as well as by all members of Council No. 1521 of Knights of Columbus.

1. Publication Falsely Named.

This publication is named true to its mission and teaching concerning God and life because it teaches the truth as it has been scientifically discovered to be inexorably fixed by nature on these vital subjects. Nature never did and never will produce a real god in the universe nor a soul in man nor make it possible for the dead to ever come to life again nor make it possible for man to extend his consciousness beyond death, and as nature does not and can not produce these things and conditions they never will exist as facts because it is utterly impossible for man to ever produce them. Your charge number one is untrue owing to your ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries.

2. Propagation of Infidelity Avowed Object.

My avowed object, first, last and all the time, is the teaching of my scientific discoveries in nature, that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases forever in each person at death, and to organize and build up a church composed of people who learn these truths to spread and perpetuate them until all the world knows this most valuable of all knowledge. By practice and precept I am teaching the strictest fidelity to these truths and to the Church of Humanity and urge on all its members the importance of their loyalty and fidelity also. Your charge number two is untrue if fidelity to truth is not infidelity.

3. Unnecessarily Inflicted Upon a Suffering Public.

The public is suffering in many and various ways from the effects of belief in religious superstitions. The fear of gods, devils and hell cause mental suffering to hundreds of millions of people.

Religious wars and their effects cause physical suffering to millions more.

It is absolutely necessary to "inflict" a knowledge of the truth about God and life on the people to give them relief from their suffering caused by their ignorance and religious superstitions. Therefore your third charge is untrue.

4. Not Distributed Solely Among Those Who Appreciate It.

I promptly plead guilty to this charge because I do not know who wants to know the truth and who does not. I believe all should desire to know the actual truth about these vital subjects, and I have a right to assume that all do so desire. It is often the case that individuals will fight against the teaching of a truth for years, and societies for centuries, but finally accept it with gladness and become teachers of it themselves. None can call for the teaching of a scientific discovery until the discoverer makes his discovery known. It is therefore the duty of such a discoverer to proclaim and teach his discovered truth in nature to the people before anybody calls for it or demands it, and he must give his discovery as wide publicity as possible to give all an opportunity to know it.

5. Its Doctrines.

I most vehemently declare that I am not teaching "doctrines" nor beliefs nor opinions nor views. In teaching Kerr's Discoveries I am teaching absolute, definite, demonstrable scientific truths of nature. There is not the slightest element of uncertainty in them. I was absolutely sure of that fact before I began teaching them. Therefore your fifth charge is untrue.

6. Most Obnoxious.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is not obnoxious to those who have learned them. They are the most valued truths ever discovered to those who recognize the importance of a knowledge of them. Their obnoxiousness is only temporary while one's mind is passing from a firm belief in religious superstitions to a clear knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries..

The remedy then is more study of the evidence of these truths to hasten the transitional state of the mind from a belief in religious superstitions to a knowledge of the truth. So it is more teaching of these truths that you need to set your mind at rest and peace and to remove their obnoxiousness.

7. Victims of This Imposition.

From the viewpoint of those who know the value of the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries to each person in particular and our race in general you are the recipients of truths of priceless value to you instead of being victims of an imposition. When you begin to realize this fact you will have a kindlier feeling for the teachers of Kerr's Discoveries.

8. As Christians.

But you should resent and deny the right of any persons or society to brand you in helpless childhood with the name of a mythology and then to prohibit you in manhood from learning the truth and erasing that brand.

Forget that you are Christians and only remember that you are citizens with an inalienable right to learn any new scientific discovery that any one makes regardless of what or how many mythologies or religious superstitions it may conflict with.

9. Sacred Beliefs Blasphemed And Outraged.

Truth must ever be held paramount to mere beliefs, opinions and theories and the teaching of it must have preference over the teaching of untruths. Age, desirability or wide belief in untruths can not be allowed to shield them from the competition of truth. None should feel under obligations to deny and suppress the truth to prevent the exposure of those engaged in teaching untruths.

The time must come in the development of morality when it will be considered more disgraceful to tell lies on nature in the interest of any religion than to tell lies on one's neighbors because nature can not defend itself while the neighbor often can.

10. We as Citizens of the United States Have a Right to Hold to Our Belief.

As citizens of the United States you

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public shcool when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

The Use of Some Christian Dates And Names Do Not Compromise the Teachers of Kerr's Discoveries.

As some have criticised me for using the established date as being inconsistent with the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries, I shall insert one of their letters and answer it for the information of all:

"Dear Sir: I notice that your publication still has at the head the terms "September, 1911," August, 1910," etc. This tends to weaken the "discovery" because it recognizes "God." Such terms mean this—If Jesus Christ were yet on earth he would be on August 1, 1910 years and six months old. Now all these dates refer to the alleged Christ's birth, and the churches and Bible teach that Christ and God are the same. Therefore are you not making a mistake in recognizin any reckoning that takes Christ into consideration? Why not date with the birth of Prof. Haeckel or some known believer in the C. O. H.?

"Very truly,
L. F. REED,
"Jan: 286."

Answer—The use of dates and names given things by idolaters in honor of their pagan idols and other characters in their religious mythologies does not commit the teachers of Kerr's Discoveries to a belief in their existence.

Some of the days, months, cities, stars and many other objects are so named and are still used while no people now living believe in the existence of the imaginary characters they were named in honor of.

For instance this month, January, was named in honor of Janus, an old Latin deity, the god of the sun and year. I notice you use this name without a protest. Do you, therefore, believe in the existence of Janus? March and Mars were named for Mars, the god of war and husbandry; May, for Maia, a goddess, the daughter of Atlas and mother of Mercury by Jupiter; June, for the goddess Juno. Venus, for Venus the goddess of beauty and love; Jupiter, for Jupiter or Jove, the chief deity of the ancient Romans, king of gods and men and reputed to be the son of Saturn and Rhea, and corresponds to the Greek Zeus and Christian God; Neptune, for the god Neptune, son of Saturn and Ops, the god of the waters, especially of the sea.

Sunday was named for the sun by sun-worshipers who thought it a god; Monday for the moon by people who thought it a god and worshiped it; Tuesday, for the god of war; Wednesday, for Woden, the highest god of the Teutonic peoples; Friday, for the goddess Frigg wife of the god Odin or Wodan.

The use of these names is not the slightest proof of the existence of those pagan deities nor that those who speak and write them believe in their existence. It does not "tend to weaken the discovery" that they are myths by the retention and use of their names. Neither does it tend to weaken Kerr's Discoveries that the gods of modern pagans—God and Christ—are myths by using the dates and names they gave time and things in honor of them.

When I address papers to subscribers in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Los Angeles, California, it does not tend to weaken my discoveries that the Christ and angels in the Christian mythology, for whom these cities are named, are myths. How else could I get mail to them? When one speaks or writes the name "Santa Claus" is it a recognition of his reality? Does so doing tend to weaken one's discovery that he is a myth? I see no more reason for discontinuing names given things in honor of imaginary characters in the Christian mythology than for doing so with names in honor of such characters in any other system of lies on nature.

One Rule That Works Both Ways.

When the Church of Humanity gets strong enough to attract the venom of every 2x4 defender of religious lies on nature they will charge every vice and crime of its members to their knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries and demand the suppression of their teaching by drastic prohibitive laws in the interest of morality and good citizenship.

But that rule can be worked in the other direction to such good advantage by the teachers of these discoveries that it will more than counteract its use by idolaters on them. For instance the McNamara brothers who killed twenty-three people in blowing up the Times building, Los Angeles, and are charged with dynamiting scores of buildings throughout the United States during the last four years, are both Catholics. Therefore there should be a drastic prohibitory law enacted to prohibit the teaching of the Catholic Catechism and religion because of the evil effects it has on those who learn them. The horrid crimes of the McNamaras are the results of their belief in the existence of gods, souls, heaven and hell. To prevent the making of such criminals out of good children the religious teaching that did it should be suppressed by drastic laws in the interest of good morals and good citizenship.

Poor, Superstitious Bryan—He Must Misrepresent For His Religion.

In the Commoner of December 8, Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying:

"Among those who openly declare allegance to the Christian church would be found, not all, but practically all, who are a force in the community's progress and he added that among the others would be found, not all, but practically all, who are worthless, criminal, degenerate and a burden to society. He concluded with the generalization that the Christian group comprises the salt of the earth, the salt of the nation, and the salt of the community."

He ignores the fact that the worthless, criminals and degenerates belong in the "Christian group" as much as the better class of citizens do..

All the promoters of "criminal trusts" and manipulators of "predatory wealth" are as loud in their declarations of allegiance to the Christian church as he is. Brothers Morgan and Rockefeller are shining examples of this class.

All the degenerates are as firm in their allegiance to the Christian church as he is. The McNamaras and Beattie and the Rev. Richeson are representatives of this class.

"The "worthless" who live on charity are as firm believers in Christianity and are more truly followers of Jesus than Mr. Bryan is. The residents and patrons of the "red light" district of cities are included in the "Christian group." So are the "big criminals" and those who corrupt legislatures and congress w ith bribes as is also the corrupted. The buyer and seller of votes, the criminals of all kinds and classes and their victims must be included in the "Christian group" because they are equally firm believers in the system of lies on nature named Christianity and it is this belief that constitutes their Christianity and not their character as Mr. Bryan would have us believe in his desperation to make this system of lies on nature respectable.

Answering a Woman Who Evidently Misrepresents Her Case.

The following letter is from a woman who thinks the truth has a bad effect on her husband:

"Dear Sir: Your publication received , by my husband, yesterday. For over a year he has strived to do what he considered right, ie., abstain from liquor and care for his family. He now reads your paper constantly. Last night he read it aloud from 1 a. m. to 4 a. m., allowed the family to sleep until 6 a. m. and at present, 8 a. m., is reading it over again, aloud. Immediately after reading it he proceeded to live naturally, that is as he pleased without fear of doing wrong. Took the hard arned savings and proceeded to fill his craving for liquor. It is not according to nature for the male of the species to provide for the female and family only natural for him to satisfy his passion and lust. This may be lovely and natural for him but anything but that for his family.

"I merely wished you to see how much happiness your publication has brought to one family."

Answer. Dear Madam: As you did not sign your letter I answer it publicly for the benefit of all who are in the position you represent yourself to be and hope you will get a copy of it. I frankly confess I do not believe all your statements. Perhaps you are an old maid drawing on your imagination as to the dire effects of Kerr's Discoveries on your hoped for future husband just like the other old maid I heard of who was found weeping by a river. On being asked the trouble she explained that she was just thinking how sad it would be if she had a pretty little child and it should fall into the river and drown. Be that as it may I give your husband the benefit of my doubts concerning the effect you allege the reading of this little educator had on him. Your letter shows plainly that you are seeing things that do not exist for "Christ's sake" and lying for the "glory of God" as Christians believe it their duty to do and as their bible teaches them they should. It is impossible that your husband could be at home reading and out on a debauch at the same time a s you state he was reading the paper while you were writing the letter.

A man who has the interest and enthusiasm in Kerr's Discoveries and the good sense to learn and accept them that your husband seems to have has too much good sense to commit any crime or follow any vice on account of that knowledge. None of the members of the Church of Humanity are doing anything wrong, to my knowledge, on account of learning Kerr's Discoveries. As for myself I do not use tobacco nor intoxicating drinks in any form, and I see that my family is properly provided for. So it is proven by actual experience that people will not be criminals because of learning Kerr's Discoveries. If they do wrong in any way it is in spite of this knowledge and not because of it.

It would be as reasonable and fair to charge the crimes and vices of all Christians to their belief in the Christian religion as to charge all crimes and vices committed by those who learn Kerr's Discoveries to that knowl-

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edge. Here are some cases in point which shows that by following your method of charging crimes and vices to the belief of the actors I can prove that the belief in the Christian religion is an infinitely greater cause of crimes and vices than you have charged to a belief in Kerr's Discoveries. There are 750,000 prostitutes in the United States all of whom believe the Christian lies on nature that God, souls, heaven, hell and immortality are true. See what learning and believing Christianity has done for them.

Would it not be best for them to learn Kerr's Discoveries and cease their evil ways?

All the millions of men who patronize them believe and teach the same religious lies on nature they do. See how vile a belief in Christianity makes men. Would it not be better for them to learn Kerr's Discoveries and cease their evil ways?

"A report from a liquor journal says that last year the country produced 175,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits—about two gallons per capita. There was also manufactured 63,000,000 barrels of beer, about twenty gallons per capita. That would mean about $12 for every man woman and child in this country, or about $60 per family, counting five persons to the family."

It is the idolaters of gods and teachers and believers of religious lies on nature who manufacture, deal in and consume this vast amount of "rot gut." See the evil results of learning and believing religion and especially Christianity. There are seven members of my family none of whom have anything to do with the manufacture, distribution or consumption of this stuff. Would it not be better for the people if they would learn Kerr's Discoveries and cease their consumption of intoxicating liquors?

I have a little book entitled "Crimes of Preachers" which records 4,777 crimes of clergymen in the United States and Canada. All sects are represented and the full list of crimes have been committed by them. They were all idolaters and teachers of religious lies on nature. It would amaze and shock you to read this record of crimes of clergymen and see for yourself to what abyss of wickedness the belief in and teaching of religion and especially the Christian religion ,led them to.

Would it not be better for them and for all the people had they learned Kerr's Discoveries instead of committing those crimes?

I often read of people murdering others in order to send them to heaven where, as they believe, they will be happier than on earth, and of people committing suicide in order to get to heaven. An account in today's paper dated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 27, says that a Mr. James Grant murdered his wife, step son and five children and then suicided. A note explaining his reason and motive for the act was found and reads as follows:

"Owing to deep dispair and that I see nothing for me or for my children, who I believe will be better off in heaven than they are here, I commit this act."

It is quite plain that the murder of this family and the suicide of the murderer were committed because of the belief in religious lies on nature.

Would it not have been better for this family had Mr. Grant learned the great scientific discoveries in nature that the universe contained no real god that man contains no soul and that life ceases forever in each person at death than for him to learn and believe the religious lies on nature that caused him to murder his family and commit suicide?

By this presentation of facts I merely wish to give you and other idolaters an idea of the magnitude of the unhappiness, misery, vice and crimes your idolary and religious lies on nature are causing mankind.

Wow! How Religion Makes Some People Savage.

The following threat was written on a sample copy of this little educator and returned to me:

"W. H. Kerr, you old measley skin flint, if you ever send another one of your measley papers to either me or mine, I'll go over to Great Bend and wipe up the earth with you. This is brass tacks. I know there is a God, the Father of Jesus Christ."

This ignorant bully, who has more muscle than good sense as all such people have, was not brave enough to sign his name to his threat and consequently I have no means of knowing who to omit when mailing out sample copies again. If he lives in the neighboring town bearing the name on the envelope my distributer is likely to leave a copy for Mr. "Me or Mine." To avoid doing so I suppose he thinks I should cease teaching the greatest scientific discoveries of modern times. But as good and sensible people wish to know the truth about God and life I shall continue teaching it so long as I live and shall do all I can to build up the Church of Humanity to aid me and to continue the teaching when I die. If Mr. "Me or Mine" will print in big letters over his door the words "A fool lives here,'" I shall instruct my distributers to omit leaving copies at such residences.

He knows there is a God and that he is the father of Jesus Christ for the same reason a child knows there is a Santa Claus—because some liars on nature told him so. The discovery that the universe contains no real god proves that no god told him nor any other person such a thing.

Should I violate any of the laws of man—there are no such laws as "laws of God"—in force in Great Bend in my educational work the home town is amply able to punish me by due process of law without calling in the services of a non-resident bully to administer the punishment by "wiping up the earth" with me.

The progress of man in scientific knowledge must not be blocked by any ignoramus who has not sense enough to keep up with the procession.

This letter proves that it is the idolater who is the anarchist who advocates mob violence and not those who learn Kerr's Discoveries.

A Lesson on the Priceless Value of Kerr's Discoveries to the Human Race Regardless of the Character of the Discoverer.

As Kerr's Discoveries gain in popularity and acceptance there will be an ever increasing effort by idolaters to defame my character by circulating slanderous lies on me in a frantic effort to discredit my discoveries and to frighten people from learning them for fear of evil influence on their character. But I wish to warn all people in advance that they should learn and accept Kerr's Discoveries for their own intrinsic value as civilizers and enlighteners and as scientific knowledge on vital subjects that all should know regardless of my good or bad character or of any lies that may be circulated about me.

That the value of scientific discoveries should not be effected by the character of the discoverer is learly illustrated in the case of radium. Madame Curie, the co-discoverer with her husband of radium, is now a widow and is co-respondent in a divorce case that is a scandal of international interest owing to her fame as the most renowned woman scientist of the world. But the brilliancy of radium is as great as ever and its enormous value has not depreciated any on account of this scandal envolving its discoverer.

Likewise, my character, whatever it may be, must be considered a part from the priceless value of Kerr's Discoveries to the human race.

Crimes Do Not Effect the Christianity of the Criminals.

In order to make a belief in the Christian mythology respectable its promoters teach that only good people believe it, while the fact is that all classes of criminals believe it as firmly as do those who are not caught in crimes yet. But when they are caught and turned out of an idolatrous society to maintain its respectability they are still as thoroughly Christian as those who turn them out. The Christianity of the following clergymen can not be questioned:

"Montrose, Col., Oct. 3.—M. A. Plettner, former pastor of the Evangelical church at Berne, Kan., is under arrest here on a writ ne exeat to prevent his leaving the state with Miss Elizabeth Hilt, former organist and choir leader of his church.

"Mrs. Puettner today filed answer to her husband's suit for divorce, alleging that he had deserted her and eloped with Miss Hilt and had since lived with the choir girl. When Plettner first came here he and Miss Hilt took a prominent part in church work until requested by a prominent pastor not to do so. Mrs. Plettner became blind after her marriage."

"Middletown, Conn., Sept. 26.—The Rev. Chester H. Sweet of New Britain, formerly pastor of the Congregational church in Durham, pleaded guilty here today to the misappropriation of funds of the First Eccleciastical Society of Durham and was fined $50 and costs by Justice Gager of the Superior Court. At the time of Sweet's disappearance he told his parishioners he was going to Boston for throat treatment, but they learned he had accepted a call to a Western church.

Investigation showed that he had taken away his goods and that many of them were not paid for."

"Boston, Mass., Oct. 20.—Rev. Clarence V. Richeson of the Baptist church of Cambridge was arrested today in connection with the poisoning of Miss Avis Linnell, a student in the New England Conservatory of Music."

You can see here what Christianity leads men to. "A tree is known by its fruit." If you do not want your sons to follow the example of these men do not teach them the Christian religion. Would it not be well to suppress the teaching of religion by law to prevent it making criminals? What? You say, these men were criminals in spite of their religion and not because of it? Well, remember then when you hear any one claim that the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be suppressed by law because some who learn them commit crimes that they do so in spite of this knowledge and not because of it.

Notice!

In order to encourage the organization of branch Churches of Humanity I will pay my own expenses to any part of Kansas to aid in organizing a local church where 25 of its members wish to form a church and will sign a petition to me to aid them. The object of having this little educator distributed in cities in large numbers is to prepare the people to join the Church of Humanity and to organize themselves into local churches to enable them to carry on this educational work themselves in their own towns.

As soon as any person learns Kerr's Discoveries he should send in his application for membership in the C. O. H. at once. Then when there are 25 members in a town they should immediately organize themselves into a Church of Humanity to spread and perpetuate a knowledge of these scientific discoveries in their neighborhood. These most important of all discoveries can not be promulgated and perpetuated by any other method. Let all who know them organize to carry "Kansas for Truth and Enlightenment."

As all religions are systems of lies on nature and as it requires constant lying by their followers to propagate and perpetuate them, and as people become civilized they recognize it to be disgraceful to tell lies on nature, therefore, in the interest of good moral ethics all religions must be abandoned.

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Some Catholic Resolutions and the Answer to Them.

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also have an equal right to learn Kerr's Discoveries and discard your erroneous belief and join the Church of Humanity as some Catholics have done. You will then have an equal right to aid in teaching the truth about God and life you now have in aiding the teaching of untruths about those subjects. This right must never be denied you by law to further handicap the evolution from ignorance to knowledge, from idolatry to civilization, from superstition to enlightenment.

11. Misrepresentation, Vilification And Abuse.

It is not my desire to engage in misrepresenting, vilifying or abusing anybody. I do not consider that to be justifiable in a teacher nor policy in one seeking converts from the opposition. The teaching of the facts make the case bad enough for all idolaters without misrepresentation or exaggeration. I apply the name "idols" to your gods and "heathens" and "idolaters" to their worshipers because you apply those names yourselves to gods that are not real and to their worshipers. Since it is truly discovered that the universe contains no real god it is seen that those you worship are as truly idols as any gods can be and yourselves idolaters as truly as any people can be.

I call your superstitions "religious lies on nature" which they truly are, and their teachers "liars" which they truly are because they refuse to learn the truth when they have an opportunity to do so. I recognize the distinction between a lie and an untruth and that the teacher of an untruth who does not know it to be such is innocent if he has used due dilligence to ascertain the real fact. But a teacher of religious superstitions who dogmatically teaches them for truth and willfully refuses every opportunity to learn that they are not true should be considered a willful liar. A lie is a lie whether it be a religious lie or not and a liar is a liar whether he be a religious one or not. People must not do in the name and interest of a religion that which would be disreputable in business.. If they do not like criticism the remedy is for them to mend their ways by learning and teaching the truth instead of trying to prohibit criticism.

12. We Condemn the Publication Because of Its Principles.

The only principles it has is to teach the truth about God and life and to build up the Church of Humanity to spread and perpetuate that teaching. The exposure of religious lies on nature and their teachers is only incidental and necessarily unavoidable in conducting this propaganda. None can teach a scientific discovery in nature without a conflict with those who defend the religious superstitions it disproves because those defenders bring on the conflict and wage it with unrelenting fury, determination and desperation until either truth or falsehood wins the victory.

The moral ethics I teach and try to practice is superior for the making of good citizens to those of any society of idolaters.

13. Lack of Consideration For the Feelings and Beliefs of Others.

When one's feelings are hurt because of the discovery and teaching of new truths in nature that disproves his cherished beliefs there is something wrong with his feelings and he must readjust them to put them in harmony and accord with the onward march of scientific knowledge.

I know the pope tries to protect your feelings by forcing your priests to swear to refrain from learning "Modernism" or teaching it to you. But as American citizens you have a legal and a moral right to know the true nature of the gods the pope wants you to worship, and to know what becomes of you at death. This is of much greater personal concern to yourselves than it can be of any pope for you. As the truth about these matters are now definitely and positively known and are being taught in this little educator as Kerr's Discoveries it is your moral duty to learn them for your own satisfaction and to enable you to teach them to your children.

Your resolutions of condemnation and resentment are based on your misunderstanding of the truth and of the necessary methods one must use in teaching it. When you understand these things as I hope you will some day you will recognize me as your best friend and withdraw your resolutions unanimously.

How the People Are Given a Knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

During the last two months I distributed this little educator with the aid of the C. O. H. Educational Fund as follows: Three copies whole numbers 66, 67 and 68, to the faculty and instructors in the Kansas University, 174; in the University of Utah, 75; in the Ohio University, 67; in the Louisiana State University, 26; in the University of Minnesota, 441; in the University of South Carolina, 39; in the University of Alabama, 67; in the University of Colorado, 175; in the University of New Mexico, 22; in the University of South Dakota, 56; to editors of 180 magazines and 163 daily newspapers.

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To each member of the supreme court and state officials in each state, 637, whole numbers 40, 42, 43, 48, 54, 55, 59, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69.

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In this way a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries the most vitally important to mankind of all modern scientific discoveries, is being spread over all the world. If you wish this great educational work to continue and grow in magnitude please donate all the aid you can to our Educational Fund and have a share in the credit of being the world's greatest benefactors.

Kansas For Truth and Enlightenment.

"Kansas for Christ" is the slogan of the united idolatrous churches intheir Kansas round-up to brand every citizen with the name of some one of the churches in the union. But is not the slogan of the Church of Humanity, "Kansas for Truth and Enlightenment," a much better one? We are concentrating our educational work on a score of Kansas towns at once and expect to add a number more to the list. Will Kansas citizens aid us by providing the means to put more Kansas towns on the list?

We have made arrangements to distribute this little educator in the following towns monthly: Great Bend, 1,000 copies; Cherryvale, 1,000; Emporia, 1,000; Galena, 1,000; Garden City, 1,000; Salina, 1,000; Topeka, 1,000; Winfield, 1,000; Fort Scott, 1,000; Wellington, 1,000; Coffeyville, 1000; Clyde, 500; Holton, 500; Larned, 500; Yates Center, 500; Girard, 500; Osborne, 500; McPherson, 750 and Troy, 250.

It requires about $6.00 a month to put a town on the list for 1,000 copies to be distributed at its offices and residences monthly by the guaranteed service of the Associated Billposters and distributers. I hope to be able to keep these towns on the distributing list during 1912. Will friends of other towns put them on our distributing list also? I would like to put them all on it myself but am not able to do so. If the good people ofthese towns will contribute to the expense of educating their townsmen in Kerr's Discoveries I can then add more towns to the list. Perhaps a few interested people in each town could form a club to pay for this educational work in their town' Try it gentlemen and help to carry forward the slogan "Kansas for Truth and Enlightenment."

"The Fool Killer," Like Charity, Should Begin at Home.

In my mail recently was a copy of a paper named "The Fool Killer." A standing cartoon at the head of the title page represented an explosion of truth killing all classes of fools, among them being one labeled "the religious fool." On examining it I found the editor was a very caustic critic of churches, clergy and Christians but a firm believer in, and teacher of, the foundation lies of all religions. His leading article is devoted to lambasting Bible critics and claiming that the Bible is "the Word of God" and is "the eternal truth," all of which indicates to my mind that "The Fool Killer," like charity, should begin at home. But perhaps he is "the religious fool" in his own cartoon. I know of no better subject to represent him.

The fact that Christianity is a system of lies on nature must overbalance all that can be said in its favor and must doom it to oblivion as people further evolute into enlightened and moral citizens through the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions andtheir societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

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The Science of Life Now a Completed Book.

Kerr's Discoveries in nature completes biology—the science of life—insofar as the origin and destiny of man is concerned. Through these great modern discoveries science at last answers the most vitally interesting question of all the ages—is man immortal?—and answers it in the negative. The subdivisions of the science of life—abiogenesis, cytology, embryology, etc., teach us the origin of our life, mind and body in the powers, attributes and properties of substance, and other divisions of this most important of all sciences teach us the evolution of these by natural and artificial causes to their present development. All our race had a common and natural origin and development and as now known through Kerr's Discoveries will have a common and natural ending. What becomes of us at death is as much a part of the science of biology as is the beginning and evolution of life. This science is not completed without a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries and they must be incorporated in it as the most important part of it because a knowledge of our origin is not so important to know as is our destiny. All the religions of our race are founded on lies about our destiny and are propogated and perpetuated by the teaching of those lies for truth. Therefore when the scientific knowledge of our destiny becomes generally known all religions must necessarily and inevitably perish forever in our race the same as any other superstitions do when the truth is discovered and taught in their place.

Fundamental Propositions.

1. All questions relating to the nature, origin and destiny of man must be considered, investigated and settled by the scientific method of appealing to an inpartial investigation of nature to ascertain the facts, whether the questions originated in religions or not.

2. Those facts must then be taught in the name of science with every teaching, form, rite and ceremony of religion that contradicts them strictly eliminated in the teachers and text books.

3. As the science of life is now completed through the addition of Kerr's Discoveries, and as each child has an inalienable right to know its origin and destiny it is the imperative duty of all educational institutions to incorporate this completed science of life in their curriculum that all their students may learn their true scientific origin and destiny.

4. As it is the duty of the state, or secular power, to provide and supervise the education of all children at public expense that they may grow up civilized and enlightened citizens it is the imperative duty of the state, or secular power, to provide for and inforce the teaching of this completed science of life in all public and private schools in its territory, and to prohibit the teaching of all religious superstitions therein that contradict it in any way whatever.

5. As the state can do in this matter only what the people wish it to do, and as practically all people are afflicted with religious insanity and now force the state to teach it to each succeeding generation through its public schools, it is a duty of the highest importance for all parents who wish their children taught the science of life by the state with religious insanity eliminated to join the Church of Humanity and aid in promulgating the completed science of life until enough learn it to force the state to comply with their wishes.

6. The most intolerable position of a parent who has learned the true science of life is to be forced by the state to have his children taught religious insanity that make them worshipers of God and Christ and other heathen idols, and believers in the most fantastic religious hallucinations that religious insanity can imagine.

7. The only possible relief from this intolerable condition for such parents at present is for them to think on the shame and disgrace of raising children to be victimized and heathenized by teachers of religious insanity until it creates a nervous stimulant strong enough to make them act in their children's defense. Then they will realize their utter inability to do anything for them as separate individuals and they will unite in the Church of Humanity to co-operate by uniting their personal and financial power to use in the common defense of all their children to save them from religious insanity by forcing the state to cease teaching it to them and to require the teaching of the completed science of life to them instead, and to enable them to found a college under their control for their children where they can educate them without patronizing idolatrous institutions pending the change in public schools.

The Science of Life is now a completed science as regards our origin and destiny and it must be taught to each succeeding generation in the name of science with everything religious strictly prohibited.

Of course there are many questions in this great science to be solved yet by discovery through more thorough investigations but they are merely matters of detail that do not affect the primary facts of our origin and destruction in the natural processes of nature.

Religion is the only affliction the people have wherein the worse they have it the more of it they want.

Send up the powder, boys and then watch reports of effects of "Long Tom's" shells on the enemy.

The Remedy.

The following letter shows the intolerable conditions existing everywhere and I shall point out the remedy after the letter:

"Yoder, Colorado, Jan. 29, 1912. Mr. W. H. Kerr. Dear Sir: I received your 26 tracts, 'The Truth About God and Life.' I had all my life wished some one would come to the front with the truth and teach it as you are doing. Inclosed find 25 cents for your paper one year. I am a bachelor simply because I never have met with a woman that did not believe in myths and idolatry. If you know of a woman who does not put her faith in some idol named God—a single woman, I mean— I wish you would find some way to make us acquainted. I bought 320 acres of land one year ago here and built a new house but we failed to raise a crop of anything. So you can see why I don't feel able to give money for even teaching the truth about that fictitious God, hell and heaven. I wish all engaged in the work the best of success.—Jerome Morgan."

COMMENT: The only remedy for the present conditions, wherein the enlightened few who have learned Kerr's Discoveries must marry idolaters and have a "hell on earth" until liberated again by divorce is for those few to pay for printing and distributing hundreds of thousands of copies of this little educator to enlighten the idolaters also. Mr. Morgan would have made a more sensible investment had he placed his money in this educational work to enlighten his future wife than to invest it in land or anything else. Let all others take warning and follow this advice.

People Must First Be Converted to Truth Before They Will Pay For Its Teaching.

The following letter from Comrade P. C. Hansen shows that some members of our church do not comprehend the necessity of following precedence in propagating truth set by propogators of untruths:

"Dear Comrade: Please find check inclosed for $1.00—50 cents for paper and 50 cents for your 26 tracts.

From the contents of the different issues I judge you must be a very hard working man. The paper presents so much food for thought that at least half of the people in this country ought to subscribe for it, and I hope they will in course of time."

But Comrade Hansen would not pay a penny for these papers had he not first learned the truths they teach, neither will other people do it. Therefore those who know Kerr's Discoveries must furnish free teaching of them to the people until they learn them before they will pay for it. This plan is followed by the first promoters of every religious lie on nature until some people believe it to be true. Then they call for teachers of it and pay them. Truth can be propagated only in the same way. It is the duty of all to join the Church of Humanity as soon as they learn Kerr's Discoveries and aid it in giving free teaching of them to those who do not know them. That is why I call for funds to help me provide this free teaching for the people in these new discoveries in the Science of Life. When large numbers of people learn them they will then organize into local churches and call for teachers of them and buy books and subscribe for papers that teach them. But they must first be taught these discoveries through the distribution of free literature.

The Godsaids and Godwants and Goddids Are Only Lies On God.

In attempting to disprove Kerr's Discoveries some idolaters write to tell me what "God wants" and then proceed to quote the Bible to prove it. They believe the religious insanity that God wrote or dictated it. As it is now truly discovered that God is only a creation of fiction like Santa Claus all should know that when any book, paper or person says that God said, did or wants anything it is only a lie on God the same as it would be on Santa Claus were it affirmed of him. The reality of God can no more be proven to those who learn Kerr's Discoveries by lying about him than can the reality of the gods of ancient Greece and Rome be proven by lying about them as to what they said and did recorded in their bibles.

Wanted—A Name to Epress Acquired Insanity Through Religious Teaching.

The fact that the deepest and most prevalent form of insanity is the result of religious education must be recognized and named. The belief in the existence of gods, devils, ghosts, souls, spirits, angels, resurrected dead people, heaven, hell, purgatory, godbooks, etc., must be recognized as insanity since no vagaries of the mind of any inmate of an asylum is more fantastic. But this form of insanity must be distinguished from other that are the result of defects in nature or of accidents and misfortunes because it is the result of religious education. Therefore it should have a special distinquishing name. Perhaps "religious insanity" would do as well as any to express the mental condition of all who believe in the existence of one or more of the above purely imaginary characters and places.

The first duty of all public schools, colleges and universities is to knock the heathenism of idolatry out of all students that attend them by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

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The moment you are convinced that Kerr's Discoveries are true please send in your application for membership in the Church of Humanity.

People who are served to a free copy of this educator should let all members of their family read it who can then hand it to someone else.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public shcool when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

The C. O. H. Members Should Create a Demand For a College That Teaches Kerr's Discoveries.

The great boast of Christians establishing so many colleges we often hear is not very creditable to them when their motives for establishing them are understood. At the bottom of every desire to found a sectarian college is not the desire to enlighten and civilize the rising generation as the promoters allege but it is the desire to teach them their particular form of religious insanity and to prepare teachers of it for the general public. Long before the arts of reading and writing were invented preachers were abroad in the land telling the people lies about their origin and destiny. When those arts were invented the lies of the most popular preacher were written down so that other preachers craving popularity could learn and rehearse them to the astonishment of the heathen round about. Then to the amazement of said heathen those lies were proven to be truths by proof that they were the same as the written lies. The same method of proving a religious lie on nature is yet in vogue and likely to be continued until the people are cured of religious insanity through learning Kerr's Discoveries.

As education became more general religious insanity became more contagious instead of abating under its influence, and those who had it the worst became teachers of it although many of them were not of the best educated people.

In course of time it became quite embarrassing to the better educated of congregations to see ten-year-old children criticise their preacher on his poor knowledge of the rudiments of a common education. I remember once, when about eight years old, my father getting a letter from a preacher asking him to announce his coming to preach in our school house. You can imagine the construction of that letter from a sample of the simplest words in it such as "sur," luv," "nite," which I remember distinctly, and he was no advoate of reform spelling either. Of course he could preach. But the time came when congregations demanded better educated preachers and they began the establishment of the denominational colleges for that purpose.

This desire coupled with great rivalry among sects for the spreading of their distinctive religious insanity is the nervous stimulant that induced the founding of every sectarian educational institution.

When the state went into the business of founding "non-sectarian" universities it, being a composite of all religious insanities within its borders, teaches not only the basic foundation lies of all of them but undertakes the idiotic performance of teaching the particular religious hallucinations of each sect represented by its patrons. And in keen competition with sectarian colleges the state universities make a special effort to heathenize and brand with some sectarian name every student not thoroughly heathenized.

Instead of the state forcing more religious insanity on the children through its universities it should reverse its course and cure them of what they have by teaching them the science of life as now completed through Kerr's Discoveries. But pending that change in the state the C. O. H. should take a sensus of its children desiring a college education and offer their united patronage to the first suitable college that teaches all its students this completed science of life with every vestige of religion eliminated.

I have two children that want a university education but I shall never send them to one unless one can be influenced to adopt the above course.

How many parents in the C. O. H. wish a college or university to adopt this course, and how many children would you send to it? Speak up, comrades, and let us see how much patronage we have for such a college or university. The desire to have your children taught the true and completed science of life to prevent them catching religious insanity should stimulate you to action in providing such an educational institution for them in the same manner idolaters are stimulated to provide heathenizing colleges for their children and for the training of teachers of religious insanity. I see no good reason why the desire to have one's children civilized and enlightened should not be as great a stimulant to action as is the desire to have them heathenized.

The Roll of Honor For January.

The following comrades contributed to the C. O. H. Educational Fund in January:

Allen Colburn, $1.75; M. Rowe, $1.75; A. Johnson, $1.00; John Martin, 75c; John Hirt, 50c.

During the same time I contributed to it $172 in cash besides my work. It is thus seen that this great work will have to cease at once when my own resources are exhausted. I can not earn money and do this work too. You comrades must come to the aid of your church financially if you wish it to exist and teach the truths it was founded to teach. Let the Roll of Honor in each succeeding month measure your desire for me to continue the educational work for you.

No society can exist if its members leave all the work and expense to be shouldered by its president. Since you are all mutually interested in the life and growth of the C. O. H. and its educational work you should each see to it that you do your very best each month to be in this monthly Roll of Honor with the best contribution you can make. Ever remember that this is the most vitally important work ever undertaken by man. The rescue and preservation of your dearest ones from religious insanity depends entirely on the success of this church. The very civilization and enlightenment that our race should have depends on the financial aid you give your church to carry on and enlarge its educational work. I want and need a long list of your names in the Roll of Honor.

During the last few months I had to borrow $500 to keep up this educational work of our church. Of course I will have to give it up in time if you comrades do not aid more. Let the Roll of Honor indicate your wishes for me to continue the work or to surrender to the enemy.

Pass up the powder my brave boys on the firing line and let us load "Long Tom" with 30,000 shells each month and fire them into the ranks of the enemy in the great final battle now on between science and religion. It requires 180 pounds of powder for each load this size each month. But you see in the January report that we are gunning for big game and we will be sure to bag some of it if you boys will pass up the powder for "Long Tom."

Put Them In Range.

Put your neighbors and nearest city in range of the shells from "Long Tom" and watch the fun in this educational battle between science and religion. For one pound of powder you can put ten of your neighbors in range af ten shells monthly for a year. For ten pounds, 100 of them. For seventy-two pounds you can put your city in range of 1,000 shells monthly for a year. Put them all in range and "Long Tom" will fire the shells to them.

KEY—"Long Tom"—the printing press.

One shell—one copy of T. A. G & L.

One pound of powder—one dollar.

Following Precident.

You will notice in the report of our educational work that this educator is distributed to the people free and paid for out of our Educational Fund raised by those who have learned the completed science of biology and who wish all to learn it. This is right and proper and the only method to follow by which the teaching can be done. It is following the precident set by all churches in doing their teaching free at first, and in new territory, by those who believe it until people learn it and organize into societies to employ the teachers. All churches raise funds to send out free literature and teachers to do missionary work for them in new territory. All territory is considered new by each sect, no matter how many other sects occupy it, until they have established self-sustaining societies in it. Then those societies begin raising money for the free distribution of literature and employment of missionaries in new territory, thus forming an ever expanding, sphere of influence and ever growing societies. Every church collects a large missionary fund each year by donations from its members to use in its free expanding work.

The American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions was organized 100 years ago. During that time it sent out 2,600 missionaries of whom 610 are now in service; established 600 churches; got 200,000 converts and received over $40,000,000 in donations to carry on the free work.

A copy of the Gospel Trumpet of January 4 shows donations of nearly $1,000 to it for free distribution of its literature. It says:

"All money received from the sale of literature, or by donation, in excess of that required for the support of the workers and publishing work, is used in sending out literature free to all parts of the country. For some time, the average amount of books, tracts, and papers sent out, has been nearly a ton a day. These go by mail, express, and freight, to the various parts of the world. Nearly two million Gospel Trumpets were printed last year."

Thus you see it is a recognized principle that what a people want others to believe must be taught them free of cost to them by donations from those who want the mto believe it until they learn and accept it and are stimulated into a willingness to pay for it and aid the movement themselves.

A knowledge of the completed science of biology must be made known to the people in the same way. But the question is: Can a desire to have the people taught these truths be generated strong enough in those who know them to create a nervous stimulant to induce them to pay for their teaching as religious insanity stimulates idolaters to pay?

I firmly believe such a stimulant to action for all parents who know these truths is found in the fact that their own children must from necessity become religiously insane and worship heathen idols named God and Christ and be victimized by liars on nature in many ways unless they are taught these truths and permanent societies established to continue the teaching. There is no escape for them owing to the false teaching of idolaters all about them and in all schools and societies unless this course is begun and and followed by their parents. The question resolves itself into this simple form:

Will parents who know the truth work as hard and pay as much to save their children from religious insanity as idolaters do to make them religiously insane?

If they will not, then the case is won by the idolaters to the end of the existence of our race. If they will, then religious insanity will inevitably be stamped out in course of time. But those who know the truth must begin to demonstrate their willingness to work and pay for its teaching by actually doing it as idolaters are doing all the time for their side.

Some men write me saying they knew Kerr's Discoveries many years before they ever heard of me teaching them but they refuse to join the C. O. H. and to contribute any aid to its educational work. Such men are to be censured more severely for their indifference than the idolaters for their ignorance. The man who will witness his family and neighbors worshiping heathen idols named God and Christ and knows the truth that they are not real beings and will give no help to make his knowledge known deserves the scorn and contempt of all right minded people.

In passing sentence on the wife murderer, Henry Clay Beattie, jr., the judge wound up with the foolish exclamation "and may God have mercy on your soul." It seems to me if the judge has good sense he could comprehend the fact that as there was no god to prevent the murder there could be none to have mercy on anything.

The Suspension of Freethought Publications For Lack of Patronage.

Within the last few years nearly all Freethought and Agnostic publications have suspended for want of support and it foreshadows the end of all of them.

Among those suspended may be mentioned The Examiner, The Searchlight, Here and Now, The Freethought Ideal, The Torch of Reason, The Freethought Magazine, the Blue Grass Blade, Higher Science, The Liberal Review, To-Morrow and the The Humanitarian Review, the last to join the Boston Investigator and the Ironclad Age in the journalistic cemetery where lies buried forever what good they did, because they could not learn Kerr's Discoveries and co-operate in building up a society to spread and perpetuate the science of life. What a grandly noble work their editors could have done for humanity and won its perpetual gratitude had they learned these discoveries, taught them through their publications, excluded religious insanity and agnosticism, joined the Church of Humanity, continually urged their subscribers to do the same and get their children to join it and organize branch churches all over the country to spread and perpetuate this most important of all knowledge. Then the good they all did would have been incorporated into an ever expanding selfperpetuating society to furnish an ever increasing multitude of patrons for their papers and books. But no, the poor blind editors could not see that their only support was dying off of old age and none were being taught and trained to take their places for want of a society to do it. Now all the good they did has perished forever and their anxious, weary hours of work over copy and anxiety over financing its publication from week to week and month to month and year to year is all in vain. Idolaters sweep on triumphantly all over the world stimulated into perpetual activity and shrewdest methods and tactics by religious insanity. They devote their services and property as needed in their cause. They combine and cooperate to build up societies and schools to hold their children in their superstitions and to win more converts to them. That is why their publications live and grow and increase in number while those of their critics are dying off.

I beg to suggest to the very few remaining Freethought editors to see their own inevitable fate in that of their perished comrades and do as I have suggested they should have done before it is too late and all is lost. Take down your agnostic sign. No one wants to hear from those who say they do not know. Erase your Freethought sign because it is inconsistent with learning the truth, teaching it and excluding untruths. No one wants the teaching of scientific truths and religious insanity so mixed up in a publication that it takes an expert to separate them. Learn to do the separating yourselves. Then exclude the latter. Help me to teach the people the completed science of life and to organize those who learn it into Churches of Humanity to spread and perpetuate it to save your children from the religious insanity of worshiping God and Christ and other heathen idols, and from being victimized by all manner of religious liars on nature.

It is proven by my unmolested teaching of the completed science of life by any laws that we now have all the liberty and freedom of thought and expression and of the press needed to teach Kerr's Discoveries and to build up societies to spread and perpetuate this most important of all knowledge and the only knowledge that can cure religious insanity. But it is demonstrated everywhere and all the time that liberty and freedom alone does not and never can give the people any knowledge of anything. It must be taught them after some one has discovered it or they will never know it.

There is no vitality in a fight for Freethought in this country at least because people do not care to fight for and pay for what they already have. Everybody had the same right and freedom to make and teach Kerr's Discoveries I had but that did not give them the ability to do it no more than it did to make the great inventions Edison made although they had the same right and freedom to do so. But these great discoveries in biology can no more save the people from religious insanity unless they are taught them than the electric light can save them from darkness unless they are taught and persuaded to use it. All people must have a nervous stimulant to make them fight and pay for what they want. If the desire to save your own children from religious insanity, the worship of heathen idols and from being victimized by the wicked liars on nature can not give you the mental stimulant to act for their protection by helping to provide them with a knowledge of the science of biology as now completed in Kerr's Discoveries then you are a hopeless case for anyone to expect aid from in any cause.

The Final Contest Between Science And Religion Is Now On.

Line up! Line up! The final contest between science and religion is now on. There are only two sides. Take your choice and get busy. The Church of Humanity is for science, all others are for religion. Science is the truths of nature. Religion is lies on nature.

Science civilizes and enlightens man. Religion heathenizes man. Science is knowledge, light and truth. Religion is ignorance, darkness, superstition and insanity.

Make your choice and line up for the the final contest.

All the battles of the past between these two forces were mere skirmishes preliminary to this contest now on. If you are for science inlist for life, or during the war, under the banner of the Church of Humanity. Get right into the front ranks on the firing line. We have only one "Long Tom."

But with it we can throw the shells of truth and proof into the ranks of the enemy anywhere in the United States. All we need is powder in the form of dollars to do the business. Let each copy of this educator represent a shell and each dollar represent a pound of powder. Now we can throw 1,000 shells into the ranks of the enemy with six pounds of powder. Pass up the powder my brave comrades on the firing line!

Who will want to worship God when they learn from science that he is only a myth like other heathen gods? Who will want to worship Jesus Christ when they learn from science that he is only a myth like other heathen idols? Who will pay to have their souls saved when they learn from science they have no soul?

Proof of Religious Insanity In Practically All People.

The fact that practically all people in christendom believe and teach that God and Christ are real beings who are everywhere all the time, sees and knows all things all the time, has power to do anything and everything at all times and places, and at the same time reads in the daily papers the following news without learning that the said God and Christ are purely imaginary characters having no more reality than Santa Claus is a clear case of that form of insanity that believes things regardless of any amount of proof that they are not true:

Long List of Disasters.

An earthquake in Mexico in June caused the death of 1,200 persons. Another in Russia killed 200. An eruption of the Taal volcano in the Philippines buried 700 under red hot lava and boiling mud. A fishing village of 250 inhabitants built on the ice off the coast of Finland was swept out to sea and lost.

Forest fires in Ontario cost over 100 lives. A tornado at Charleston, S. C., killed 15 and destroyed $1,000,000 of property. An eruption of Mt. Etna made 20,000 Sicilians homeless. Thousands of Chinese met death by floods in the Yangtse Klang valley. Hundreds of lives were destroyed by a typhoon in Formosa. A storm off the coast of Holland wrecked 150 small vessels.

The bursting of a dam at Austin, Pa., wrecked the town and caused 74 deaths. Thirty workmen at Jersey City were killed by an explosion of dynamite. Fire and panic in a motion picture theater in Russia cost 120 lives. A powder mill explosion at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., killed 40. A shirtwaist factory fire in New York claimed about 150 victims, mostly women and girls. A colliery fire at Scranton, Pa., killed 73 men and boys.

The French battleship Liberte was torn to pieces by the explosion of her magazines; 225 of the officers and crew perished. Fire destroyed 300 buildings at Manila, P. I. The capitol at Albany, N. Y., was partly burned and valuable records destroyed. At Constantinople 5,000 buildings were burned. By a coal mine explosion at Briceville, Tenn., 146 miners were buried two miles underground.

A Suggestion to Distributors.

Many thousands of copies of this advance agent of Kerr's Discoveries in the Science of Life are distributed monthly by the regular billposters and distributors. These people accept this work in the regular course of business at their regular prices as they do all other work offered them without any more personal indorsement of it than of the political teaching, patent medicines, or bills of every kind they are paid to distribute.

But here is a letter from one of them which shows that some people are so unthoughtful as to interfere with them for tending to their own business:

"Yours received and I will put out the papers tomorrow in a different part of the town than what I billed before. There was at least a dozen people jumped me for distributing them at first, but I told them where to head for and they didn't say any more about it. Thanking you very much for the money order and hoping you get good results out of my work I am as ever,

Yours respectfully."

I suggest that billposters who are "jumped" for distributing this paper simply inform their "jumpers" that it is their business to honestly distribute matter sent them and pair for and that they are not required to indorse any of it.

Report of January Work of the Church of Humanity.

January issue T. A. G. & L., 30,000 copies, distributed as follows:

Distributed in 24 cities	22,500
To 152 school teachers	152
To 780 editors	780
To 400 colleges and universities	400
To 37 colleges and universities; 20 copies each	740
To 50 governors of states	50
To 91 U. S. senators	91
To 392 U. S. representatives	392
To 855 subscribers, sales, exchanges, etc	855
Total distributed in January	25,960
Held for future distribution	4,040

A chapel in a school, college or university is its pumping station for pumping its students full of religious lies on nature.

1,000 Volunteers Wanted 1,000

To enlist for life, or during the war, under the banner of Science for the final battle between Science and Religion. Over 300 enrolled and new recruits enlisting right along. Men, women and children accepted. If you want to enlist, sign your name and address to this statement, if you believe it, and forward it to headquarters for enrollment and certificate of enlistment:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas, having learned the final chapter in the Science of Biology that the universe contains no real God, that man contains no soul and that the life and consciousness of each person ceases forever at death. I hereby apply for enlistment in the service of Science in its Educational Battle against Religion.

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ADDRESS.....

Give Truth An Equal Chance With Religious Insanity and it Will Win.

Everywhere and all the time the people are working and paying for the teaching of some system of lies on nature called religion. That is the reason our entire race is yet in the firm grip of religious insanity expressed in idolatry of idol gods and belief in religious superstition that gods,, souls, spirits, devils, angels, saviors, ghosts, heaven, hell, purgatory, god-books, etc., are real things and places in nature, and that dead people will be resurrected again into living people as they were before death. In the light of the now completed science of life it is seen that no vagaries of the mind of an inmate of any asylum is any more insanity than is a belief in these religious superstitions. The only distinction between them is that the religious insanity is acquired through education in it while the other varieties are defects of nature or the results of accidents and misfortunes. Religious insanity is taught in practically all homes, schools, publications and societies the world over. To eradicate it in our race Kerr's Discoveries must be learned and taught in all homes, schools, publications and societies until all learn what becomes of them at death. Yes, it will require personal work of millions of people to do this teaching and organizing societies to perpetuate it and billions of dollars to pay them for it. But why can't people do as much for civilization and enlightenment as they are doing now for the perpetuation of religious insanity?

It is the paramount duty of all educational institutions to cure the religious insanity in their students by teaching them the completed science of life instead of making their pathetic affliction worse by teaching them religious lies on nature for truth.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is the only possible cure for religious insanity. All the liberal, freethought and rationalist books, papers and lecturers in the world never did and never can cure a single case of it without teaching the patient Kerr's Discoveries, and none of them are doing it. That is the reason no cures are being made by them.

Agnostics must all be classed with those afflicted with religious insanity because were they not so afflicted they would know that a man is dead when he is the same as they know a horse is dead when he is. They have all the proof in the former case they have in the latter and would render their decision the same in both cases were they not afflicted with religious insanity.

That there is nothing in a name to give wisdom to those bearing it is adaptly illustrated by the Chicago Rationalists Association that employs an agnostic to lectrue for them. When those afflicted with religious insanity employ teachers who are afflicted with it as much as themselves they are more likely to be made worse than to be cured of it.

The first and most important thing in beginning an education in true knowledge is to unlearn the religious lies on nature by learning Kerr's Discoveries. These modern scientific discoveries should be the first thing taught students in all educational instructions.

Reasons Enough.

There are several thousands of trillions of reasons why all educational institutions should incorporate Kerr's Discoveries in their curriculum. They are that every child on this planet or that will ever be raised on it is entitled to a knowledge of the true scientific nature of their origin and destiny, and only by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries can they ever know it. It is therefore the primary duty of all educational institutions to knock out the religious superstitions in their students by teaching them the Science of Life regarding their destiny as it is now discovered to be.

A Logical Result.

Every Freethought and Agnostic publication is engaged in killing the stimulation to pay for the teaching of truth by teaching their subscribers that it is unknown and unknowable, therefore they quit paying for the publications, which was the sensible thing to do under their teaching, and most of them had to suspend as a logical result of their own teaching.

The final battle of the age long war between science and religion is now on. "Long Tom" is bombarding the last stronghold of religion—the forts named God, soul and immortality—with 30,000 shells in each load. The destruction of these three forts of the enemy means the passing from the mind of man religious insanity forever. The last chapter in the science of biology proves there is no god in the universe, no soul in man and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death. We call for 1,000 volunteers to enlist for life, or during the war, in the service of science.

Liberals, freethinkers, agnostics and rationalists who refuse to learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries but continue to teach and defend religions while they rant at the clergy and churches are like the fool who fed the serpent so abundantly that it soon became big and strong enough to crush him to death dispite his best efforts at resistence.

MORAL: Learn the science of life, join the Church of Humanity and aid in building up a society to teach it until it becomes strong enough to successfully resist the serpent of religious insanity.

The fact that I gave $172.17 in January besides my time and work to the service of the Church of Humanity while all its other members combined gave only $5.75 and no time nor work for it should weigh heavily on their sense of neglect of duty and spur them up to aid more in the coming months.

A "Long Tom" shell fired at any person a year for only 25 cents. Better take one regularly and see for yourself what is being fired at the enemy each month.

For six pounds of powder "Long Tom" will throw 1,000 shells into the ranks of the enemy in any city those furnishing the powder want them fired.

A few people are born idiots, a few achieve idiocy but all the balance have idiocy forced upon them through the teaching of religious lies on nature to them in childhood, but many of this latter class are now given a chance to become sane on these subjects through learning Kerr's Discoveries.

The Great Advantage In Having An Organized Society to Work Through.

Organized society is a machine to collect and combine the personal service and funds of many people into a great power to accomplish a work that the people composing it want done but are utterly unable to do as separate individuals. The Church of Humanity illustrates this great advantage. I completed the discoveries I now teach at least twenty years before I began publishing a paper to teach them, but I had no chance to aid personally or financially in having them taught to others because there were no society nor publication existing teaching them through which I could contribute my money and personal aid. I would have contributed thousands of dollars and much personal work to the cause during all that time had there been a society in existence teaching these discoveries through which I could have helped. One comrade writes:

"It strikes me I was familiar with your discoveries forty years ago." But for want of a society to teach them he was unable to aid in making his knowledge known to others. He had to be a silent, helpless witness to the idolatry of God and Christ by his own family and neighbors as all had to be until this publication was begun and a society organized through which all who know these discoveries can now aid in making them known to others. As it can not be done except through oral or written language and as it requires work and money to place it before the people all who desire the people to be enlightened should give me financial and personal aid in the task.

People are learning Kerr's Discoveries and joining the Church of Humanity not because they are bad people but because they are good people. Good people do not want to believe and tell lies on nature any more than they do on their neighbors, and when they find an opportunity to learn the truth they eagerly accept it and try to learn the truth so they can teach it instead of lies.

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 17

The Belief in And Teaching of Any Religion Must Be Recognized as a Form of Insanity.

Religion consists in a belief that there is one or more real gods in the universe and a soul or spirit in man that survives death with an intelligent conscious existence. All acts, rites, ceremonies, beliefs and teaching connected with religion are outgrowths of these two primary hallucinations and must necessarily be abandoned when those hallucinations are destroyed in the people's minds through learning Kerr's Discoveries.

Ages ago people's knowledge of things were limited to what they could see from their abode, tales of travelers over a very limited area and yarns from the imagination of guessers on the origin, nature, cause and destiny of things. In time those yarns became mistaken for true knowledge and those who could memorize and hehearse them were regarded as the wisest of the tribe. As time rolled on those yarns evoluted gradually into systems of religion and their teachers into orders of priesthoods. The people, wishing to be considered wise also, professed to believe the yarns true and in time actually did.

The priests of rival religions wishing to enlarge their respective dominions added systems of rewards for recruits and punishments for deserters. Not being able to make good their promises of rewards and punishments in all cases in this world and life they invented another for that purpose where they thought their critics could never learn of their failure to make good. In this they overreached themselves by bringing the greatest tragedy of all time on themselves as well as on the entire human race. For, whereas the old priests who invented the scheme had to pretend to believe it to succeed, the young priests who replaced them actually did believe it true, and from then on down the ages it has appeared to priest and layman alike as a reality. But happily in our time there is a movement begun to end that awful race-tragedy by making known to all a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries—that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death.

Fortunately the range of our vision has now expanded by means of the newspapers until it covers all the earth and extends trillions of miles into space in all directions. From this vast field of observation any amount of evidence can be gathered daily to prove Kerr's Discoveries true. All that is needed now is the necessary money to pay for printing and distributing it to the people everywhere to inaugurate the beginning of the end of the dreadful race-tragedy of religious insanity that has eclipsed its intellect for thousands of years and left slaughter, massacre, wreck and ruin in its wake everywhere.

Then as large numbers learn these great discoveries in physical science they will unite into local churches of humanity to enable them to employ experts to devote their lives to gathering this evidence and explaining its meaning to their children and neighbors that all may be cured of religious insanity and kept immune to it forever through the perpetual teaching of Kerr's Discoveries.

To apply the name "religious insanity" to the superstitions of people who lived thousands of years ago would be unjust owing to their extremely limited means of learning things. But people who can read cannot be excused now in their idolatry of heathen gods and belief in religious lies on nature any more than they could be were they to believe and teach the ancient ideas about other subjects with evidence before them continually that they are not true. So "religious insanity" is an appropriate name for that condition of the mind of a person that believes in and teaches the existence of gods, souls and a future life when he is all the time in sight of a world of proof that it is not true. When idolaters exclude all evidence from their sight and consideration that their religious superstitions are not true it is evidence of their religious insanity. It must be applied to those who refuse to see the truth as well as to those who see it but deliberately refuse to try to understand it or to acknowledge it when they do.

The following news items are only a very little of daily proof of the truth of Kerr's Discoveries. Because such things could not possibly happen were there a real god in the universe as in that case he would have arranged things so that such happenings would have been impossible. And they prove that man has no soul nor spirit since none made any manifestation of their existence as they could not help but do in such cases did they exist in reality:

"Victoria, B. C., Oct. 15.—News was brought by the Empress of Japan that thousands are dying of starvation in Kiang Su, along the Yang Tse, following the floods and the situation was expected to augment greatly the spread of the rebellion. Refugees paint a black picture of dire distress.

The whole of the country was under water, the Yank Tse having risen to such an extent that it was virtually then bounded only by the ranges of hills some distance from the banks; corpses were floating everywhere and famine stricken refugees were dying daily from disease.

In places, the Yang Tse was 35 miles broad and floating bodies upon which starving dogs were feeding, were seen in numbers. An officer of one of the river gunboats tells af seeing a number of mutilated corpses in uniform, indicating the fate of some imperial soldiers at the hands of the starving peasantry. Between 60,000 and 70,000 refugees, probably from Anhui, were clustered at Nan King in the hope of being able to get food and shelter, but their condition was appalling owing principally to the ravages of disease. Cholera was raging among them, and typhus was said to be equally bad, besides other forms of pestilence. The death rate was reported to be between 200 and 300 a day."

While floods were creating such havoc in China most all of the United States were suffering from a protracted drought. Crops dried up and died. Thousands of cattle starved to death for want of water. Forest fires were raging and burning hundreds of people. Idolaters were praying to their idols to make it rain. Governors of states were issuing proclamations setting apart special days for prayers to heathen gods for rain.

Now in the winter following we are having excessive snows that block railroads causing many deaths. Thousands of cattle are dying for want of feed, and thousands of people are suffering with cold and hunger on account of heavy drifting snows that do nobody any good. Idolaters are holding special prayer meetings to plead with their heathen gods to stop the snowstorms. It is plainly seen that all people are afflicted with religious insanity or they could see and understand that the conditions in China and America at the same time last year proves conclusively that the universe contains no real god. Why, oh why, do people debase themselves to the lowest level of ancient ignorant savages by worshiping heathen idol gods named God and Christ when they have this sure proof before them all the time that no real god exists in the universe?

Here are some more things that could not possibly happen were God and Christ real characters instead of mere idols of fiction created by the imagination of those afflicted with religious insanity:

"The total loss of life by wars during 1911 in actual battle amounts to 72,000 in round numbers, as compared with 13,000 in 1910, 68,000 in 1909, and 22,000 in 1908. In making this enumeration no account is taken of the large number who must have perished in massacres, which frequently have characterized both the pending wars in China and Tripoli, both of which no estimate has been made.

The losses as reported are as follows: China, 41,879; Tripoli, 13,309; Mexico, 7,624; Arabia, 2,790; Morocco, 1,913; Persia, 1,800; Central Africa, 1,243; Paraguay, 300; Hayti, 71; Honduras, 55; Portugal, 44; Spain, 41; Formosa 30; Philippines, 62; Ecuador, 11.

Cholera and plague, the principal epidemics of the year, combined with famine, have made the havoc. Cholera has swept away about 34,000, mostly in Italy and Russia, and the plague about 720,000 in China and India."

Were there a real god in the universe who created anything, knows anything or cares for anything he yould have so arranged matters that such things as the above could not possibly occur. But since they did occur it is sure proof that no such a god exists. Were people inhabited by souls that were liberated at death and continued an intelligent conscious existence some friend or loved one of those perished thousands would have heard from them in some way. But since they did not it is sure proof that people have no such a thing as a soul or spirit.

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Why, oh why, will the few who claim to know the truth not join the C. O. H. and aid it to enlighten the people by teaching them to know and understand the truth that all may be rescued from the heathenism of idolatry and religious insanity and put on the right road to enlightenment and civilization through a knowledge of the great modern discoveries in physical science we are teaching?

Let all who live in the cities where this educator is distributed, and who wish its distribution continued, form a club under any name in each city and raise $6 a month for 1,000 copies to be distributed or $3.50 for 1,000 copies if they will distribute them. Then I can put twenty more cities on our distributing list and thus double the number of people receiving this education. Form these clubs at once kind friends and remit for 1,000 copies of the April number and thereafter regularly every month in advance of publication so I will know how many to print.

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A CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD.

As certain people have charged me with egotism and dishonesty in giving my name to the discoveries I made and am teaching on the ground that they were known and taught by thousands of people for hundreds of years, I issue this open challenge to all such claimants to prove by citation and quotation evidence that one single person ever knew and taught these truths as definitely discovered scientific facts in nature before I did. A reasonable amount of space will be given any person or persons who accept this challenge to make good.

Standing Invitation For C. O. H. Members to Write Copy, and Rules to Guide Them.

I am very anxious that all members of the C. O. H. become active teachers of Kerr's Discoveries, advocates of organization and active members in founding and building up local churches of Humanity. Nothing will so develop your efficiency in the work as practice. You can have one or two pages monthly if you can provide suitable copy for them. But as I am personally responsible for all matter appearing in our educator I must reserve the right of supervision or rejection of it. Please observe the following rules in writing copy:

1. **Subjects.**. (a) Evidence proving one or more of Kerr's Discoveries true. (b) Necessity and desirability of a local C. O. H. (c) Reports of progress in teaching and organizing.

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By taking advantage of this opportunity the C. O. H. can develop a number of efficient teachers of Kerr's Discoveries that will be in demand as writers and speakers when many local churches are established.

I call attention of all C. O. H. members to the standing invitation to write and send in copy for our educator. See the rules.

All who claim Kerr's Discoveries were known and taught by thousands before I was born can note the standing challenge and get busy. Either make good or forever after hold your peace.

The Church of Humanity is the first church ever organized based on the truths of science. If you believe it is better to have the people taught scientific truths of nature than religious fables, superstitions and lies on nature we invite your membership and aid.

Last winter a farmer went to Wichita, Kansas, to employ hands to help harvest his wheat which he claimed was ripe and in danger of being lost. He was arrested and his sanity investigated. But he couldn't have been more crazy than some people who are looking for clergymen to save their souls, seeing that it is now discovered they have no souls to be saved.

Back numbers of this educator can be had at following prices: 10 copies of different issues 25 cents; 25 copies, 50 cents; 60 copies, $1.00. A great wealth of reading on many proofs of Kerr's Discoveries and on plans and methods of organizing to spread and perpetuate the knowledge of these great modern discoveries. Order while they last what you want. Better take the whole 60 numbers.

College and university secretaries to the number of over 300 have kindly sent me bulletins of their institutions giving name and address of their respective instructors. There are over 15,000 of them and I would like very much to mail each one a copy of a few different issues of our educator before the school year is out. Will all who wish me to do so please send me a donation for that purpose?

Equal Generosity Should Bring Equal Results and Happiness.

Idolaters spend their time and money to save C. O. H. members from hell and are happy in doing their duty as they see it. We C. O. H. members must be as kind and generous and thoughtful for them and work as hard and pay as much to save them from religious insanity. Then we will be as happy in doing our duty as we know we should do as they are.

We saved ourselves from hell by learning the science of biology that death ends our life and consciousness forever. When we succeed in saving idolaters from religious insanity by teaching them the last chapter in biology then all will be saved and the long looked for millennium will have arrived.

Let Us Set a Good Example For the Heathen of Other Countries.

If it is a good thing to give money to missionaries to destroy the worship of heathen gods in foreign countries it is a much better thing to give money to missionaries to destroy the worship of heathen god in our own country. Improvements, like charity, should begin at home. God and Jesus Christ are as much heathen gods as any people now worship or ever did worship. They are 100 per cent pure fiction. When the worship of these gods have been discontinued in our own country it will then be in order to help our neighboring countries to cease worshiping theirs. Let us set them an example how to do it. It will be a fine object lesson to them. They will see how it is done and the improvement it makes and they may then follow suit without any more aid from us.

Some Reasons For Naming the New Discoveries In Nature "Kerr's Discoveries."

These modern astounding discoveries in physical science are that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death. These are the three primary discoveries and they necessarily include the discovered non-existence of all imagined characters and places depending on gods and souls for existence, viz., God, Christ, spirits ghosts, angels, devils, saints, heaven, hell, purgatory, god-books, resurrected dead people, etc.

The fact is easily recognized that all these secondary religious superstitions depend entirely on the three primary ones for their life and vitality and that as the primary discov·red truths are learned by each person he must necessarily abandon belief in all secondary religious superstitions. Therefore the propoganda work of the Church of Humanity must primarily consist in teaching the evidences that prove the three primary discoveries true and in organizing local churches of people who learn them so they can spread and perpetuate this most valuable of all scientific knowledge. For identification and convenience in teaching these three primary truths must be named. As they are new discoveries no suitable name can be found for them. Such names as Liberalism, Rationalism, Atheism, Monism, Materialism, Pantheism, Secularism, Determinism, Infidelity, Freethought, etc., cannot be applied to them, neither can they be included in any one of these systems of ideas and teaching. A distinguishing name must be given these three special truths and special societies of only those who learn them organized to spread and perpetuate the knowledge of them. Having discovered these truths myself after having been taught the Christian religion I have applied the name "Kerr's Discoveries" to them for want of a suitable non-personal name to distinguish them from other discovered truths of nature. This course is justified by precedent in naming discoveries and inventions after the discoverer and inventor of them. Hudson River, Strait of Magellan, Pike's Peak, Deering Binder, Marsh Harvester, Hodge Header, Crook's Tube, Roentgen Ray, Halley's Comet, etc., are examples.

When we think of these names we always think of the things discovered or invented and never think nor care anything about the men whose name they bear. Likewise, in thinking about and teaching Kerr's Discoveries always have in mind the truths discovered and never think nor care anything about the man who discovered them. In giving personal service and money to aid in making Kerr's Discoveries known and in founding C. O. H. locals always remember that you are doing it for yourself and your family's benefit in particular since they from necessity of environment must ever be afflicted with religious insanity until they are taught to know and put in daily practice the knowledge of these discoveries, and that it is impossible for them to do that fully until their environment is changed through a knowledge of these discoveries by their neighbors in particular and the masses in general. Because every book and paper they read, every society and school they attend is saturated with religious insanity and from necessity must ever remain so until the masses who produce these things learn to recognize Kerr's Discoveries as facts and unchangable truths in nature and teach them in all books, papers, societies and schools.

Review of "Materialism."

I recently received a copy of "Materialism," a paper back book of 200 pages gotten up by the Materialist Association and containing "100 proofs that there is no god, 100 reasons against future life, 100 moral incentives by 100 writers," all for 25 cents sent to Eliza Mowry Bliven, first secretary of Materialist Association, Brooklyn, Conn. While it contains many good articles presenting clear proof of one or the other of Kerr's Discoveries, written, mostly by C. O. H. members, it also contains so many articles by Agnostics and Deists, and articles on unrelated subjects that I can not indorse, that I cannot recommend it. I have been looking for books and pamphlets that teach Kerr's Discoveries to list and sell to our readers but so far have failed to find any although I have examined scores of them. I had hoped that "Materialism" would fill the bill since Kerr's Discoveries were affirmed on the application blanks for membership in the association. But Mrs. Bliven was so anxious to increase its membership that she accepted all who would join the society whether they knew Kerr's

Discoveries or not. The result is a very unsatisfactory book to those who know those discoveries. Here are a few quotations indicating ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries which the writers were supposed to know and help to prove to others through their articles and quotations in "Materialism." I shall black-face the particular part expressing their religious superstitions or ignorance of the truth:

"The real God is 'force'—then God himself, **if he exists,**— is only a sentiment of love flaming up towards **the Creator of man and his world. I believe in one God; and no more; and hope for happiness beyond this life—hence I cannot dishonor my Creator.**—It would be well for humanity **if spiritual existence or none-existence could be demonstrated;**—We know that **if there is a god,—God is love and truth.**—They (skeptics) believe the realities of the present life are of greater moment than the **uncertainties of a future existence."**

..The president of the Materialist Association says: **"If the Mat rialist's belief is true,** his worst fate, is nothing; **if the Christian's faith is true,** his probable fate is Hell."

That shows that he has not learned Kerr's Discoveries but simply considers the teaching of the Materialist Association a mere belief. Mrs. Bliven, the first secretary and founder of the society and compiled of the book, is also ignorant of Kerr's Discoveries in spite of the declaration in her membership blanks, and was incapable to grade correctly the articles sent her for insertion in "Materialism."

She says: "It (eternal immortality) is too doubtful—each of the innummerable atoms which compose the boundless universe is a god or devil, an eternal force; and these **countless atom gods and devils,** by their combinations, produce all motions, all results;—hence intelligence, **soul, spirit** and all the reasoning faculties and senses are activities of the peculiar combinations of atoms in live brain—Has their forgiveness, hell, and worship doctrines, dependent on **a doubted future** and myth god, made everybody mor l?—Bible-promises **may be** air-castles.— **as they had never been dead to know whether there is any future life."**

That last statement is a "dead give-a-way" of her professed knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries since it shows that she believes none can know anything about the true nature of death until after they die, and as she has "never been dead" either she must acknewledge that according to her own requirements she does not yet know if death ends life and consciousness permanently or not. This shows that she is not competent to keep her own statements in accord and harmony with Kerr's Discoveries for lack of true knowledge of them.

She did her best to break up the C. O. H. by coaxing its members to join and work for the M. A., and I am sorry some of them were unwise enough to follow a false leader. But with all that I would gladly aid in selling her book did it meet with my approval in all respects since it is immaterial to me who teaches Kerr's Discoveries or under what name they are taught to the people. My paramount desire is that they be taught to the masses by all who know them in any society and under any name they like best.

Another grievous mistake of "Materialism" is its teaching on subjects unrelated to Kerr's Discoveries and on which Materialists are hopelessly divided thus alienating them and disintegrating the M. A. Mrs. Bliven unloads on the M. A. her radical ideas on what to eat and drink, economics and politics which the members will not stand for. She should have worked with and through other societies devoted to those special subjects and reserved the M. A. for the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries exclusively on which all were supposed to agree and to desire an active propaganda through an organized society for that special purpose.

I want all to know that when they join the C. O. H. and donate work and money to it that it is to be used exclusively in making Kerr's Discoveries known to the people and not in teaching unrelated subjects which some who learn these truths may be opposed to. I thoroughly understand that those of all political parties and economic views should learn Kerr's Discoveries and unite in the C. O. H to promote a general knowledge of them because they are scientific truths of nature that all should know and understand and help to hand down to posterity. But I also know that I should not use their donations in promoting any unrelated cause that they may be opposed to.

All members of the Materialist Association who know Kerr's Discoveries and like my methods better than those of Mrs. Bliven are welcome to membership in the Church of Humanity and I invite them, and all others like them, to apply for membership in it.

To the Ohio Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Ohio Constitutional Convention, Columbus, Ohio: Representatives of societies of those afflicted with religious insanity will come before you to urge the adoption of a recognition of their heathen gods named God,Christ, Creator, etc., in the new Ohio constitution, and provision for the inforced worship of said gods and the teaching of religious lies on nature in the public schools to the end that all children be thoroughly heathenized therein at public expense.

As a representative of the Church of Humanity and all who have learned the great modern discoveries in physical science—that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death—I wish to most urgently request that you r fuse to comply with such request of people and societies that have not learned these discovered truths of nature, and to provide for the teaching of these truths in all public schools of the state to the end that the people may become civilized and enlightened and cured forever of religious insanity through learning this most important of all knowledge.

The most intolerable position a parent who has learned these discoveries can be placed in is to be forced to heathenize his children by state power operating through the public schools. It is virtually a continuation of the Spanish inquisition and the intolerable puritanical religious laws of the New England states.

I submit for your earnest consideration copies of our church paper dealing with this subject here in Kansas. We have a number of members in Ohio and their right to raise civilized and enlightened children is entitled to your due consideration and the protection in the constitution to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Yours sincerely,
W. H. KERR,
President of the Church of Humanity.

To Readers In Distributing Cities.

This little educator is distributed in the following cities in Kansas:

Cherryvale, 1,000 copies; Clyde, 500; Emporia, 1,000; Galena, 1,000; Garden City, 1,000; Holton, 500; Larned, 500; McPherson, 750; Salina, 1,000; Topeka, 1,000; Troy, 250; Winfield, 1,000; Yates Center, 500; Fort Scott, 1,000; Girard, 500; Wellington, 1,000; Coffeyville, 1,000; Lawrence, 2,000; Ellsworth, 500; Abilene, 1,000; Parsons, 1,000; Kansas City, 1,000; Great Bend, 1,000 and Kansas City, Mo., 1,000 copies.

I wish to ask our readers in all these cities who wish the distribution of this little educator continued monthly in their cities to please get together in each city and form some kind of a club to finance the work. It requires only $6.00 a month per 1,000 copies to pay for printing, postage and distributing, or $3.50 if you will have them distributed. A club of six members paying $1.00 a month each would finance the distribution of 1,000 copies monthly in your city, and as you do this I can extend the work to other cities in your place at my own expense. I would like to have the 24 cities now on our distributing list financed in that way. Then I could add another 24 cities to the distributing list. Please act promptly on this suggestion, gentlemen who are interested, in each of the above cities.

One Way of Reducing the High Cost of Living.

All towns of a few thousand population have on an average ten churches teaching lies on nature costing them on an average at least $20,000 annually for their maintenance. Now they could easily save nine-tenths of that expense by compromising on truth, teaching it in their best edifice and selling the others to farmers for hay barns and the sites for residences or business houses. This arrangement would cure them all of religious insanity; give them scientific truths instead of old heathen lies; enlightenment and civilization instead of idolatry and heathenism. That would reduce that big item in the cost of living 90 per cent and ought to be more satisfactory to all parties concerned. When people can exchange lies for truth at one-tenth the cost of teaching they must have a bad case of religious insanity if they do not make the swap and consider it a great bargain.

Financial Report For February.

Total cash expense of the educational work of the C. O. H. during February	$162.29
Total receipts for February	5.25
Donated by the president of the C. O. H.	157.04

I admit this is a very poor showing for the other members of the C. O. H., and for all others who want this aducational work done and who are to receive as much benefit from it as I am. If they are not ashamed of their neglect of duty they should be until they realize their responsibility and do their plain duty in aiding the C. O. H. to carry on the educational work that it was organized and incorporated to do. It requires paying members to accomplish things in all societies. We should try to prove that we can work and pay as willingly to make these truths of nature known to the people as idolaters do to make lies on nature believed by the people. For each member of the C. O. H. who would pay as much as I am doing for our educational work we could add 30,000 more students to our class. If 100 of them would do it we could have a class of 3,000,000 students all the time. Now, comrades, wouldn't you really like to have our little educator going into that many homes monthly? Well, we can place it in that many and more too if you will do your duty as I am doing mine.

Report of February Work of the Church of Humanity.

February issue of T. A. G. & L., 30,000 copies, distributed as follows:

Distributed in 24 cities	21,000
To 91 U. S. Senators	91
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To 400 colleges and universities	400
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To 152 school teachers	152
To 780 editors in Kansas	780
To 158 C. O. H. members, 4 copies each	632
To 64 foreigners in various countries	64
To 900 subscribers, exchanges etc	900
Total distribution of Feb. issue	25,238
Held for future distribution	4,762
To 64 people in foreign countries 28 copies of different back numbers, each	1,792

I ask all who wish this educational work continued and expanded to please send me donations to do it with.

Love of Home Proves That People Have No Soul.

One of the strangest freaks of religious insanity is to believe that people with such a strong love for home and relatives that they can not be induced to leave them while living will gladly abandon them forever at death and voluntarily sail away to some foreign place never to return. It is a puzzle to me how people claiming to have some sense can so misunderstand their own nature and that of others they come in daily contact with as to believe for a moment that they would do such a thing could they survive death with any semblance of intelligence.

Within the last few years some of my nearest neighbors and best friends have died and I know from their kindly interest in myself and family while living that had they souls they would have called on us for a friendly visit as usual.

One particular friend, an old widowed lady, who owned a house and lot adjoining ours and lived there part of the time during pleasant weather, and who died recently, would certainly be about her little cottage these lovely spring days owing to her inordinate love of home had any of her intelligence and consciousness survived death in any form whatever. Although she had every comfort that money could provide and every care that loving relatives and friends could give in her daughtr's home only a block away yet she preferred living in her own dear little home when the weather would permit. From this knowledge of her nature I know that no imagined god with the wealth of the universe at his service could have provided a home for her that could have induced her to permanently abandon her own home and loved ones on earth. I also know that after inspection and fixing

up things a little around her home she would call on us as usual and after greetings would say: "Well, Mr. Kerr, I thought I would just step in a minute to see how you all are and to say that you are mistaken after all in your discovery that death ends life and consciousness as you can now see that I am not all dead."

Mediums will say that our friend is here all right but that I need their services to carry on any conversation with her. My reply is that as we did not need their services before we would not now had a conscious entity survived death with intelligence enough to recognize and remember anything and communicate with mediums, and that I do not care to patronize such lying charlatans.

When the masses learn the truth that death is the ceasing forever of life and consciousness in their loved ones they will not patronize promoters of religious insanity under any form.

Make It a Crime With Severe Penalties to Teach Minors Religious Insanity.

It is becoming more clearly recognized that children are taught to practice crimes and vices for the money to be made from their indulgence in them, and parents who do not wish their children exploited in such manner are more and more demanding laws to prohibit it with severe penalties. Thus we have laws in some states to punish any who sell or give tobacco, narcotics, intoxicating drinks, etc., to minors. Also laws making it a crime with heavy penalties for procurers of girls for prostitution. But is not the prostitution of the mind and intellect to religious insanity in the worship of heathen gods and belief in religious lies on nature as great a vice as the prostitution of the body? Are there not thousands of times more money made out of it? Are there not thousands of times more procurers engaged in it? Is it not as important to protect our children's minds as their bodies by laws against the cunning ignorant or vicious exploiters of them? There should be drastic laws prohibiting inoculating minors with religious insanity in all schools both public and private, and to exclude them from religious services where adult idolaters think they must go to get their regular dose of religious insanity stimulant just as they are excluded by law from saloons where old topers meet to get theirs from force of habit.

There should also be laws requiring the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all schools for minors as an inoculation to prevent them catching religious insanity when grown up as that terrible mental malady, unlike many organic diseases, is a peculiar affliction of adults. None get so old nor so wise but what they fall an easy prey to this affliction unless they are rendered immune to it by inoculation of a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries. Therefore the teaching of these great modern discoveries in physical science should be made compulsory in all schools from the lowest to the highest grade in them. A good way to begin the introduction of this most important knowledge in schools is to require all children to repeat in concert four times each day, at the beginning of each session, this simple statement of the truth: "The universe contains no real god, people have no souls, life and mind cease forever in each person at death." This statement of facts should be printed in big plain letters and framed and kept up in all school rooms, and the parents should have it up in their children's rooms at home. I invite all parents who favor rendering their children immune to religious insanity by vaccinating them with a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries to unite with the Church of Humanity to help to give it power and influence in its great educational work.

Incompletely Dead People Restored to Consciousness Proves They Have No Soul.

The recent cases in Chicago of people apparently dead from asphyxiation being restored to consciousness by the use of the pulmotor after several hours of unconsciousness and in one case at least being pronounced dead by a physician proves that man has no soul as none of these people had any conscious existence all that time.

These cases are personal experiences wherein people are near enough complete death that had they souls, spirits or any form of consciousness or intelligence that could survive death they would certainly have known it and been able to tell their experience when revived.

The following is an account of the cases and proves conclusively by actual experience that people have no soul.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Again today doctors performed the marvelous operation of recalling the apparently dead to life. This time the apparatus used was the pulmotor.

David Haas was asphyxiated by illuminating gas in his room at the home of Mrs. C. E. McElvoy at No. 515 Indiana avenue. For more than three hours friends worked over him. They failed to restore respiration and Haas was given up as dead.

Dr. J. Lewis was called in and sent for a pulmotor. In another three hours Haas was able to sit up and express his wonder and his thanks. He was completely restored not only to life but to health. He felt no ill effects at all, he said.

Was Dead, Medically Speaking.

Dr. Lewis said: "It seemed to me there was very little, if any, hope, but I thought there might be a chance and it was worth trying. Speaking medically, Haas was in a state of death when the machine arrived. Practically speaking, he was dead. He was certainly beyond all other aid. We pumped oxygen into his lungs for three hours and that finally brought him back."

Those who witnessed the amazing operation were unable to speak of it in the simple words used by the doctor. They were utterly awed as they saw the spirit of life forced to return.

That this simple aparatus has given man a new control over life and death, the doctors are certain. Its value is considered immeasurable because of the great number daily everywhere of gas asphyxiation. Haas is the fifth who has been "called back." Fifteen others who would have died have been saved.

Yesterday morning Nathan Robowski of No. 1825 West Division street, his wife, Mrs. Rose Robowski, and Dennis Riffski, their boarder, were overcome by illuminating gas and found dying. Robowski was apparently dead when the pulmotor was obtained. The doctors called it "incompletely dead," because he had been pronounced dead only a few moments.

The pulmotor was opplied to all three at intervals of two minutes for each patient, Robowski first. At the end of half an hour all were conscious. After an hour's work the oxygen had pumped the poisonous gas from their lungs and all three were able to walk. Soon they felt, they said, as if nothing had happened to them.

Dr. Lewis is sure that the pulmotor, if used in time, will save all who are "incompletely dead" from any form of asphyxiation.

You will notice "the spirit of life foced to return" in the account. That language shows the religious superstition of the reporter. It is practically impossible for any people to write anything about death without expressing ignorance of its true nature. As a matter of fact there were no such a thing as "the spirit of life" returning. Life has no spirit. Life was revived after having been almost extinguished, as a flame nearly out may be revived.

But with such experiences among us what more evidence do people need to convince them that they have no such a thing as soul?

Criticised by "Nautilus."

In the March issue of "The Nautilus," Holyoke, Massachusetts, the editor, Mrs. Elizabeth Towne, has an editorial criticising me under the title "A Sophist's Discovery." From it I select the following gem as a sample: "To this man and to all others of his kind, I say: 'If you had really discovered that 'there is no God, that man contains no soul, and that life ceases forever in each person at death,' you would deserve the combined execration of the entire human race just as if you had discovered a most hideous devil, who by the act of being discovered came into possession of the race."

Now what in the world does Sister Elizabeth mean by all that? It can't be sophistry since she would surely not be guilty of a thing she dislikes in others.

Wonder if she means that the truth about God and life that all should know is "a most hideous devil," and that by discovering it and teaching it to the masss it is liable to become generally known, and in that case I will "deserve the combined execration of the entire human race" for being guilty of putting it in possession of truths that will cure its religious insanity. But if that is what she means, and I can figure out no other reasonable interpretation, I want to tell Elizabeth that these facts in nature that I discovered and am teaching were always true and ever will be true. I did not make these truths. I discovered them. They only appear to you as "hideous devils" because you have a fine money-making graft in exploiting the religious insanity of the people under the name of "New Thought" which would collapse were the masses to come into possession generally of these truths. But I can't see any good reason for your victims regarding them as "hideous devils." Having read Nautilus for years I often thought of writing you to not be so naughty as to play such practical jokes on idolaters as dressing up their god in so many ruffles and frills composed of words that they did not recognize the old tribal idol of the Jews but imagined it was a bran new god made especially for "New Thought" idolaters.

A fair sample of your fine word-tailoring for a god is this in your criticism of myself: "They that seek the source and container of life must first feel the need; then they must believe that there is such a source and container; after which, they begin to diligently seek Him. The result thereof is illumination, unity, the realization of the one Something which lies behind the appearance which we call nature."

Of course none of that is sophistry. It is "illumination," or in plain English it is up-to-date tailor-made god-clothes to befuddle idolaters with religious insanity and make them believe they have a more respectable god than the ancient heathens had.

Mother Eddy was an expert in that profession. She could dress up a god in so many word-garments that its original creators would not have recognized it. She made a few millions out of the business and perhaps Sister Elizabeth will be able to realize many thousands out of it because modern idolaters want the old gods of the ancient heathens dressed up in fine word-clothes to look attractive and respectable.

A Note to the Women.

I am glad to observe that you are winning the legal right to vote in many states and believe you will be accorded equal political rights with men in all states before many years. Whether your attitude toward Kerr's Discoveries will be practically the same as the men's or that a larger proportion will be favorable or unfavorable to them is problematical. All writers in Freethought papers claim that you are the principal builders and supporters of idolatrous societies. I know that is not true. It is a libel on you as are many others to place the blame for all bad things on the women. It is the fool men who created every god, including God and Christ, and enforced their worship on all in the first place. It is the men who write every bible, and make every law in them and then start the lie that it is the work of a god. They originated and propagated every religious lie on nature. They found and officer practically every sect of idolatry, write the creeds and catachisms, found, officer and incorporate idolatrous societies, fill the pulpits and enforce their stupid ignorance and heathen idolatry on all through Spanish inquisitions and laws in every country, state and city. It is the proper duty for the men to be the first to begin to cease the vice of idolatry through learning and then aiding in teaching Kerr's Discoveries since they alone are responsible for it. But I confidently believe that as soon as you comprehend that Kerr's Discoveries are true and that idolatry of gods is a very degrading vice we will find in your sex the most enthusiastic teachers of Kerr's Discoveries because you take a very active interest in trying to eradicate other evil vices.

As it may become your duty sometime to vote on having Kerr's Discoveries taught in the public schools or some society you should begin now to study the proof of these discoveries to enable you to vote intelligently on any proposition concerning them.

Following Up the Old Circuit Riding Preacher.

The old circuit riding preacher established the first nucleus of the now great and wealthy church societies with their grand church edifices. I am the first person to follow him up with truths for the people. I am using modern methods which should give me more power and success in a year than thousands of them. While he could get over no more than a county and speak to only a few congregations of a few dozen people each month I can get over the entire United States and speak through our educator to thousands of people in each of thousands of cities monthly at the cost of only $6.00 per city per month. Friends of truth everywhere should give me a call to their cities when I can come and lecture to their entire population so cheaply.

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W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name.....

Address.....

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POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 18

Life—Its Source, Beginning, Evolution and Extinction.

About every child born to our race that lives a few years is put under obligations by their ignorant parents to worship some idol god by teaching it that the said god made it. That false teaching is in every religious catechism and every child is required to learn it and to believe it. All educational institutions and societies except the C. O. H. teach that all vegetable and animal life is a special gift of God to each individual organism; that he is the cource, sustainer and perpetuator of all life; that nothing can possibly have life unless he gives it to them. A sentence in a letter just received expresses this worldwide false idea. It says:

"You have an element of truth, the dead are unconscious, but you overlook the fact that the same god who created life can in his own good time restore it."

Now the "fact" that he thinks I overlooked is not a fact at all. I did not overlook that idea and claim as he thinks I did. But on the contrary gave it most thorough study as a scientific naturalist investigating the nature and source of life in nature itself and found that life is not a gift from a god at all; that no god ever had anything to do with generating life nor making the conditionsthat produce life; that in fact no real god of any kind whatever exists in the universe.

Before proceeding farther let us have a common understanding of what we mean by the word life in connection with our subject.

The first difinition of it in Webster's International revised 1906, expresses my meaning of it, but I include the life of man in it while Webster does not and in his second definition gives the untrue and superstitious ideas of it for man.

"1. The state of being which begins with generation, birth, or germination, and ends with death; also, the time during which this state continues; that state of an animal or plant in which all or any of its organs are capable of performing all or any of their functions;—used of all animal and vegetable organisms.

"2. Of human beings: The union of the soul and body; also, the duration of their union; sometimes the deathless quality or existence of the soul; as, man is a creature having an immortal life."

I accept the first definition and include the life of man also in it because it is true to nature, while I reject the second definition because in it is expressed religious superstitions untrue to nature.

A definition of life must include man and other animals in it alike because there is not the slightest difference in what constitutes their life. There is no such a thing as a "soul" to have a union with anything. The same attributes and properties of substance that generate animal and vegetable life also generate human life. Man is only an animal no matter what his conceit may cause him to think otherwise.

There are only two sources from which original ideas can be formulated regarding the original and continuous source of vegetable and animal life. One is through the imagination which is capable in the adsence of true knowledge of conjuring up any number and variety of fantastic ideas and reasons for the existence of things. They are incorporated into systems called religions, recorded in "sacred" writings as truths delivered by gods to the original imaginators, or liars on nature and have come down to us in bibles as "sacred truths" from "the Word of God." The other is through the patient study and investigation of nature to learn the true causes and processes of its productions. This is the scientific method of ascertainig the truths of nature. Most all people rely yet on the results of the imigination method for their ideas on the subject of life. But increasing numbers are relying on the scientific method for theirs.

These two methods have been at war with each other over questions relating to nature for thousands of years. The many victories won by the scientific method is sure proof that it will eventually win the victory in this contest. As Kerr's Discoveries become known the people will abandon the imagination method for the scientific method of learning the truths of nature in all cases. And in turn Kerr's Discoveries will be more easily learned and accepted as the people learn the scientific fact that no god gave them life, but that it is a natural generation of the chimical properties of substance under favorable conditions and environments. When people know the truth that they are not indebted to gods for their life they will feel under less obligations to love, praise, fear and worship them and will more readily learn the truth that no real god exists.

The fact that all life is naturally and spontaneously generated in the chemical laboratories of all reproductive organisms should be patent to all ordinary abservers of nature. At this time of year, May, in this latitude one can see the ground nearly covered with seed under many varieties of seed-bearing trees. Large maples, ash, box elder, cottonwood, mulberry, elm, etc., produce seeds by the million containing the germs of life that would germinate and grow into new trees were conditions and environments favorable, but as they are not practically all these germs of tree life perish forever. Any one not blinded by religious superstitions should be able to see clearly that there can be no possible intelligence causing the futile production of this prodigious amount of wasted life-germs. They should be able to see clearly that it is produced by the unreasoning, unintelligent chimical action in the body of each parent tree under favorable climatic conditions and surroundings. And this is true of practically the entire vegetable kingdom. Tens of millions of life-germs of each variety are produced for every one that happens to have a chance to germinate and grow to maturity, and no possible intelligence directed it where and how it could do so. It was purely a case of chance or accident that favored it above its millions of brothers. When all these facts are considered how can any intelligent person believe that life-germs of vegetation are created, directed and cared for by a god? The same conditions exist throughout the animal kingdom, including man. Tens of millions of life-germs are generated by chemical action in each reproducing specie of animal for every germ that has a chance to develop and mature, and it is as much a mere matter of chance with it as it is with the cussessful vegetable life-germ. Knowing these facts haw can any intelligent person believe that life in the germs of animal organisms is the gift of a god? Life begins through chemical action of the elements of substance, is maintained by chemical action of those elements and ceases to exist when the proper chemical action can no longer be maintained by the organism.

But I may be asked what about the beginning of life in the first place before there were vegetable and animal bodies to provide the proper conditions for chemical action to generate life? My reply is that in some place some where natural conditions were favorable for the spontaneous generation of all life and through millions of years of evolution it developed into our present forms of complex cell organisms. It may be true that new forms of life are still generated in the same primary way but have escaped the observers. It may also be true that many forms of life are so generated but without the means of reproduction and consequently soon die out. If the earth was once in a molten state as some scientists believe it was no form of life could exist on it, and since it is discovered that God is a myth the only possible way for living organisms to originate and develop on it is by natural generation through chemical action.

But I may be asked, why do not chemists generate life artificially if it can be done by unaided nature? My answer is that they certainly will do so when they learn to perfectly duplicate nature's processes in its minutest details with the right proportions of the same elements of substance.

In fact the production of life artificially has already been accomplished to the satisfaction of people unprejudiced against it through religious superstitions, and it would be now taught as an accomplished scientific fact in all colleges were it not for the opposition of idolaters who do not want their pet religious superstitions disproved by it. The finest article I ever read on the artificial production of life is by Frank P. Stockbridge in the Cosmopolitan Magazine for May under the title "Creating Life in the Laboratory." I would advise all my readers to get that number for that one article and see the microscopic views of many forms of living organisms artificially produced by scientists in their laboratories. If your magazine dealer is out of that number, send 15 cents to Cosmopolitan Magazine, 31 fou th Ave., New York, for a copy of it.

The artificial production of a single living cell disproves all the religions in the world that life comes from a god. In this article is shown a chain of views illustrating the ascent of man from the cell through evolution to man during long ages. I shall reproduce a part of the article here and conclude it in the June number giving the Cosmopolitan "Editor's Note" first:

Editor's Note.—"A little bit of this a little more of that, a pinch of something else, boil blank minutes, and set aside in the same vessel"—thus might read the biologists' formula for creating life in this age that won't let anything remain unchallenged—even that mystery of mysteries—What is life? Many scientists claim that all life now on earth is a heritage; others deny this, and with their test-tubes proceed to produce life in unquestionably lifeless matter. The forms are low, to be sure, but they have life. And if the low forms, why not the higher? The following article describing some successful laboratory attempts to create life in matter that had been sterilized, shows what may come from the open scientific challenge of the world's greatest mystery.

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public shcool when you are

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"Man is now turning to the laboratory for an answer to many of his most pressing problems. Will he find there the answer to the age-old query, "What is life?"

"Life—whence come it? Death—what is it?

Twin puzzles that make up the riddle of evistence, these two questions have baffled mankind since mankind was. Now science, ever in quest of ultimate truth, lifts a corner of the veil and gives mankind a glimpse of the great secret. And as when we learned the truth about thunder and the tides, about earthquakes and eclipses, the explanation of this greater mystery of life and death leaves all our old philosophies high and dry, blasts all of our painfully reared concepts, and demolishes all the dogmas of our doctrinaires. For science says today, in substance:

"'Life is a chemical reaction; death is the cessation of that react on; living matter, from the microscopic yeastspore to humanity itself, is merely the result of certain accidental groupings of otherwise inert matter, and life can actually be created by repeating in the lab ratory nature's own methods and processes!'

"Think, for a moment, what this declaration signifies If it be true, where is theology? If you and I are merely physico-chemical compounds, slightly more complex than a potato, a little less durable than a boulder, what is the basis of our moral code? If man can lump together sand and salt and by pouring water on them create life, what becomes of the soul?

"Exit theology—enter biology! It is significant of the world's readiness for the new doctrine of science that I am able to write and you to read these questions without arousing more than passing interest. One hundred years ago if anyone had said, "I can take a few common substances, put them together under certain definite conditions, and in the course of a reasonably short time produce therefrom living beings,' he would have been locked up in whatever madhouse happened to be most convenient. Two hundred years ago he would have been hanged as one dealing in witchcraft and in league with the Evil One. Three hundred years ago he would have been excommunicated and burned at the stake. Less than a year ago, when Dr. Henry Charlton Bastian, M. A., F. R. S., F. L. S.,—not to mention a long string of other honorary titles—announced that he had done exactly this thing, obody called in a commission de lunatico inquirendo, the courts of justice took no note, not even the church protested—that is the real wonder of the whole matter. and as to his fellow scientists, some said they didn't believe he had done it, but nobody was rash enough to say, "It cannot be done." For years prior to Dr. Bastian's announcement scientists had been expecting that some one, sooner or later, would announce, and be prepared to prove, that he had created life synthetically through the combination of various organic substances. More than one investigator had achieved results that pointed toward the complete establishment of the materialistic conception of life—the demonstration that what we call life is not something extraneous infused into inert matter by some supernatural power, but is, on the contrary, merely a chemical reaction, differing in no way from other chemial reactions and brought about as other chemical reactions are—by the combination, in certain fixed proportions and under definite conditions, of elements in no wise varying from the elements that pervade and make up all matter, whether organic or inorganic.

How Life Was Created.

The dry, technical details of just what Dr. Bastian did are of relatively small importance except to scientists engaged along similar lines of research. He made two different solutions in distilled water, one of them containing a small amount of sodium silicate—the substance farmers know as 'water-glass' and use to store eggs in to keep them from spoiling and a few drops of pernitrate of iron. The other solution contained dilute phosphoric acid and ammonic phosphate instead of the iron. He placed specimens of each solution separately in sterilized glass tubes about one inch in diameter and three inches long, but drawn down to a tapering neck. With the tube half full of the fluid, the neck was seal d by heating, effectually preventing the entrance of any living matter from the outside, and then the tube was heated to 130 degrees Centigrade, a point very far above the boiling point of water, for from ten to twenty minutes. Some of the tubes were then exposed to diffused daylight or placed in incubators maintained at moderate temperatures and kept there for varying lengths of time, some for weeks, others for months. Living microscopic organisms of different kinds were found in the fluids when the tubes were opened. The tubes which were opened soon after being heated up to a temperature sufficient to destroy all forms of life contained nothing but inert matter.

"If organisms are not there at first, after the process of heating, and if, after an interval, they are there in abundance and are invariably stationary, clearly they must have developed in the sites where they are found,' said Dr. Bastain, and he challenged the world of science to disprove his assertions."

Those unable to get a copy of the Cosmopolitan containing this extremely interesting article may subscribe for this little educator and they will get the balance of the article in the next issue. There is no excuse now but ignorance, religious insanity, hyprocrisy or pure "cussedness" for anyone teaching the religious superstitions that God creates, gives and sustains life, and no difference which of these motives prompt them to do it no one with good sense should believe them.

The Most Important Lessons to Be Learned From the Titanic Disaster.

The extinguishing of 1,500 lives in the early morning of April 15 as the White Star liner, Titanic, went down on the Atlantic as a result of collision with an iceberg is a vivid demonstration of the truth of Kerr's Discoveries that all who read of it should remember so long as they live. There will be valuable lessons learned from it for the improvement of boat construction and equipment and rules regulating wireless service at sea for the greater safety of life. But the most valuable lessons to our race are those lessons that prove Kerr's Discoveries true and if learned will aid in changing it from a race of ignorant heathen idolaters of idol gods to a race of civilized and enlightened beings.

The most important lessons to be learned from this great disaster are:

1. That the universe contains no real god in any form whatever because anything to be a real god would have necessarily been on the Titanic with full knowledge beforehand of the impending collision and its results and with ample power to prevent it by removing the iceberg, changing the course of the boat or by personally informing its officers of the necessity of changing the course. It is not a sane belief to believe that such a being was on the Titanic, and as there was not then the universe contains no real god at all. But I admit that people hold the insane belief that there was such a being on board the Titanic. Then, as results show, of what possible use or good was that imagined god? On what possible grounds should he be loved, respected and worshiped seeing that he never makes use of his imagined wisdom and power for the good of anyone? Those who believe God is a real being should hate him as they would a man who would have intentionally caused the disaster and then saved himself when he could easily have saved all on board. Would you not hav charged such a man with murder and sentenced him to death s not a fit being to live? Then why do yo not charge God with the same crime and banish him from human society as unworthy of it since, did he exist in reality, he would be an infinitely greater criminal than any man could be? As the ship went down the band played "N arer My God, to Thee," and all the idolaters believed they would be nearer their idol when dead than when alive. But as God was on the boat with them as much as he exists anywhere in the universe how could they get any nearer to him? And what possible good could he do them anywhere in the universe since he could do nothing for them while alive pleading for his aid on the Titanic?

Can't you all see and comprehend that this disaster proves the truth of Kerr's Discovery that the universe contains no real god? Can't you see and comprehend that God and Christ are nothing but creations of the imagination and are as much heathen idols as any ever worshiped by man?

Can't you see and comprehend that the money those people paid to promote the worship of their worthless gods would have saved them had it been invested in life boats for the Titanic? All the prayers and idolatrous praise ever offered to God never did and never will induce him to do anything for anybody because he is a myth and knows no more about them than Santa Claus does.

2. That people have no souls because none reported the disaster to passing ships nor to their friends and relatives as they would have done. It is not a sane belief to believe that people have souls that survive death with consciousness, the power to travel, to know things and to have intelligent communication with any being and then to believe they would not use that power as intelligently as people do. Had people such things as souls the souls of those who first drowned would have called the nearest ships to the rescue of the survivors and their own bodies, then reported the disaster to their friends and relatives and aided in identifying their bodies, and then reported to the senate investigating committee as witnesses to give their knowledge of the disaster. Souls that would not do that would be such fool souls that their relatives should disown them. To imagine souls would hike right out on a wild goose chase hunting for heaven under such circumstances is to assign idocy to those souls. That no souls acted as sensible people would act under the circumstances is positive proof that Kerr's Discoveries is true and that the belief that people have souls is simply a religious superstition of ignorant heathens.

Had the Titanic's victims learned Kerr's Discovery and given the money they gave liars on nature to save their imaginary souls from a fictitious hell for the building of life boats for the Titanic probably all of them would be alive today.

None should invest their money in the perpetuation of religious lies on nature when they can see so clearly in the lesson of this disaster that it does no possible good to themselves nor anybody else while it perpetuates religious insanity in our race.

3. That the belief and teaching that the dead will be restored to life again is a baseless falsehood unworthy of people claiming to have good sense and honesty because all should be able to recognize this disaster as sure proof that no god exists to care for the life of any person. And since no god exists to care for the life of people now and here, as this disaster proves, it is an insane idea to believe that any god exists to care for their life under any imagined conditions whatever.

When these three lessons taught us by the Titanic disaster are learned and accepted by the people generally religious insanity will have run its course in the human mind and the era of enlightened civilization will have arrived.

Teaching Idolatry of God and Christ May Some Day Be Legal Grounds For Commitment to a Lunatic Asylum.

The relatives and friends of the Rev. Richeson will appeal to Gov. Foss to change the death penalty of the preacher for killing his fiancee to life imprisonment on the grounds that the preacher "is insane and has shown characteristics peculiar to unsoundness of mind during many years."

Was not the fact of him being an idolater of idol gods and a professional teacher of the existence of gods, souls and the resurrection of dead people evidence of unsoundness of mind when there is a world of proof all around him that such teaching is untrue to nature?

With such evidence as the Titanic disaster to prove the non-existence of gods, souls and immortality is it not evidence of an unsound mind in any person to believe and teach that such things exist. May not the teaching of those lies in the face of such proof to the contrary be made legal grounds some day for the commitment of such teachers to a lunatic asylum?

Those "Higher Up" Are as Ignorant of Kerr's Discoveries As the Illiterate.

In conversation with a citizen recently he affirmed that Kerr's Discoveries are well known by most people "higher up," meaning the great educators, statesmen and scientists. I challenged him to name one of them who knew these discoveries. He could not do so but thought they must be too wise to believe in religious superstitions. I affirmed that every one of them believed the foundation superstitions of religions as firmly as did the lowest class of illiterate people. They are all as ignorant of Kerr's Discoveries as any people can be.

Here are a few instances to prove it beginning with the president of the United States:

"I love the judges, I love the courts. They are my ideal on earth, and typify what we shall meet afterward in heaven under a just God."—President Taft, at Pocotello, October 6, 1911.

There ,you have his profound ignorance of the truth about God and life in a untshell. And every president of the United States and every candidate for nomination to that office, who are supposed to be selected from the wisest people of this nation, were and are as ignorant on these subjects as Mr. Taft is.

A few years ago the legend "In God we trust" was omitted on some coins being minted and some one in congress introduced a resolution to have it restored and not one of the nearly 500 congressmen protested against it on the ground that God is a myth and that it would be an expression of idocy for people to trust in a character of fiction for anything. Congress is supposed to be one of the wisest deliberative bodies in the world. But you see it is composed of common idolaters of heathen idol gods who know no more about Kerr's Discoveries in physcial science than a Fijian.

There are more than 100,000 lawyers and judges in the United States who are supposed to be able to consider, weigh and analyze the value of evidence correctly and to be able to distinguish between mere superstition and scientific facts. But not one of them, from the backwoods pettifogger and justice to the attorney general and supreme court of the United States know anything about these great discovered truths in nature. They are one and all firm believers in the foundation superstitions of religious. Every lawyer will weave his religious insanity in his pleadings and every judge will say "And may God have mercy on your soul" when sentencing a person to executed. That proves their religious insanity. Many of them are teachers and officers in some heathenizing society.

In most of the 450 colleges and universities in the United States they have a corps of instructors in all the sciences, but not one of them has learned Kerr's Discoveries. They are all religious and help to teach the superstitions that gods and souls are realities in nature. The primary business of all those educational institutions is to confirm the religious insanity in their students taught them by their ignorant parents and Sunday school teachers and to fill their minds so full of nonsensical sophistries in proof of religious superstitions that they never will desire to know the truth and will be deeply prejudiced against it and any who dare teach it.

The confidence that some have in the ability of the "higher ups" to learn Kerr's Discoveries quicker than common people is entirely misplaced. Most all great revolutions in morals, religion and politics originate among the common people and are popularized by them before the higher ups will take any interest in them or indorse them. That will likely be the case with learning and accepting the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries. The common people will have to learn them first and establish many branches of the C. O. H. to teach them to their children and popularize this new knowledge before the higher ups will try to learn it.

The President Should Be Subject to the Recall Also.

With the political theories or affiliations of the people the Church of Humanity can have no concern nor can its officers and editor officially take sides with any political party as our church is composed of adherents of all political parties and factions and as Kerr's Discoveries do not relate to any political party but are truths of nature that should be known by all the people of all political parties the same as all other truths of nature should be.

But with specific acts, resolutions, laws or policies of any officials of any party in power intended to hamper or prohibit the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries and the organizing of societies of people who learn them the C. O. H. and its officials must take exceptions and protest and fight against to the utmost of their abilities.

The Titanic disaster resulting in the death of Major Archibald Butt brought to light the fact that he had been sent by the president as his secret agent to the Pope with secret papers and instructions to arrange secret deals with the head of the Catholic hierarchy for certain political concessions to that church in this country in exchange for Catholic votes and influence in the coming conventions and election. Major Butt was returning with the secret answers, demands and bargains from the chief of promoters of idolatry for the sale of American rights and liberties to the Roman hierarchy in exchange for votes and influence.

One of the concessions is that the Catholic Cardinal at Washington, as representatives of the Vatican are to have precidence over all other ambassadors, ministers, cabinet officials, supreme court judges, United States senators and the vice-president of the United States. But what other demands did the Pope make? And what other promises did the president give? Was the suppression of the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries by mail one of them? At any rate the American people should demand full information about all secret dickers their president has made with the Pope. In a recent speech Mr. Taft acknowledges he had been "a man of straw." Is it the Pope who is manipulating him? Should not congress require Mr. Taft to make a full explanation of these matters? Isn't it about time the people had the right to recall their president and use it when he begins to make secret dickers with a foreign promoter of religious superstitions for their official establishment in the United States as a state religion?

Intelligent Design In Nature Disproved By Observation.

One of the main fallacies relied on by idolaters to prove the god hypothesis is the so-called evidence of intelligent design in nature. In conversation with a preacher he used the old illustration of a man finding a watch and from its construction and regularity of time concluded that it had a maker. Later he found the maker of the watch and seeing that he was a much more wonderful mechanism than the watch he reasoned from analogy that he must have had an intelligent designer and maker, and that he was necessarily a god to do such a wonderful piece of workmanship.

But that line of reasoning is seen to be a fallacy since by analogy we would be forced to the conclusion that the supposed wonderful creative god must have had still a more wonderful creative god to have made him, and so on through an endless succession of ever more wonderful gods.

Then the preacher pointed to the budding trees as a proof of an intelligent creative god. But all the imagined gods in the universe can't raise one of our native trees in a rainless desert, at the earth's poles or on top of the highest mountains, and from the disinterested viewpoint it is just as important that such trees should grow as luxuriantly in those localities as in Kansas.

The preacher thought that a god made the trees grow where the people are for their use. But were these same people to go to those places I mentioned no god would ever make trees grow there for them though they would need them much more than they do here. That proves that man followed the trees and not that the trees followed man through the design of a god.

The preacher accused me of believing in mere chance to account for the existence of things and I promptly plead guilty except where reasoning organisms intelligently plan things. I see throughout nature the universal rule of chance and accident that precludes the possibility of an overruling intelligence in any form whatever.

Let us think of one class of objects after another from the smallest forms of both animate and inaminate substance to the largest nebula known and ask ourselves what reason there is for their existence. And from the purely disinterested viewpoint we are forced to answer, none. From that viewpoint there is not the least shadow of reason for the existence of anything in the universe that does exist. There can be no possible intelligent reason for the formation of solar systems out of nebulae and of their planets producing vegetable and animal life for trillions of years only to be reduced to nebula again or to become "dead" planets throughout eternity.

There can be no possible intelligent design back of the generating of vegetable and animal life that through reproduction endures for countless ages on a planet and then becomes extinct forever.

There can be no possible intelligent design in the prolific production of the germs of life when not one in millions can possibly be developed, and there is no possible reason for the development of those that by the merest chance or accident can develop. We can understand the extent that mere chance inters into existence when we know that there is only a chance for one germ out of millions to be developed. The preacher came back at me with a story of Mr. Beecher's at a dinner where Mr. Ingersoll was a guest also. After Mr. Ingersoll's remarks on his favorite subject of not knowing if gods and souls exist or not Mr. Beecher told a story of seeing a street urchin knocking the crutches from under a crippled old man and compared Mr. Ingersoll to it when he tried to knock out the props on which Christians leaned. I told the preacher that the story didn't hit me at all. That whereas Mr. Ingersoll had nothing to give the poor cripples to rest on in place of their superstitions I had two strong legs to give each of them in the form of scientific truths that the universe contains no real god and that man contains no soul. As the preacher didn't want a pair of them as a free gift he left and so far has not been able to "come back."

A Critic Who Don't Know the Difference Between Religion and Truth.

A letter from Mr. H. E. Jordan of Lawrence, Kansas, Criticising my teaching says among other things:

"In regard to your article entitled 'Make it a crime with severe penalties to teach minors religious insanity,' if you had your way you would be doing the very thing to some other people's children that you object to having done to your own. No public money should be used to teach any religion, including yours."

He evidently thinks I am teaching a religion because he cannot distinguish any difference between a religious lie and a scientific truth. I have no religion whatever and am teaching none. I am teaching scientific truths that should be known by all the world and taught by state requirement and paid for with public funds in all counties. The truth about God and life is scientific knowledge of those subjects that should be taught in all public schools at public expense. The lies about God and life are religious superstitions that should be prohibited

by the state in all schools. Can you, reader, see the difference between those two propositions? Let us illustrate. The teaching that the earth is flat and stationary from Bible evidence are religious lies that are not permitted in the public schools while teaching the scientific truths that it is round and revolves is inforced therein by state power at public expense. I want that principle applied to the subjects of god and life that is now applied to the earth. All public schools now teach through text books and idolatrous teachers that there are gods in the universe, souls in people and that immortality, angels, heaven, etc., are realities when they are only religious lies on nature. I want the state to prohibit their teaching and to inforce the teaching in their stead of the scientific truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends forever all life and consciousness. That would no more be teaching a religion than the teaching that the earth is round and revolves. It would be the total prohibition of the teaching of any and all religions in the public schools and be making it impossible to teach it anywhere by enlightening the world through enlightening the children as it should be done.

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I promise to remit $..... monthly for the distribution of.....copies of T. A. G. & L. in the town of .....and inclose my first remittance.

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Address.....

Three gentlemen in Great Bend are contributing $2.50 monthly to the work here and I confidently expect three or four more to make up the balance of the $6.00.

No possible educational work is of greater importance or necessity in any community than the teaching of these great modern discoveries in the science of biology. The teaching should be continued in all these towns until enough people in each of them learn it to form a strong branch church to continue it. I can expect a very few to contribute anything at all now and those few should donate as much as possible so that they can make up the amount required of each town to continue the teaching in them.

Report of the Educational Work of the C. O. H. For March and April.

March issue of T. A. G. and L. 30,000 copies, distributed as follows:

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Other Churches Accepting the Teaching of the C. O. H. In Some Matters.

The teaching by the C. O. H. that no real god exists and consequently that marriages are not "made in heaven" nor are children the gift of a god is being accepted by the Congregational churches to that extent.

In a conference of Congregational ministers held in this city just closed they adopted the following resolutions:

"There is a growing and deepening conviction on the part of all students of human welfare that the family life of the world needs to be safeguarded by every possible right protection which the church and the state can provide. The interests of civilization center in a peculiar way about the home and its influence on the members of its own circle and the influence of all those members on society.

The marriage relation affects in profound ways the proper beginnings of life. Every human being has the right to be well born; that is, to come into the world as a healthy, well developed physical and mental life.

The requirements for such a birth are healthy physical and mental conditions in the man and woman entering the married state. This is so vital a matter that physiologists and an increasing number of the most thoughtful students of crime and disease are asking that the church and the state combine to protect the coming generations by making it necessary for those who expect to become parents to present to the church and the state reliable proofs of such health of body and of mind as will satisfy those authorized to perform the marriage ceremony that the parties entering this vital union are fit to become the parents of healthy children.

We are convinced that Christian civilization has avoided through a false modesty, the open discussion of the questions centering about sex and birth. We believe the teaching of the church and the home and the state should be plain and intelligible on these questions, and that information be sought from every good and reliable source that will help fathers and mothers to teach their children the knowledge of sex functions that they ought to know as early as experience has shown is best for them.

This conference favors a voluntary policy on the part of its ministry of demanding of those who wish to be married a reliable certificate of physical and mental health endorsed by some reputable physician; and also asks the state legislature to consider favorably a state law which will require a health certificate from all who enter the married relation."

This is an acknowledgement that no god has anything to do with arranging marriages nor with creating children and giving them life else they would not be favoring laws prohibiting that god from tending to his own business.

The C. O. H. can indorse all these resolutions unanimously and add some more to them as follows:

And be it further resolved that any person who believes and teaches that God and Christ are real beings, that people have souls that survive death with intelligence and consciousness and that the dead will be restored to life again is evidence of an unhealthy mental condition and that a marriage license be refused all such applicants.

Resolved, That the state shall at public expense found and maintain a department of biology in each state educational institution for the special purpose of teaching Kerr's Discoveries and that all persons shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the knowledge of those truths of nature by that department and to have a certificate to that effect before they shall be issued a marriage license.

Make a Bequest to the Church of Humanity in Your Will.

Some people may have property they wish to bequeath to the Church of Humanity to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology when they are done with it, and they can use the following form in their will in doing so:

To the Church of Humanity I bequeath the sum of $ .....to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology, and name W. H. Kerr of Great Bend, Kansas, as my executor in this matter.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

T. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the universe contains no real god, that man montains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidences offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more effectively in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people did not know it.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn an dteach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

A CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD.

As certain people have charged me with egotism and dishonesty in giving my name to the discoveries I made and am teaching on the ground that they were known and taught by thousands of people for hundreds of years, I issue this open challenge to all such claimants to prove by citation and quotation evidence that one single person ever knew and taught these truths as definitely discovered scientific facts in nature before I did. A reasonable amount of space will be given any person or persons who accept this challenge to make good.

Standing Invitation For C. O. H. Members to Write Copy, and Rules to Guide Them.

I am very anxious that all members of the C. O. H. become active teachers of Kerr's Discoveries, advocates of organization and active members in founding and building up local churches of Humanity. Nothing will so develop your efficiency in the work as practice. You can have one or two pages monthly if you can provide suitable copy for them. But as I am personally responsible for all matter appearing in our educator I must reserve the right of supervision or rejection of it. Please observe the following rules in writing copy:

1. **Subjects.** (a) Evidence proving one or more of Kerr's Discoveries true. (b) Necessity and desirability of a local C. O. H. (c) Reports of progress in teaching and organizing.

2. **Preparing Copy.** (a) Write very plainly (type written preferred) and proof read and correct it. (b) Write on sheet separate from personal letter and on only one side of it. (c) Write not over 300 words in an article. (d) See that every idea expressed is in accord and harmony with the knowledge you profess to know and on which the C. O. H. is based. (e) Sign your name and address in full, and mark it "Copy for T. A. G. and L."

By taking advantage of this opportunity the C. O. H. can develop a number of efficient teachers of Kerr's Discoveries that will be in demand as writers and speakers when many local churches are established.

Forcing People to Lie By State Power.

It is not conducive to a due appreciation of truthfulness and honesty to compel people to lie by state power. But that is what congress has done for all who have learned Kerr's Discoveries whenever they pay out coins on which is the lie "In God we Trust." Because such people no more trust in God for anything than they do in Santa Claus. Then why should they be compelled to hand a lie to all they transact business with who thereby believe they indorse the statement thereon? Is it because idolaters are so anxious to make it appear that all believe in their heathen idols that while professing to abhor lying as "an invention on the Devil" yet use any means in their power to bribe or compel people to lie in the interest of their heathen religion?

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INTRODUCTORY—A Cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy, Healthy and Wealthy Life to All. This Little Educator Is Distributed by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life Is Ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Souls, Saints Devils, Spirits, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Heckel, the Great German Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Requested to Join the Church of Humanity. No fees or Dues to Pay.

POPULAR LECTURES ON KERR'S DISCOVERIES. No. 19

Proof That Jesus Is Not a Real God.

The most disgraceful thing in the world now is worship of heathen idol gods, named God and Jesus and the teaching that the characters and places in the Christian mythology are realities in nature. This is not because it is a greater shame to worship God and Christ and to believe Christian superstitions than it would be for the same people to worship other gods and to believe the superstitions of other religions. But because the people in most Christian countries are better educated and therefore have a better chance to learn the truth. The degree of disgrace of idolatry must be measured by the opportunities of a people to learn the truth and free themselves from all forms of religion.

Some people feel insulted if told they have no religion and are not religious when they should consider it the highest compliment that can be paid to their intelligence if true. Religion consists in worshipping heathen idol gods and believing religious lies on nature that all should consider the deepest disgrace to do.

What Gods Consist of and How They Are Made.

No reasoning people will worship any god, except in hypocrisy if base enough to do so for ulterior motives, when they know what all gods consist of and how they are made. Having learned the secret formula of the god-making business I shall not take advantage of that knowledge, as unscrupulous people do, to make more gods for my fellow beings to worship but shall give this secret free to them that they may know the true nature of the gods they have, and knowing it cease worshiping them forever. And now for the secret. All gods are material objects or characters of fiction to which have been arbitrarily assigned powers and attributes they never really possessed and then are feared, loved and worshiped under the belief that they really have those powers and attributes. Zeus, God, Jehovah and Jove are samples of the deification of purely characters of fiction. The sun, moon, tumblebug, crocodile and Jesus are samples of the deification of real objects. Those who worship any one of these gods have no possible advantage over the worshippers of any other of them. Prayers to any one of them are no more answered than are the prayers to any of the others. No one of them does anything more for its worshipers than do any of the others. It is as much an evidence of ignorance and is as disgraceful to be a worshiper of any one of them as another of them. The same fictitious powers and attributes are ascribed to them all alike by their worshipers.. The sun is doing the same thing for Christians it does for the sun-worshipers but they do not worship it. The idolaters of the sun ascribe an intelligence to it that hears and understands their prayers and the power to answer them. They idolize it because they believe it actually has the intelligence and powers their priests say it as. The Christians do not idolize it because they know it does not really possess the intelligence and powers those priests claim for it. Who are the biggest fools in this case? Jesus is doing the same thing—nothing—for the sun idolaters he does for the Christians but they do not worship him. The idolaters of Jesus ascribe an intelligence to him that hears and understands their prayers and the power to answer them. They idolize him because they believe he actually has the intelligence and powers their priests say he has. The sun idolaters do not idolize Jesus because they do not believe a dead man has the intelligence and powers your priests claim for him. Who are the biggest fools in this case? Is not the Christian as foolish as the sun worshiper when they both blindly follow an ignorant or a lying priesthood? Is not that blind following more disgraceful in the American and European Christian since he has access to modern knowledge than it is in the sun worshiper who has not? Owing to their superior advantages in learning the truth about their gods is it not the Christians' duty to be the first to learn the truth and discard those gods and set a good example therein for idolaters of other gods to follow?

How All Can Know That Jesus Is Not a Real God.

Jesus is the most popular god now in America but there is any amount of proof that Jesus is not a real god which all people of ordinary intelligence can understand and accept as such if their attention is called to it. There can be no more danger to people of Jesus molesting them for disproving him to be a real god than there is of the sun harming them for proving it is not a real god, because neither of them know anything whatever about our existence or anything else. The only danger of harm to any one for teaching the true nature of a god is from its idolaters who are taught to fight against being undeceived in the true nature of their idol by grafters who are making money out of their idolatry or ignoramuses who hope for rewards from the god for defending it. But for my part I have no fear whatever of harm from those I labor to enlighten in the true nature of their gods. People are beginning to understand the true reasons for the interest grafters have in them remaining ignorant on the subjects of God and life. They also begin to think that a god who will not or can not make his existence known without their aid is not much account as god after all. And so it is coming to pass as I am demonstrating it that one can teach the truth and offer the proof of it that the gods of the Christians are no more of a reality than were those of ancient Greece and Rome without the least fear of harm from gods or men.

The discovery that the universe contains no real god should free all from the fear of gods for all time, and the growing world desire for true scientific knowledge concerning gods and life is making it safe for any who possess that knowledge to impart it to the people generally.

Having the knowledge myself that Jesus is not a real god although the most popular one of this age I do not hesitate to present the proof that he is not a real god.

In the process of undeifying Jesus we do not deprive him of any of the real nature, powers, attributes, qualities or intelligence he really possessed as the natural man he was, but we simply disrobe him of the wisdom, power and life arbitrarily ascribed to him during the process of his deification but which he does not and never did really possess. This will not deprive him of any respect due his memory as the poor religion-crazed man he was but it will tear off the mask of godhood put over him by others by means of which grafters and ignoramuses lead the people into the lowest depth of disgraceful heathen idolatry of him. To know that Jesus has no such life, wisdom and powers as are ascribed to him it is only necessary to mention a few self-evident facts in proof of it.

The Things Jesus Did Not Do Proves He Hadn't as Much Power and Wisdom as Many Others Have.

To prove the deficiency of power and wisdom in Jesus as compared with it in millions of other men I have only to ask a few of the millions of similar questions that could be asked. In traveling over the country did Jesus go on a bicycle, motor cycle, trolley car, automobile, railroad or aeroplane? Did he cross rivers on motor boats or steam boats? Did he send a telegram, cablegram, wireless, or phone that he was coming? Did he light his lecture hall with coal oil, natural gas, carbon, acetylene or electricity? Did he inform the people of the true shape, size and movements of the earth? Did he discribe America to them and tell them how to get here? Did he enlighten the people on the true nature of the stars, comets, suns and meteors? Did he inform them about the true nature and extent of the universe and of the substance it contains and how worlds and systems of worlds are formed and how plants and animals originated and developed on them? Did he originate and develop any of the natural sciences? Did he teach the people anything about medicine and surgery to allay pain and prolong life? Did he invent any one of the thousands of useful carpenters' tools for use in his own trade? Did he invent a single one of all the millions of machines and tools used in all trades and professions?

Every one who knows anything about the Bible history of Jesus knows that he had no knowledge nor wisdom nor power to invent anything or to discover anything or to know anything except what he could learn from other men and their books, and that he was not an apt scholar and had not the mental ability to become an educated man even for those days when the standard was necessarily much lower than it is now.

He had the ignorance and credulity and misfortune to take up with the untruths and religious superstitions and lies on nature taught him by other men and he developed into a leader of a little local band of religion-crazed fanatics such as have appeared in all countries and especially in the United States and will continue to appear until the people are generally enlightened on the true nature of gods and life through learning Kerr's Discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death. When the knowledge of these great modern discoveries in the science of biology become generally known it will end forever the deification of things and imagined characters and the idolatry of those that have been deified.

The miracles of superhuman power ascribed to Jesus are simply the same kind of fables used in the process of deifying gods and are common to all of them. We can easily know he had no more power over nature than have the religion-crazed fanatics of our time by noting the fact that he is dead. Had he been a real god the entire human race could not have killed him nor invented anything that could have done it. All the nails and spears manufactured by our race driven through him could not have hurt him in the least. All the explosives manufactured by the world piled on him and exploded at once could not have

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries."

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public shcool when you are

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killed him. All he electricity ever generated conducted to his body at once could not have killed or even hurt him. All the forts and battleships of the world discharging their batteries on him simultaneously could not have injured him in any way. Had he been a real god the entire race combined could never have had the power to injure him in any way. He would be alive and tending to business as a real god should be. We would all see him and know him and understand him. He would demonstrate his power and wisdom and knowledge to all alike and would make all sentient beings equal to himself in all matters. Any god who can not do that is not a real god, and as it is not done it proves that the universe never will produce a real god and that all the ignorance and lying of the human race never did and never will create a real god. The attempt to do so should now be recognized as one of the known impossibilities of man and abandoned forever. We must recognize the fact that all gods are the creation of man and that the elements of godhood in each of them is a composition of baseless religious superstitions, fables and deliberate lies. We must recognize the fact that the act of worshiping any god is the most disgraceful and degrading to the dignity of man of any public act he does. We must recognize the fact that the business of teaching people religious superstitions for truth and to worship gods is the most disgraceful and degrading to the dignity of man of any public occupation and profession. As soon as this is generally comprehended good people will refuse to engage in that business as they now do in the saloon business in many communities. Then in the course of time as public morals improve the heathenizing business will be outlawed as the saloon business is in some places. I invite all who are in sympathy with this educational work to free our race from idolatry by teaching the truth about gods and life to send in contributions to carry on the work with.

Let the Theological Hide of Religious Superstitions go With the Tail.

Hell-fire has always been the tail to the theological kite of religious superstitions by which the theological "Bulls" have ever boosted its market value to the dupes who are taught to believe they must buy stock at any price in hevenly mansions to escape hell-fire. But there will be a big decline in the price of those fictitious mansions if Bible students follow the lead of the Washington convention of the International Bible Students' Association which "adopted a resolution unreservedly repudiating as thoroughly unscriptural the teaching of a place, state or condition of 'hell-fire and brimstone for the torment of the wicked.'"

The following news item reports their action on this subject:

"Washington, July 8.—By unanimous action today the International Bible Students' Association adopted a resolution unreservedly repudiating as thoroughly unscriptural the teaching of a place, state or condition of "hell fire and brimstone for the torment of the wicked.

"At the same time the 4,000 delegates in the convention resolved that the vast majority of ministers of all Protestant denominations of the United States have privately repudiated the "hell fire" theory but for supposedly good reasons had hesitated to inform their congregations. It was the sense of the convention that on this account thousands and perhaps tens of thousands were being driven into skepticism or infidelity."

These "Bible students" and all others should learn some very essential facts from nature students. Among the most important are that many things that are clearly scriptural are not true to nature and that many truths of nature are unscriptural. Whether hell-fire is scriptural or unscriptural is of no importance whatever. But the important fact about it is that it is not a truth in nature. The same remarks are applicable to the god,, devil, soul, heaven, resurrection and immortality ideas. It is of no importance whatever whether the existence of such beings and places are scriptural or unscriptural. The important thing to know is if they are facts in nature or not and all must go to nature direct instead of to any bible to find out the truth. Having followed that course myself I discovered that none of those beings and places are facts in nature.

My observations have been just the reverse of the "sense of the convention" of those bible students on another point. I have observed that "skeptics and infidels" multiply in a direct ratio to the cessation of hell-fire doses from the pulpit. Skeptics and infidels are usually misers who make the pretense of unbelief in Christianity an excuse for refusing financial aid to idolatrous societies. But when some wild-eyed fanatical evangelist comes along and throws a big scare into them with large doses of hell-fire they come across with the dough and buy whole blocks of heavenly mansions and work like Trojans in the cause of idolatry. I have the greatest contempt for such skeptics and infidels. They are all ignorant idolaters who give no aid to the C. O. H. for the teaching of truth but will run for cover in some idolatrous society when thoroughly scared with hell-fire preaching or sickness or an accident that threatens life.

The only people whose number and money are lost permanently to idolatry are those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries, joined the C. O. H. and give their aid to it in behalf of truth. They learned through these discoveries that hell and Satan are not facts in nature and that God, Christ, soul, heaven and immortality are as fictitious. They let the hide go with the tail, as those bible students should do, and accepted truths that are natural instead of those lies on nature that are scriptural.

More Proof That Life is the Result of Unintelligent Chemical Action And That No God Has Anything to do With It.

Hartford, Conn., May 15.—Lewis Bradford Ripley, a Trinity College freshman of seventeen, has gained a place among the immortals by an official college announcement that he has produced live caterpillars from unfertilized moth eggs.

Scientists for years have been wrestling with the problem of the creation of animal life by other than natural means. The Trinity authorities say Freshman Ripley's work proves more than that of all the others put together. They have the caterpillars crawling around to support their claim of superiority.

Ripley always liked to collect butter flies and other insects. When he entered college he specialized biology and entomology. Having a notion that he could create life, he was advised to conduct his experiments in a private laboratory, and he has been working at his home in Glastonbury under the direction of the Trinity faculty.

Kept Moths in Box Till They Died.

Eggs of the moth known as callosamia promethea were used in the experiments. He reared them himself. When the moths came from the cocoon he kept them confined in a box, where they lived out their lives. They remained in this confinement for twelve days after they died, thus preventing fertilization of their eggs.

Having thus made natural reproduction impossible, Ripley applied to the eggs a strong solution of sulphuric acid, which he afterward washed away. The normal hatching period is fifteen days. In this case it was twenty-one.

So confident are the members of the faculty of the scientific department of Trinity that Ripley's work is of such transcending importance as to entitle him to the rights of discovery they have decided today to embody the account of the experiments and his conclusions in a college pamphlet, which will be sent to the leading universities of the world, some of which have had their experts engaged on similar work for years. The pamphlet will declare the discovery to be unique.

Problem Appeals to Scientists.

Creation of life by artificial means is known scientifically as parthenogenesis. Curiously, it occurs in nature among plant lice. Eggs of the silkworm have also been known to hatch without the aid of the male element. Unfertilized eggs of bees are also reported as hatching bees. The process has thus appeared to scientists as one that may be humanly controlled and by analogy carried to forms of life higher than the lowest.

In 1886 Tichominoff, an eminent Russian scientists, undertook at the University of St. Petersburg the same task that Ripley has accomplished. He used eggs of the silk moth, but was not able to develop them beyond the embryo stage. The Japanese scientist, Toyama and the brothers Hartwig, German scientists, have made similar experiments with sea urchins and other low forms of marine life. By strengthening one element of a solution with certain salts the Germans obtained development close to the segmentation stage, but were not able to produce an embryo.

Loeb Developed Swimming Larvae.

Prof. Jacques Loeb of the University of Chicago has obtained embryos, but they never developed beyond that stage.

The University of Chicago in 1905 published an account of his experiments. He asserted in that work that it is possible to control life phenomena. In his experiments with sea urchins he took the most rigid precautions to prevent fertilization. The sea water used was raised to a temperature of 140 degrees to destroy all germs.

Loeb placed the eggs for two hours in hypertonic sea water in which the proportion of salt was somewhat increased, then in normal sea water to which a minute quality of ethyl acetate had been added. When taken from this mixture and placed in normal sea water each egg developed into swimming larvae.

Scientists everywhere in recent years have acknowledged Prof. Loeb as the leader in this kind of experiment. Trinity professors say he must now yield first place to Freshman Ripley.

Making a Heathenizing Institution Popular With Fools.

The priest of a Philadelphia parish acted as matrimonial agent for ten young men of his congregation by sending to Italy for ten women for them. Of course any sect that will establish a matrimonial bureau for its young people will be popular with fools who have not sense enough to select and win life partners for themselves. A priest who has not honesty enough to select and marry a wife for himself should not be considered competent to perform that service for others.

It can be easily seen that the only interest he has in the matter are the expected fees for marriages, indulgences, christenings, funerals, etc., etc.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name.....

Address.....

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ar Mechanics" Has Not Heard e World's Greatest Wonders.

der to make a list of what peo- onsider the seven greatest s of the modern world the ed- Popular Mechanics made a fifty-six of what he considered atest achievements of modern nd mailed a copy to one thous- rsons throughout the world request to check what they red to be the seven most won- of them and return it to him. ty per cent of the letters responses. The ballots on the seven items stood this way:

ess telegraph, 244 votes; tel- 185; aeroplane, 167; radium, tiseptics and antitoxins, 140; m analysis, 120; X-ray, 111. ee next highest achievements this vote: Panama canal, esthesia, 94; synthetic chemis-

heodore Paul of the royal uni- of Munich, Germany, checked y ballot received marked for en titles which the total vote to have been selected.

oll was of international ex- he voters represent a wide di- of opinion, leaders of almost ranch of human achievement. , Marconi, Alexander Graham me. Curie, Edison, Steinmetz, Zahm, R. W. Wood, David Dr. E. E. Hyde, members of ich Academy of Scientists, of al Society of London, the n academy and the great Ger- versities are represented in of voters.

allot sent out contained the g list:

Panama canal, Eiffel tower, hydro-electric power, lino- chine, utilization of pneumatic printing press, camera, type- ray, computing machine, lo- color printing, aeroplane, ctric furnace; preventive incandescent light, synthet- try, phonograph, radium, otion pictures, Assuan dam, rs, automobile, ultra-violet roplane, ultra-microscope, ngine, artificial ice, spec- ysis, modern telescope, anti- d antitoxins, internal com- gine, anesthesia, taking ni- om the air, modern ocean ving machine, Florida-Key oad, threshing machine, re- oncrete, Trans-Siberian rail- bway transportation, ore submarine, science of Eu- ttleship, Catskill aqueduct, ransformer, Trans-Andean iscovery of North and South tile machinery, telephone, oxy-acetylene and oxy-hy- rches.

very few exceptions any one is a modern wonder of the ch from the viewpoint of ranks all the seven won- e ancients combined. Those ders were the Pyramids of aros of Alexandria, hang- s of Babylon, temple of Di- hesus, statue of Jupiter by ausoleum of Artemesia and f Rhodes.

these ancient wonders were stroyed as some of them they would not be missed rld at large. But life would worth living were we to be f all the modern wonders. eatest of all modern won- e not mentioned by this enumerator. Likely he has not heard of them. They are the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends the life and consciousness forever of each individual.

These modern discoveries constitute the greatest of all the modern wonders of the world because the knowledge and utilization of all the others combined leaves the people in the same state of heathen idolatry the world was in during the building of the pyramids and the statue of Jupiter. In the light of these discoveries it is seen that God and Christ are only creations of the imagination like the gods of ancient Rome and Greece —Jove and Zeus and that their worshipers are as truly heathens and idolaters as were the worshipers of those idol gods of mythology. But none who learn Kerr's Discoveries can be idolaters unless they deliberately suppress their knowledge and play the hypocrite to deceive idolaters for selfish purposes.

It is thus seen that while the above list of world wonders have advanced our race marvelously in material progress and comfort they have not really advanced it one degree in civilization over the ancients because civilization is a mental condition and not a material one. It consists primarily in learning and living the truth about God and life and the cessation and refusal to practice idolatry of heathen idol gods such as Jove, Zeus, God, Christ and any other gods of any imagined character whatever produced by the ignorance or deceit of any person or persons. Then at the head of all lists of modern wonders of the world should be the discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death, because only a knowledge of these truths can eliminate the worship of heathen idol gods in our race and make of it a truly civilized people.

All Sources of Education Should Teach Kerr's Discoveries in the Interest of Humanity.

For like of a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries thousands of people are making mistakes every year that result in the sacrifice of human life as the following sample of such ignorance proves:

"Nine days after scarlet fever had killed his thirteen-year-old daughter, Helen, Clayton J. Whipple, manager of the American Multograph Company, at No. 20 Vesey street, New York, died yesterday of the same disease in his home at 59 Fanshaw avenue, Yonkers.

Like his child, he had been treated by a Christian Science practitioner, not by a doctor.

The girl died Saturday, July 6, and her father was taken ill the following Tuesday Mrs. Lillian Charters, a Manhattan healer, was called. At her instance the Health Department was informed on Wednesday. Health Officer Coons went to the home and established quarantine. He says there was no interference with his work, but it was made plain to him that the services of a doctor in any other direction were not desired.

Health Officer Coons went to the Whipple home yesterday afternoon to apply antitoxin treatment to Mrs. Whipple and to the surviving two children. Mrs. Whipple refused to subject herself or them to such treatment.

After his child died Mr. Whipple said his confidence in Christian Science had not been shaken one whit. He said he had asked a doctor whether he would promise to bring Helen back to health, and the doctor had said he could make no such promise.

"What was the use of calling him then?" Mr. Whipple asked.

This physician was Dr. David John, called a few hours before the child died, when her condition was extremely grave."

When the life of every child of the followers of a religion is at stake through the ignorance of its parents of Kerr's Discoveries it is high time that all newspapers and educational institutions begin to inform the people generally of those discoveries. Then they will know that there is no more efficacy in prayers to God and Christ to cure disease than in prayers to Jove, Zeus, Santa Claus or any other myth.

A Request to 20,000 Editors In the United States.

Fellow editors in the United States: Recognizing the value of the press as an educational agency, I will at an expense of about $100, print 20,000 extra copies of this issue to have a copy for each of you to inform you of my great discoveries and to ask you to please pass the information on to your readers as the most important news you can serve them with. If you will all kindly do that you will give most of the people in the United States and many in foreign countries the first information they have about the great modern scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death. These are the most inmortant discoveries made by man and by announcing them as I suggest through your publications it will put the United States in the position of leading the world in scientific knowledge on these vital subjects which it can be proud of for ages. I suggest that you publish the introductory statement at the head of our title page with the name and address of our paper and then reproduce the lecture, No. 19, in full and any other article you think will interest your readers in our method of teaching these discoveries and in organizing to spread and perpetuate this new-found knowledge. You can then, of course, give such a write-up of the movement as you deem best from the scanty information you have about it.

I would further suggest that for a regular feature of your publication you accept a specially prepared article of mine on these discoveries weekly or monthly, as the case may be, which I shall be glad to prepare for you free of charge. Please let me know if you wish such articles, how often and what size.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. KERR,

President of the Church of Humanity.

A Safe Prophesy.

Our long list of modern world wonders of which we are justly proud will pale into insignificance compared with the greatest world wonder of the people of a few thousand years hence and which the people are now enacting. It will be the greatest wonder of those future people how the people of our time could be so amazingly stupid as to set up a poor ignorant religion-crazed man named Jesus who died nearly two thousand years ago and make a god of him by clothing him with imaginary life, wisdom and power.

The belief that the religious superstitions that gods, devils, spirits, souls, angels, saints, resurrected dead people, heaven and hell are realities in nature, and the worship of heathen idol gods which the world now believes to be the highest plane of civilization achievable will constitute the measure of the world's intelligence at this date to those future people. At the very mention of Christianity or any other religion they will blush with shame to think they are the descendants of such a race of idiots.

Religion will be the mental fog that will veil from their view our really great achievements and bring the entire race at this time into supreme contempt and disgrace in their estimation. And well do the people of our time deserve such a fate for holding on so tenaciously to their heathen idol gods and religious superstitions.

How People Express Their Ignorance of the Nature of Death.

It was reported in some papers that some one in authority on the ill-fated Titanic exclaimed "Hell, Heaven or New York in five days," as the boat started on its first and last voyage. All such talk about people going to heaven or hell when they die reveals their ignorance of the true nature of death for which all educational agencies are responsible. They all teach the religious superstition that people must go some place when they die. With the authority of discovery, which is above all other authority including imagined revelations from imaginary gods, I teach the truth that no one goes anywhere after death. Wherever people are when they die there and then they cease going forever of their own intelligent volition as do all other animal organisms at death. It is high time all people should cease expressing their ignorance of the true nature of death by making remarks about people or themselves going to heaven, purgatory or hell when they die. It is very discreditable to any person to be so ignorant and is extremely disgraceful to all educational agencies that are responsible for the ignorance of the people on this vital subject.

Japanese Are as Uninlightened as Americans and Europeans as Shown by Their Religious Superstitions.

In the present illness of the Mikado things occur that prove that Japan is no more enlightened than other countries in the nature of gods, spirits and death as the following incidents show:

"A Shinto priest last night climbed Fuji, the loftiest mountain of Japan and at dawn prayed from the summit. An old woman, following the custom in the provinces, went into the depths of the forest, communing with the spirits and begging that the Emperor might be spared."

When the people of any country are enlightened on these subjects through learning Kerr's Discoveries praying will cease forever in that country

The Religious Brain Storm In the Balcans.

The four Balcan states, Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro, are Christian while Turkey is Mohammedan. A chronic state of war exists between them owing to their religious differences. The four kingdoms seem to have united against Turkey and expect moral support if not armed support from the Christian powers of Europe to aid if necessary in driving the Mohammedans out of power in Europe. They will probably give it if they can agree among themselves what part of the Turkey each is to have. The priests on both sides urge the simpletons to fight for their idols. It is Allah whose revealed will through his prophet Mahammed is the Koran that constitutes the base of Mohammedan religious insanity for which they prefer death on the battlefield to accepting the religious insanity of the Christians. And both sects prefer to die in an effort to kill the other because they believe the same god gave them orders through revelations to their prophets to do so. All of which proves that religions are systems of insanity and all who believe any of them are afflicted with it through inoculation by education in it. Were they not insane they would know that no real god exists or he would personally appear and settle all disputes as they arise as to what he desires by informing all parties in the presence of each other in so plain a manner that there could be no misunderstanding them by anyone.

When Kerr's Discoveries are learned by all in Turkey and the Balcans religious insanity will be cured in them and the slaughter of human beings on account of it will cease forever. Religious insanity has been the cause of terrible wars over all the world since the dawn of history and will continue to cause them until it is eradicated in the mind of man through learning Kerr's Discoveries. Since all people are liable to fall victims in life or property to the ravages of wars of religious insanity all should see the importance of teaching the people those scientific discoveries to cure their insanity and thus prevent the wars.

Proposed Extension of the Pure Food Law to Mental Food.

It is beginning to be recognized by some that pure mental food for the mind is as important as pure food for the body. Hence we have the new postal rules requiring newspapers to carry the names of their owners and editors that the readers may know the motives and interests actuating their political policies and principles. Mr. Bryan says:

"We have appled the pure food law to our newspaper diet, and if a trust buys a newspaper, it will have to put the poison label on the outside of the can, so that the subscribers to the paper may know what they are reading."

Now let all place the following label on every book, publication and article teaching or defending any religion: "Beware of Religious Insanity, as it is Contageous, the writer of the following is afflicted with it."

We Are Living In a Mad World Now Doctor.

London, Sept. 4.—There will be more lunatics in the world than sane people 300 years hence, is the prophecy of Dr. Forbes Winslow. This prophecy is based upon the present rate of the growth of lunacy as revealed by recent returns.

Dr. Forbes Winslow said that from his knowledge of the progress of lunacy in all parts of the world he had come to the conclusion that 'we are rapidly approaching a mad world.'

Fifty years ago there was one lunatic in 575 of the population, but now one in every 236. At that rate of progress, he said, in 300 years' time there would be more lunatics in the world than sane people."

The mentally blind and ignorant Doctor don't seem to know that we are now living in a mad world which has been mad since the spread of religions and will continue mad until they are eradicated in the human mind through a world wide knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries in the science of biology that the universe contains no real god that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death. There can be no crazier ideas inter into the mind of man than those that constitute religions.

Learn the Truth and Follow It Instead of Following Men, Especially Dead Ones.

Because Mr. Ingersoll was an Agnostic and unable to learn Kerr's Discoveries the Ingersoll Beacon (now Freethought Beacon) of Chicago is unable to learn those discoveries because it would have to get ahead of him to do so and it can't be a follower of him and do that. And since Mr. Ingersoll is now dead and can make no more progress in learning the truth the Beacon must stop where he was when he died and therefore will never learn Kerr's Discoveries either. All of which demonstrates the folly of following a dead man who had not arrived at ultimate truths instead of making truth itself the goal to learn and follow regardless of those who could not reach it no matter what their prominence and popularity may be. It is now quite humiliating to see the Beacon beckoning people who have learned the truth to come back and be Agnostics and Deists when perhaps were Mr. Ingersoll alive now he would not be doing that.

When a Fool Escapes Imminent Danger of Death he Imagines a God Protected Him.

A Mr. Cook of Vincennes, Indiana, a trencher for a sewer company, was recently buried alive at the bottom of a twenty-five foot trench by the timbers giving way. When he was rescued unhurt on account of protection by the broken timbers he said: "I prayed constantly and thank God I am saved to my wife and children." Had he been an intelligent man he would have read of thousands of people caught in disasters who prayed as fervently for aid to the same god he did but who perished while praying and he would have admitted that they were as worthy of aid as himself and as they got none it would have proved to him the worthlessness of prayer and the non-existence of prayer hearing god and he would not have uttered a prayer nor have given a god credit for his preservation.

As fast as people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity so they can be counted and their influence and example used to winning more converts to truth. Fill out the blank membership application in this copy and mail it to the editor and you will get a nice certificate of membership free.

The Folly of Following Professional Truth Seekers and Agnostics.

Forty years ago the Truth Seeker of New York was founded by Mr. D. M. Bennett ostensibly to seek the truth about God and life. He published it ten years and died without finding the truths he professed to be seeking. Mr. E. M. Macdonald bacame its editor and continued publishing it until his death a few years ago. He, too, died without learning the truths he was supposed to be seeking. His brother George is now its editor and Mr. L. K. Washburn, formerly of the Boston Investigator, is an editorial contributor. The Truth Seeker still says it has not found the truth about those subjects by proclaiming itself an Agnostic. Now I submit that forty years seeking truths of such vital importance to know and which are so easily found because of their self-evident nature is entirely too long a time to put in without finding them. Children who read the Truth Seeker when first founded expecting it to find the truth about God and life for them and to let them know what it is have grown up, raised a family and now have grandchildren but they still look in vain in the Truth Seeker for those truths they hoped it would find for them so they could inform their children and grand-children what the truth is. What is the true explanation of their failure to find the truth? It must be incompetence to do so on the part of its editors. They are followers of dead Agnostics who were unable to learn the truth and think it a disrespect to their memories to advance beyond them and to learn things they could not. They are also like professional work-hunters who will have nothing to do with it when they find it. I discovered the truths they profess to be seeking more than thirty years ago and have been engaged in publicly proclaiming and teaching them for more than ten years and over 300 people have professed to have learned them and I have founded and incorporated the Church of Humanity to spread and continue the teaching of those truths. But the Truth Seeker will not accept nor teach these truths nor give their discoverer space to teach them in it nor join nor aid in any way the society founded to teach them. All of which indicates that no one should look to or expect a professional Truth Seeker to find the truth for him because he will be grievously disappointed if he does.

Blind Leaders of the Blind.

The "Peoples Pulpit," Brooklyn, N. Y., says under the caption "An Inundation of Unbelief:"

"In our day the shackles of ignorance and superstition are breaking. Men, women and children are beginning to think for themselves. They no longer believe the fairy tales of other days; the dreadful hobgoblins and nightmares of the Dark Ages respecting purgatory and eternal torture are doubted by all, and by the great mass totally disbelieved. What have they now to attach them to the Almighty, since they have never been taught the love of God—the lengths and breadths and heights and depths passing all human understanding? This is the worlds great need—to know God as He really is, a Father, a Friend, a God of love! And to thus know Him the people need to be taught how seriously they were mistaught in the past along the lines of hell and purgatory."

To know God as he really is one must learn Kerr's Discoveries. Then he will know that the "Peoples Pulpit" like all other pulpits are blind leaders of the blind; that the "Dark Ages" are still unbroken; that the god, soul, heaven and immortality teaching are as truly nothing but religious fairy tales as any ever taught and should be discarded with the other hobgoblins and nightmares respecting purgatory and eternal torture; that the "Almighty" is simply the greatest hobgoblin of the lot, and the God who is a Father, a Friend and a God of love, is nothing but a bunch of fairy tales that is a deep disgrace to believe and to teach for truth and brands all who does so as ignoramuses or charlatans.

An "inundation of unbelief" is not what is wanted or needed to redeem the human race from the heathenism of idolatry and religious superstitions because it never can be accomplished in that way. What is wanted and needed to accomplish it is an inundation of knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries and C. O. H. branches everywhere to spread and perpetuate that knowledge.

Religion No Preventive of the Double Life.

While I make no pretense that a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries will prevent the double life of all who learn them no more than other scientific knowledge does yet I want all to know the truth that the practice of idolatry and believing religious lies on nature does not prevent it either as the following example shows:

"God, I hope will have mercy on me, and I ask his blessing for you, and hope he takes good care of you," wrote the manager of a Colonial branch bank, Mr. J. R. Valentine, of New York, to his wife in a letter informing her of his affinity and their ten-months-old boy and how he loved them and was going away with them and that she need not expect him home again.

"I love his mother and him above all things in this world, and it has been a long, bitter fight within me to live as I have done, and try and pretend to live as I should, but the good Lord above, I trust, has directed me to take the right course, either to continue with you, or desert the other and our dear baby.

"I could not do that, so this is the full truth of the awful silence I often maintained."

Of course, idolaters who get mixed up with "affinities" will naturally turn to a god who has had experience in that matter for sympathy and advice, and he naturally advices the course they desire to follow because they mistake their strongest desire for God's will and orders. All of which proves Kerr's Discoveries true because were there a real god he would not allow people to mistake their desire for crime and vices to be his advice to practice them.

When People Become Sane on Religious Subjects They Will Not Be Religious.

"Shanghai.—Hundreds are dying daily of starvation in Chekiang Province, it is said, in messages from missionaries who have been investigating there.

"Unless relief comes, 100,000 will have perished soon, it is stated. Crops were wiped out by the recent flood."

When people become as sane on religious subjects as they generally are on other subjects they will recognize such news items as the above as sure proof of Kerr's Discoveries. Then they will not be religious at all.

Teaching Religion Not Incompatible With Other Vices at the Same Time.

When the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religion becomes generally recognized as a vice and not a virtue through learning Kerr's Discoveries the people will not be so easily deceived by criminals who follow it to allay suspicion. All should know that the practice of idolatry and the teaching of religion is not incompatible in criminals of all kinds, and that many of them follow it to win the confidence of their intended victims. As an example I mention the case of Frank J. Siebold recently of the Jefferson City, Missouri, penitentiary who devoted part of his time to teaching religion and part of it to courting two women by mail both of whom he married shortly after his release.

Mrs. Olga Meyer Seibold No. 1 says of him after employing a detective to look up his past, which by the way women should do before marriage instead of afterwards:

"Nor was courting two women sufficent diversion for the man," declared Mrs. Olga Meyer Siebold. "He spent the time he was not wooing teaching fellow convicts how to read and write and preaching religion to them."

"Mrs. Siebold added her investigations showed Siebold has served nine prison terms in his life of 30 years."

Practicing idolatry and teaching religion is proclaimed by religionists to be a guarantee of good character. That induces all criminals and those conntemplating crimes and vices to practice it to win the confidence of their intended victims. It will be found that the criminal part of the population will be the most bitter opponents of Kerr's Discoveries and the last to learn and accept them.

This is whole number 75 and if that number is on your label your subscription has expired. Please drop a dime in an envelope to me at once and keep on the mailing list, or put ten or more of your neighbors on the list with you by sending their addresses and five cents each. I shall depend on the readers to give me tens of thousands of students to be taught Kerr's Discoveries at this low rate.

Notice of Change of Policy.

After this issue there will be no more distributions of this little enlighter in cities except as they are ordered by those who wish it done. I realize that those who do should pay the actual cost of doing it. Those who wish religious insanity taught pay for it and those who wish these scientific discoveries taught must learn to pay for it also. All should see that I am doing my part in providing the lessons free of cost and that all who wish them printed and distributed should pay the actual cost of doing it. That cost is, post paid to anywhere in the United States, 35 cents for 100 copies, $1.75 for 500 copies and $3.50 for 1,000 copies. At these prices anyone can have 1,000 copies sent him monthly and he can distribute them or get the regular distributer to do it for $2.00 or $3.00. Perhaps some boy would distribute them for half that. The cities I expect to have 1,000 copies distributed in of this issue are San Francisco, Denver, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Scanton, Philadelphia, Richmond, Rochester, Newark, Worcester, Fall River, Boston, Seattle, Tocoma, Portland, and in Kansas, Cherryvale, Emporia, Galena, Garden City, Salina, Topeka, Winfield, Wellington, Coffeyville, Lawrence (2000,) Parsons, Kansas City, Kans., and 500 copies in Clyde, Holton, Larned,, Girard Yates Center and Ellsworth. The bill posters distribute them at an average cost of $2.50 per 1,000 copies. Anyone in these cities can get them to distribute them at their regular rates for distributing and thus continue the good work.

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A Preacher Who Makes the Correct Diagnosis But Prescribes the Wrong Remedy.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—"There are 6,000 suicides in the United States every year and every one of them may be directly traced to distorted views of life," said the Reverend Edward A. Marshall of Moody Bible Institute in a sermon preached Sunday at Christ Presbyterian church on the topic: "Suicide, its cause and prevention."

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"The secret of escape from the morbid mental brooding over self-destruction is found only in the word of God."

The "distorted views of life" the people have consists in believing the religious lies on nature that they are living on the second floor of a three-story world wherein the third floor is by long odds the most desirable abode, but that they cannot climb up there until they die. When trouble comes they naturally seek to escape it by going up to the third floor but must suicide to do so. The preacher's remedy is more lies of the same kind to prevent people going up prematurely, which would be like prescribing more of the same dope for a patient suffering from an over-dose of poison. The only remedy for suicide is to teach the people Kerr's Discoveries. Then they will have true views of life and will value it too highly to voluntarily shorten it.

The Revelations of Science vs. the Revelations of the Bible.

Only a few years ago the pulpit resounded with eloquent (?) sermons on the proof of intelligent design in nature and justifying the existence of all things as fulfilling some useful purpose to man by a designing creator. Religious books and the press re-echoed the arguments until all could see the evidence themselves. But where now is the modern preacher or writer who is so crazy as to defend the design hypothesis in the face of the revelations of the bacteriologist aided by the microscope that contageous diseases are caused by minute organisms often transmitted to man by particular insects or virmin they live in or on and against which a war of extermination has been proclaimed by all the world? See the interesting article on this subject in the November Cosmopolitan entitled "The Messengers of Death" by Dr. H. S. Williams.

I Am a Scientist, Not An "Atheist" Nor An "Infidel," Nor An "Unbeliever."

Under no circumstances will I answer to the titles "Atheist," "Infidel," "unbeliever,", "skeptic," Agnostic," No one will give me those titles who is my friend or who learns and accepts Kerr's Discoveries. They can only be applied to me in contempt and derision by the enemies of truth who wish thereby to make it unpopular and unacceptable to the people. My reasons for rejecting those titles are that none bearing them ever knew Kerr's Discoveries but believed one or both of the foundation superstitions of all religions—the god and immortality hypotheses.

We often read of people bearing those titles becoming active idolaters which they would never do honestly did they truly know Kerr's Discoveries. A case in point is a story from London about a girl coming out of a state of coma while sick and telling about seeing things whereupon "a friend of the family, an atheist saw her and fell on his knees, praying." Nothing could possibly happen that would cause me to voluntarily do such a thing because I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and I know that "atheist" did not know them or he would not have done such a thing either.

The title of scientist I accept because I made Kerr's Discoveries by the scientific method of learning the truths of nature by experience, observation and investigation of nature relating to those subjects. The title of scientist can be applied to all who make a special study of any phase of nature whether they be idolaters or not. As a matter of fact scientists have so far been idolaters and believers in the foundation superstitions of religions, or agnostics at best. That is not because they were scientists but because they did not apply the scientific method to learning the truth about God and life but accepted the errors about those subjects handed down by idolaters.

Facts Disprove the Theories of the Idolaters.

"Salina, Kas., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Jay Pierce was killed and her husband, a preacher, and their two children were hurt in an automobile accident near Ada, Kas., today. They were returning to Ada from Simpson, where Rev. Pierce attended a ministerial conference, when the steering gear of their machine broke and the automobile dashed off a bridge into a creek. Rev. Pierce may not live."

The belief and teaching of idolaters that a god exists who is all-powerful, all-wise and ever present with each individual and that he loves and cares for those who love and worship him should be discontinued and Kerr's Discoveries accepted and taught in their place when all who read current events in the daily papers can see for themselves that no god exists to know anything or to care anything or to do anything whatever for anybody no matter how much one may love and worship an imagined god. The preachers in all sects of all religions are as subject to disasters and suffer as much by them in proportion to numbers as do other people, or as they will when they learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries in place of heathen superstitions.

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The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people to know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

Make a Bequest to the Church of Humanity in Your Will.

Some people may have property they wish to bequeath to the Church of Humanity to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology when done with it, and they can use the following form in their will in doing so.

To the Church of Humanity: I bequeath the sum of $..... to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology, and name W. H. Kerr of Great Bend, Kansas, as my executor in this matter.

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Remember These Truths:

"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

Lessons in How to Find Proof of Kerr's Discoveries in the Daily Newspapers. No. 1.

I intend giving a series of lessons teaching how to recognize proof of Kerr's Discoveries in the news pages of the daily papers. Then readers of them will recognize that proof every time they read the daily news and will unconsciously learn these great modern discoveries in nature without any further study.

The Worship of Fake Gods Prove There Are No Real Ones.

All readers of history and of the religious rites and ceremonies of modern idolaters will admit that fake gods are now and have always been worshiped with the same ignorant devotion, love and fear that their imagined real gods are. This in itself proves that the universe contains no real god since a real one would not stand idly by watching ignoramuses or scheming villains mislead his children into the idolatry of fake gods. The very fact that people can set up any real object or character of fiction as a god and charge it with crimes and vices that the Bible's Jehovah and God are charged with prove conclusively that there is no real god to object to this sort of business. Here is a news item from Chicago showing how people form a religious cult and adopt an idol on which to bestow their idolatrous devotion:

"Chicago, Nov. 14.—Two departments of the United States Government Postoffice and the Department of Justice—today began investigations of the "black rose" cult whose members occupied an old mansion at 3340 Michigan Avenue as a "temple" until the police raided the place Monday night and carried away black and white men and women.

Lauron De Laurence, who calls himself "doctor" and claims to be a Choctaw Indian, is charged by the police with violations of the Mann Act and use of the mails to defraud. Also, the police asserted that Laurence is a negro and not an Indian.

Among the trappings of the cult found at the "temple" by the police was a wooden cigar store Indian, which was a fetish before which members of the cult prostrated themselves in devotion."

The fact that a "wooden cigar store Indian" could be set up as the true Deity, God or Creator of the universe and receive the homage of the entire Christian sect so far as any god cared is conclusive evidence that no real Deity, God or Creator exists in the universe to know of the existence of man or anything else.

Had Jesus lived in Chicago in this age and acted as he is accused of doing he would have been run in by the police on the same charges perhaps that this "doctor" was and been given work in the chain gang or free board in an asylum. That he was utterly powerless in the hands of a little mob of hoodlums and died an ignominious death on a cross with thieves proves his utter failure at playing god, and all Christians should blush with shame at the very thought of debasing themselves by worshiping such a man. The very fact of a man being allowed to play being a god or the son of a god is conclusive proof that no real god exists. When you read accounts in the daily news of people worshiping idols remember it proves Kerr's Discovery that there is no real god to worship, and cease worshiping your own idol gods.

The Success of Fake Religions Prove There Are no True Religion.

Those who have read up on the religions of the world and noted their contradictory beliefs and keep posted on the religious movement of the world must recognize that all religions except his own are fake religions. But the success of those fake religions should prove to him that there is not the slightest scientific proof that his own religion is true or it would soon win over all the followers of other religions and that therefore it must also be a fake religion. The very fact that people in large numbers drift around from one religion to another is sure proof that there is no real god to found and propagate a religion or he would provide them with such shure proof of its truthfulness as would keep them steadfast followers and believers in it.

While Christianity is winning converts from other religions and some believe that it must therefore be a true religion with a real god back of it as a booster the fact must not be overlooked that deep inroads are made into the Christian ranks by wildcat and piratical cults such as Christion Science, Mormonism, Monism, Pantheism, Spiritualism, Theosophy, Occultism, etc., besides big reprisals being made constantly by the older religions. As evidence just read the following wail of the Home Mission Committee at the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in Chicago recently:

"Buddism Growth Alarms.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Alarm at the growth of Buddism on the Pacific Coast is expressed in the report of the Home Missions Committee at the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, submitted Friday.

'One of the most startling facts, confirmed by investigation, is that Buddism in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles is aggressively propagating itself from these centers,' says the report.

'Buddhist temples have been erected in which cultured priests administer the rites and ceremonies of their religion, and through a series of lectures in various parts of those cities are reaching large numbers of Americans, especially women.

'Christianity is thus being put on the defense and is grappling in the struggle with religions and cults of the Orient.

'Recently thousands of Hindus have come. Next to nothing is being done for them by our churches.'"

Buddism is an Oriental religion with about 500,000,000 followers, comprising about one-third of the human race. It knows nothing about the Christian's Bible, Jehovah, God or Christ and don't want to. It is 500 years older than Christianity. Since age is the principal reason some have for believing Christianity true the Buddhists have the best of the argument on that ground. And as a big number is the next chief argument to prove the truth of Christianity the Buddhist have at least as good proof that they have the only true religion when it comes to numbers. That Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedism and other great world religions will make reprisals in converts from Christianity to offset the converts made by Christian missionaries in the Orient will be inevitable. And this winning of Christians from their mother's religion is sure proof that its gods are not realities and that it has no scientific truths to base its foundation claims on.

When you real in the newspapers of Christians being won over to other fake religions remember it is proof of Kerr's Discoveries that all religions are nothing but systems of lies on nature in which there are no scientific truths, and accept Kerr's Scientific Discoveries in which there is no religion. Remember this maxim: In religion there is no scientific truths and in scientific truths there is no religion. Learn to keep the two systems separate in your minds and take your choice, but I urge you to choose the truth. All should learn to anchor themselves to Kerr's Discoveries instead of to any set of religious lies on nature. In no other way can the world be united on a safe and sane basis of peace, humanity and civilization. Let these scientific truths be the basis of a compromise between the followers of all religions by all abandoning their false religions and accepting them as a common ground for a united world. Truths of nature are better to know than to believe an system of religious lies.

The Slaughter of Idolaters of Any God Proves There Is No Real God or He Would Not Permit It.

Those who have been reading the events in the Turco-Balcan war have read of the many harrible butcheries of Christians by Mohammedan soldiers and of Mohammedans by Christian soldiers. These two great world religions are essentially militant propagandists and won their supremacy over more peaceful religions by the sword. For hundreds of years they have slaughtered the followers of each other in an effort to gain supremacy over more territory and force conversions to their ranks. A long list of fiendish massacres of Christians by Moslems resulted in the present war

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

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against them by the four Balcan Kingdoms. Here is a sample of the methods used by the Moslems to prove their religion true and 30,000 reasons why Christians should worship Allah instead of Christ.

"Boston, Dec. 3.—A story of the butchery of 30,000 Christian men, women and children in the beseiged city of Adrianople by Moslems is contained in a letter received here by J. J. Besdan, president of the Alliance Universelle of this city from Nazaroen Doan Kanibelle, an officer in the Turkish army.

The letter states the massacre occurred when the declaration of war reached the city and the writer says he heard the commanding officer at the barracks of Zijiler Mahalleisy give the order to massacre all Christians. "The massacre began early on a Friday night and continued until dawn,' says the letter. 'Those who tried to hide in their homes were driven out and in one instance fifty girls, who were caught while trying to escape, were butchered near the well in the vicinity of the Greek bishop's home.' "

These slaughters of Christians are in obedience to orders from the god Allah in the Koran, the Mohammedan Bible, and must be done by true Moslems to escape punishment in hell and receive reward in heaven. Scores of Moslem priests are with the Moslem armies to urge the soldiers to do their religious duty in exterminating the Christians. Some captured soldiers of Allah when questioned on their reasons for volunteering in the war replied:

"At Brusa (in Asia Minor,) where we were recruited, we were told that according to the law of the Prophet we must go to fight the infidels and that the hour to exterminate them had arrived. We were also told that Allah had promised us victory and the Turkish governors declared we should divide among us the immense riches of the enemies of Allah."

Allah being a creation off fiction and there being no real god to object it is here seen how Moslem priests and politicians induce idolaters to go to war to extend and maintain their power by resorting to any lies necessary to induce them to do so. Not until the masses of idolaters of Allah learn Kerr's Discoveries will they be immune to such deception and refuse to sacrifice themselves in wars for a heathen idol. Their disastrous defeat at Lule-Burgas and Kirk-Killisseh and other battles and the unfavorable weather and pestilence that decimated their ranks should teach them by experience and observation that Allah and the Prophet are not worth the paper their names are written on as protectors of the fools who idolize them and that they are nothing but imagined characters that have no more reality than Santa Claus.

The ignorance and savagery of the Moslems have been fully equaled by that of the Christians. Priests and politicians have sent them forth to slaughter and to be slaughtered in defense of a fake god. A correspondent wiring to the London Times December 2, says:

"Macedonia is being drenched with the blood of innocent victims, and it is lamentable that the responsibility for so many of these atrocities should lie at the door of one of the Christian races."

Another report under date of December 1, says:

"Travelers from Dedeaghatch described the massacre of Moslems by the Bulgarians when they entered that town, which is reported to be typical of what is happening throughout Macedonia. The first Bulgarians to enter were an irregular band of not more than 130. A shot was fired from the mosque, which was flying the white flag, whereupon the Bulgarians demolished the mosque with bombs, burned and looted the Turkish quarter and massacred 500 persons. More than 100 bodies were counted in the streets, some of which were those of Christians."

And another under date of November 24, says:

"Events are marching steadily to a crisis. Refugees from Prisrend and elsewhere in the interior bring reports that the Servians are massacreing the Albanian population. From Plana also comes intelligence that the Servians are killing their Turkish prisoners."

The dishonors of war are about evenly divided between Christian and Mohammedan idolaters. The Balcan states and Turkey is the battle ground between two rival religions for the supremacy of their fake revelations by fake prophets of fake gods, and is the inevitable result of teaching religious lies on nature. All of Europe came dangerously near being drawn into this reiligious war and may yet be. It is an armed camp solely to maintain the conflicting religious creeds. In the diplomatic battle now on in London to settle the Turco-Balcan war the representatives of religious creeds are playing for advantage for them as of first importance. Never can peace be permanently secured to Europe until all factions learn Kerr's Discoveries and abandon forever their systems of lies on nature. When you read of wars and massacres for any religion remember it is sure proof of Kerr's Discoveries in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ends forever at death. And also remember that all such wars and slaughters will cease when these truths become known to most all people. Then join the C. O. H. and help it to make them known for the sake of humanity.

Every Death From Any Cause You Read of Proves Kerr's Discoveries True.

Every disaster and calamity of all kinds that cause death or suffering to any human being is sure proof of Kerr's Discoveries because were there a real god in existence he would not have allowed it and had people souls they would have reported to their relatives and friends the fate of their "house of clay." Here are a few samples of the proof of Kerr's Discoveries that perhaps many of you have seen in the newspapers but you did not recognize them as sure proof that there is no real god, soul nor immortality because you had never been taught to make such an application of this evidence, or to understand its meaning in relation to those subjects:

"Pekin, China, Dec. 26.—Thousands of Chinese have turned cannibals. Fathers and mothers are devouring their own children in order to prolong their own lives.

This report was made to President Yuan Shi Kai today by three commissioners appointed to visit the starvation districts. It was estimated that 100,000 have perished from starvation and that 1,500,000 are suffering from famine."

"Balcan War Toll.

	Killed.	Wounded.
Turks	27,000	130,000
Bulgarians	12,500	50,000
Servians	4,600	4,900
Montegrins	900	6,500
Greeks	340	2,550
Totals	45,350	208,350

Deaths by cholera:

Turks	35,000
Bulgarians	2,500
Total	36,500

Cost of war to date, above expense of maintaining normal military establishments, $160,000,000."

"Paulina, Ia., Sept. 7.—The Rev. H. Grefe, pastor of the Lutheran church in Germantown, Ia., early today was burned to death before the eyes of his children while pinned beneath a wrecked motor car."

"San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 30.—Sacrificing their lives to rescue the eighty-seven orphan children in their charge, six Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word perished in a fire that destroyed St. John's Orphanage today. One baby fell to its death with Mary of the Cross, Mother Superior of the institution, who left her place of safety in a vain effort to save the child. Another orphan is missing and it is feared did not escape. The death of the six Sisters was due entirely to their daring efforts to save these two children."

"Athens, Dec. 12.—Turkish troops have massacred 300 men, women and children and burned the town of Kessani. Terrible tortures were inflicted upon the victims before they were put to death, according to advices which reached the Greek government today."

"New York, Dec. 8.—The monthly report of the National Highway Protective Society, issued recently, shows that in November thirty children were killed in the streets of New York City by automobiles, trolley cars and wagons."

"Ft. Smith, Ark., Nov. 27.—The shoes and stockings worn by Olive Barham when she was murdered at Pleasant Ridge, last Thursday, were found today under a log, 100 feet from the point where her dismembered body was found."

"New Orleans, Nov. 11.—A wreck in which perhaps 30 persons were killed and at least 50 were hurt occurred on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad near Montz, La., 17 miles north of New Orleans early today when a through freight train crashed into the rear of an excursion train of 10 coaches.

Five of the coaches of the passenger train were burned and many of the wreck victims are believed to have been cremated, though nine bodies have been recovered.

"Idianapolis, Ind., Nov. 13.—Sixteen were killed and fifteen seriously injured when an in-bound Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton passenger train ran into an open switch and crashed into a freight train at Irvington today."

"Zanesville, O., Dec. 4.—Another of a series of disastrous wrecks on the Pennsylvania lines occurred last night ten miles east of here, near Dresden, O., and as a result, eleven lives were lost."

Washington, Dec. 16.—An arraignment of lax methods of the railroads of the United States in protecting passengers and employes was the keynote of the annual report of the interstate commerce commission today.

It stated the casulties for the year on steam roads was 180,123, of which 10,585 were killed and 169,538 injured. This is an increase of 189 in fatalities and 19,379 in accidents over 1911."

"Alais, France, Nov. 27.—Twenty-four men lost their lives Sunday when fire damp exploded in a coal mine."

"Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—The mutilated body of Lillian Schadle, 12 years old, who disappeared from her home Thursday, was found Friday in a private reservoir near Ardmore, a suburb."

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 27.—The official estimate of the dead in the hurricane and tidal wave which visited the western part of Jamaica places the number at more than 100 in the coast towns alone."

"Mexico City, Nov. 27.—The town of Acambay in the northern part of the state of Mexico is practically in ruins as a result of the earthquake there Tuesday. Fifty-nine bodies have been removed from the ruins of a church and other buildings. The injured will number hundreds.

Most of the dead are women and were attending mass. The tower walls fell, and the priests perished with the congregation."

"Washington, Nov. 29.—Seventeen thousand persons are reported to have perished in a typhoon which swept across the Philippines to the south of Manila last Tuesday, according to belated advices which reached the war department today from Governor General Forbes of the Philipines."

"Bilbao, Spain, Nov. 24.—A terrible panic was caused this afternoon by the cry of fire at a moving picture show here. About fifty children and others were killed."

"Pittsburg, Dec. 6.— Unable to enter a burning barn, three frantic

mothers were forced to remain outside and listen to the screams of their dying children, and watch the flames which slowly consumed their bodies."

All intelligent people should be readers of the daily newspapers, then they will see accounts in detail of such fatalities all over the world. They must learn to recognize them as being sure proof that the universe contains no real god because if it did he would have to be at all these places where people were dying and be able to hear their prayers, see their helplessness, understand their sufferings, and be able to rescue them. No real god could possibly be present on such occasions without manifesting some action that could be detected by one or more of our senses. That no such a being has ever been manifested to anyone's senses is sure proof of the non-existence of such a character as a real god. The same reason applies to the theory of man having a soul. No soul could exist in a person and leave him at death without manifesting its existence in some way that could be detected by one or more of the senses of the living. That proves the non-existence of a soul. Gods and souls are therefore creations of fiction, or in other words lies on nature. Learn to recognize the truth of Kerr's Discoveries in the daily evidence of it.

Idolatry and Religious Superstitions No Bar to Crimes and Vices.

The false theory prevails generally that people can be scared into being moral by the teaching that a detective god is shadowing them all the time to gather evidence enough of immorality to send them all to hell. But statistics show that 100 per cent of all crimes and vices are committed by people who believe religious superstitions. For instance, the Chicago Protective League for Women investigating the life history taken under oath of Chicago's fallen women reports, among other things, that of the 600 in one district thus examined "almost one-third of the women, about 30 per cent, made their first mis-step while regular attendants at church. The remainder left church at the age of 14." Not one of them had learned Kerr's Discoveries. They all believed the religions lies on nature that gods' devils, souls, immortality, heaven and hell are realities in nature. Every one of them had been taught those lies in childhood and will believe them true through life. The same is true of all the thousands of such women in Chicago, and all other cities throughout christendom. The same is true of the hundred times as many fallen men. An examination under oath of the entire poplation of all jails, reformatories and penitentiaries would show a large per cent of church members and that all had been taught some system of lies on nature called religion and believed them and still believe them, not one having learned Kerr's Discoveries. No one should believe the claims of teachers of idolatry who wish to prejudice the people against learning Kerr's Discoveries that any of those criminals would be any worse citizens did they know those discovered truths or that a larger per cent of the people would be criminals were all taught them in their respective churches.

It would have a wonderful effect on the people for good did all churches become good officially themselves by teaching the people Kerr's Discoveries instead of the old heathen lies on nature handed down to them from ignorant Asiatic barbarians.

The scare religious teaching gives the people to make them good is nutralized by the schemes to escape punishment for crimes and vices through bribery of the detective god with the price of indulgences to his priests as in the case of the Catholics and by the eleventh hour repentance as in the case of the Protestants. All the Catholic criminals intend to settle with their god through the priests before they die so they will escape hell and land in heaven the same as though they never committed any crimes. All the Protestant criminals intend to settle accounts their god has against them by repentance in the eleventh hour so they can go straight to heaven with the criminal Catholics. It is thus seen why the religious method of trying to make people good citizens by teaching them lies is a failure and must always be so because it is fundamentally wrong. No society should practice the vices of idolatry and lying under the pretext of trying to make people good. They should try making them good by the example of ceasing those vices of organized societies. Nobody and no society should ever expect to make people good citizens by teaching them to love and admire a character of fiction named God who is guilty of seduction, desertion of offspring, non-support of child and mother, murder, arson, perjury, lying, deceit, etc. People can never be made good citizens by teaching them that such a character is an ideal one for them to follow because they naturally conclude, and with correct reasoning that they can be as good as God by doing all the crimes he did.

Demonstrating the Great Importance of Rulers of all Nations Learning Kerr's Discoveries.

In every great war in historic times the leaders and rulers on both sides believed firmly in the existence of a god and that he would aid them to win because they believed their cause right and justifiable and that their god could see it was and would aid them to win in battle. Under that false and superstitious belief they encouraged their people to engage in the war with the assurance that their god was with them and with his aid they were bound to win. But tens of thousands on both sides lost their lives hence all they had or ever could have which proves that no god exists to care for the cause or the people on either side. The side against human right and justice was as liable to win as the other side. The false theory once held that a god would aid the man in the right to win in a duel was so often disproved by contests in which the people could plainly see that the man in the right lost out has been abandoned, and no more do men fight duels under the false belief that a god will aid the man in the right to win. But the false theory is yet held in regard to duels between nations. In the present war between Turkey and the Balkan countries both sides believe that religious superstition and it has much to do in creating and spreading the war fever on both sides. In sending his soldiers to the war King Ferdinand of Bulgaria incourages and fires them with the murder desire and confidence in victory by the following expressions of religious superstitions:

"Our work is a just one, a great and a sacred one. With faith in the protection and support of the Almighty I bring to the cognizance of the Bulgarian nation that this is a war for human rights.

"I order the brave Bulgarian army to march on to Turkish territory.

"Forward! May God be with you."

"Today special services are being held in all the churches of the kingdom for the success of the Bulga ian army. The King, the ministers and other dignitaries were among the large congregation at the cathedral when a "tedeum" was sung."

The Turks are as confidently expecting the same god to aid them. It is thus seen how religions—systems of lies on nature—educational insanity cause nations to engage in wars under the belief that there is a real god in the universe. When the people of all nations learn Kerr's Discoveries they will know that no god exists to aid them in wars no matter how just their cause is and duels between nations will no more be fought expecting a god to aid the right to win than are duels now between men with that expectation. Then all nations will see the necessity of organizing a congress of United Nations to settle their differences by arbitration instead of by wars. They will know that they will then be more certain of receiving justice at the hands of impartial men than at the hands of a god that does not exist. This consideration alone should put all good people in favor of spreading the knowledge of Kerr' Kiscoveries and induce them to aid in the work.

Asking An Idol of Fiction to Intervene In Mexico to Make Heathens Quit Fighting.

That we are living in the very darkest time of the Dark Ages is evidenced by the profound ignorance that make an appeal to a heathen idol to stop a conflict possible.

"Mexico City, Dec. 11.—In obedience to a papal decree there was begun Sunday at midnight in every Catholic church throughout the republic a special mass for divine intervention in Mexico. In St. Peter's at Rome, at the same hour, or 6 o'clock Rome time Monday morning the pope himself joined in the prayers for the restoration of peace."

I guarantee that if the Mexicans do not quit murdering themselves until a god makes them do so that they will keep it up until they exterminate themselves by the last man committing suicide. There is no god in the universe to make them quit.

Make a Bequest to the Church of Humanity in Your Will.

Some people may have property they wish to bequeath to the Church of Humanity to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology when done with it, and they can use the following form in their will in doing so.

To the Church of Humanity: I bequeath the sum of $..... to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology, and name W. H. Kerr of Great Bend, Kansas, as my executor in this matter.

How Fool Religious Superstitions Are Spread by the Press.

At the height of the horse epidemic in Kansas recently the following extract from an article in a local paper concerning it shows how fool religious ideas get mixed up and boosted with everything that happens along:

"One of the most talked about things concerning the sickness of horses around Dighton concerns a woman ranch owner there who is a Christian Scientist. When the disease began to spread she used Christian Science treatment for her stock and though there is not a place near her but on which sick horses are reported, not a horse on her place is sick. This in itself, he says, did not cause so much comment, but lately she commenced the treatment for the horses of a neighbor and the sick ones are getting better. Christian Science, he says is obtaining many new followers the last few days in that vicinity."

I saw the above extract reproduced in a great city daily and there is no telling how many papers reproduced the fool item to boost a fool religious superstition. There are doubtlessly many Christian Scientists who have lost horses by the same disease. Why didn't they have as good a "pull" with the same imagined god as the above woman rancher? The Catholics and Protestants of a hundred sects have lost tens of thousands of horses from the disease. Why didnt they have as much influence over the same god to save them as she had? Thousands of Catholics and Protestants of all sects lost no horses at all. Why didn't they rush into print and claim their immunity was due to their particular brand of religious superstitions, prayers and incantations? They must have liked the gall, egotism and impudence to do so in the face of the fact that their co-religionists were loosing horses right along. Probably since then that woman has lost horses and failed to save those she treated for others. But if she has no paper will make the fact known. Only that which is favorable to a popular religious superstition will they print and their readers are left with false ideas due to the one-sided policy of the press. My daughter living on my farm lost none of their fourteen horses and are not likely to now that the disease is subsiding, while many of their Christian neighbors of several different sects lost horses from the disease. I am not fool enough to claim that is it due to her learning Kerr's Discoveries and being a member of the Church of Humanity. But you will never see this fact reproduced in another paper to let the people know that those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and join the Church of Humanity are as likely to escape any calamity as idolaters are.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name.....

Address.....

Count the names in your telephone directory or city directory and put the whole "shootin' match' on our sub list for twelve lessons by mailing it to me with five cents for each name and I will do the rest.

Reduce the High Cost of Living by Reducing Insanity Through Teaching Truths.

"Washington, D. C., Sept. 22—There were 174,712 insane patients in American hospitals last year, and they cost the people of the United States $32,-800,000 in twelve months, according to the information made public here yesterday by scientists of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography. More than half of this insanity is preventable, it is contended, and the congress will discuss the means to prevent it, says a news item."

Pshaw, that's not a circumstance compared with the number of the insane and their cost to the country outside of the hospitals. All believers in and promoters of religions should be classed with the insane and the expense of propagating and perpetuating religion charged to their cost.

It is a form of educational insanity they are afflicted with which could be cure and their cost saved by the state inforcing the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all schools. That congress of Hygiene and Demography had better get busy on the larger problem first and when it is accomplished it will greatly diminish their present task. But there can be no hope of it doing that because it is so blinded with religious insanity itself it can't see the larger problem.

The same congress says church work at home cost $250,000,000 and foreign missions $12,000,000, a grand total annually of$ 262,000,000 that must be charged to the cost of those afflicted with religious insanity and their mad endeavor to transmit it to the rising generation. At a small fraction of that amount the government or the states could print at public expense placards and place them in every school house and every room bearing the following statement and injunction:

New Scientific Discoveries in Nature. The universe contains no real .god. Man contains no soul. .Death .ends life and consciousness in each person forever. Teach nothing that conflicts with these new Discovered Truths.

If this plan was adopted and inforced by the state it would soon spread to the homes and religious insanity would be cured in a generation.

But as this great evolution in knowledge must develop in the homes before it can be adopted by the school and inforced by the state I recommend that as fast as people learn these discovered truths they place the above placard, neatly printed and framed, in a conspicuous place in each room of their homes. That will familiarize the children and all who enter the home with the new discoveries and impress them as nothing else can until they unconsciously recognize and accept them as facts in nature. When a majority of the homes do this these truths can be taught in the schools and be inforced by the state. I shall soon have such cards printed for my own home and shall have some extras to furnish at cost to all who ask for them.

A Judge Unwittingly Stumbles Onto the Source of All "Devine Revelations."

In seeking a divorce from his wife because of having an affinity he had transferred his affections to Mr. Stuck of Kansas City made this plea in the divorce hearing before Judge Goodrich:

"God reveals himself to his people through a few chosen disciples of which I am one. I have talked with God and he said for me to tell the people on this earth that I was to put away my wife, Pearlie Stuck. We are to separate."

Mrs. Stuck believed his lies because she had been taught to believe there is such a being as a god and that all things are possible with him and was afraid to oppose his will. But the judge, knowing a little more about the nature of men under such circumstances, refused the decree saying that he believed that Stucks so-called revelation came from his own thoughts and desires. And therein he stated a fact that he himself did not fully comprehend, because it can be applied with equal truth to every pretended revelation from a god. There never was and never will be a revelation from a god but what has its source in the thoughts and desires of the revelators to deceive idolaters and induce them to do as they desire under the belief they were doing the "will of God." The discovery that no real god exists is proof of this fact. Whenever you hear from a teacher of idolatry what God wishes you to do or not to do just substitute the teacher's name for "God" and you will then have the true name of the wisher. Whenever you read in religious papers or books what God wishes you to do and not to do just put the name of the editor or author in the place of "God" and you will have the true name of the one making the wish.

The Five Commandments of the New Civilization.

1. You shall study and learn the evidences that prove Kerr's Discoveries true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death and do all you can to induce others to do likewise.

2. You shall join the Church of Humanity or some other society teaching these discoveries and aid it personally and financially in spreading the knowledge of them and in founding societies and educational institutions to perpetuate that knowledge, and do all you can to induce others to do the same.

3. You shall not pray to nor ask anything whatever of God, Christ, Holy Mary, saints, angels, souls, spirits, ghosts, nor any other gods or imagined unseen being whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

4. You shall not speak, write, sing nor play on any musical or other instrument any words expressing worship, thanks, praise, love, fear, hatred or other emotion or sentiment indicating that you believe in the existence of any of the characters mentioned in the third commandment, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

5. You shall not give any money, service nor other aid to any person, persons, church, Sunday school, club or society whatever to aid them in the teaching, promotion and perpetuation of Christianity or any other religion whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

Help the Greatest Educational Work Ever Undertaken.

The greatest educatioal work ever undertaken is the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries by the Church of Humanity. As soon as anyone learns these great modern discoveries he or she should begin to aid in this work. Here are some of the most important ways of helping.

1. Unite with the Church of Humanity.
2. Subscribe for its publication.
3. Donate subscriptions to hundreds.
4. Order a large bundle of copies monthly for free distribution in your community.
5. Organize a branch C. O. H. in your neighborhood as soon as possible.
6. Keep sample copies to give to all you can.
7. Have the Motto painted, framed and hung in your homes and offices.
8. Send me any amount you wish used in this educational work.
9. Give to the Church of Humanity all the personal and finanical aid each month you desire the world to be benefited by you having lived.
10. Give to the Church of Humanity in your will what you wish it to use for you in teaching Kerr's Discoveries when you are dead.

Now all can help in one or more ways suggested. Select the ways you like best and help in those ways all the time. Write and tell me what I can depend on you doing.

If there is any wealthy philanthropist who wishes to do the entire race the most good for all time it exists please confer with me on how best to do it.

Some people believe that had they lived in the days of Galileo and other martyrs for scientific truths of nature they would have been heroes by standing up for truth and defending its discoverers and teachers. They now have such an opportunity in championing Kerr's Discoveries

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This issue will be 40,000 copies and some will be reserved for those who wish to make their subscriptions and bundle orders begin with this number in order to get all the lessons. Read the lesson on first page and then send me your orders for all you want. See rates on first page.

Those who wish lies taught give the teachers of the kind they want a "call." If you want truth taught you must give the teachers of the kind you want a call also.

Put up on the greatest scientific discoveries by sending $1 for 20 Popular Lecturers on Kerr's Discoveries.

Make out a list of neighbors you would like to send this little educator to, and with 5 cents each send to me and I will mail the paper to same for one year.

When Kerr's Discoveries become generally known the convents, nunneries and monasteries that now abound over all the world as monuments to the ignorance and insanity of man will crumble to ruins for no more will the children of men imprison themselves therein by foolish vows to myth gods.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit It to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and effectively spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

Put Up Mottoes of Truth in Your Homes Instead of Religious Ones.

On the title page you will find the admonition and motto I have framed and put up in my home. It is artistically painted in several colors on white card paper 9x27 inches. I can furnish them ready for framing, post paid, for a club of 100 subscribers to T. A. G & L. and $5 sent in at one time.

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"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
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LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

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A Bill That Kansas and All Other States Should Enact Into Law.

The most important bill submitted to the consideration of the Kansas legislature this term is one to prohibit the teaching of religion in the state educational institutions, which I wrote and sent the representative from this county, Mr. Fred Zutavern, who introduced it February 11, in the House by my request, and is as follows:

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House Bill No.—— By Zutavern of Barton.

(By Request of W. H. Kerr.)

An Act prohibiting the teaching of religion in the Public Schools of Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any textbook commission, board of education, superintendent of instruction, teacher or other school authorities to adopt any book to be used as a text book, song book or classic in any educational institution in Kansas, that is supported wholly or in part by public taxation, containing any article teaching the existence of gods, devils, souls, spirits, ghosts, angels, heaven, hell and the resurrection of the dead as facts in nature, and it shall be unlawful for the managers of said educational institutions to employ or allow any person to enter said educational institutions and teach by lectures or otherwise, the existence of such characters, places and condition, or to hold religious services therein, or to invite or to take the students therein to any church or other place for such teaching or service.

Sec. 2. It shall be a misdemeanor for any teacher in the public schools, high schools, colleges, university, or other educational institutions in Kansas, supported in whole or in part by public taxation, to read from the Bible, repeat prayers, sing religious hymns, or conduct any religious exercises or religious teaching whatever in said educational institutions, or to send the students to any church or other place to receive such teaching, or to read or require to be read extracts from any book teaching the existence of the characters and places mentioned in section 1 of this act; and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court."

A Plea to the Legislature and Governor to Make This Bill a Law.

To the members of the Legislature and Governor of Kansas. Gentlemen: I wish to write to each of you personally in favor of this bill and use this method of doing it.

I am the discoverer of the facts that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life and consciousness of each person ends forever at death. I founded the church of Humanity in which to enroll members as fast as they learn these discoveries to enable them to cooperate in spreading the knowledge of these truths, and obtained a charter from Kansas for it. Nearly every state is represented by members, but more from Kansas that any other. I founded and have been publishing "The Truth About God and Life" through which I have been teaching these truths for nearly ten years, and through the circulation of 40,000 copies each issue am trying to establish a chain of Truth Centers from ocean to ocean for the perpetual teaching of this knowledge.

In the teaching of this most important of all knowledge, because every child should know the nature of death and what will become of it then, we are dreadfully handicapped by the schools teaching our children religious superstitions for truths. We of the Church of Humanity teach our children these modern discoveries in the science of biology and want them to believe them as they do other truths and to regulate their thoughts and acts in harmony with this knowledge. But we are required by taxation to support the public schools and by compulsory laws send our children to them. There they are taught that gods devils, ghosts, angels, heaven, hell and immortality are facts in nature, and to love or fear these characters of fiction, and to worship the gods in prayer and hymns of praise, which is a survival of idolatry and heathenism of the ancients that should have no place in a modern school devoted to teaching modern scientific knowledge and building up characters for enlightened citizenship.

This bill does not ask nor require the state to teach these new scientific discoveries, although it should do so, but it is designed only to prohibit the state from teaching untruths on these vital subjects and thus confusing our children and leading them into idolatry and heathenism. I ask you to please pass this bill that we may have the protection guaranteed us by our state constitution wherein it says: "nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship" but which is denied us by a false decision of our supreme court. Most of the states have a similar protecting clause against the enforced attendance and support of any form of worship and their supreme courts have ruled that reading the bible, repeating prayers and singing religious hymns is religious instruction and worship, where test cases have been taken to them, thus prohibiting such exercises and teaching in their public schools.

The constitution of other states near us prohibit the use of public funds for the promotion of sectarian religion in their public schools.

Secton 5 of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of Oklahoma says:

"No public money or property shall ever be appropriated, applied, donated or used, directly or indirectly, for the use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination, or system of religion, or for the use, benefit, or support of any priest, preacher, minister, or other religious teacher or dignitary or sectarian institution as such."

This provision bars the teaching of religion in its educational institutions maintained by taxation.

Section 4 of the Bill of Rights in the Nebraska Constitution says among other things: "No person shall be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship against his consent, and no preference shall be given by law to any religious society, nor shall any interference with the rights of conscience be permitted," and Section 11 under "Education" it says: "No sectarian instruction shall be allowed in any school or institution supported in whole or in part by the public funds set apart for educational purposes." This bars religious teaching in the state educational institutions in Nebraska, and I have been informed its supreme court has so ruled.

Section 5 of the Bill of Rights in the constitution of Illinois says among other things: "No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship," and under "Education" it says: "Neither the general assembly nor any county, city town, township, school district or other public corporation shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any church or sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university or other literary or scientific institution, controled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant or donation of land, money or other personal property ever be made by the state or any such corporation to any church or for any sectarian purpose."

In 1910 in a case brought by the Catholic residents of Winchester, Illinois, to prevent daily religious exercises in the schools of that district the supreme court of the state rendered a decision in their favor. I reproduce it in part as reported in the Chicago Tribune of June 29, 1910, as I believe is sound reasoning in the main:

"The exercises mentioned." thecourt says, "constitute worship. They are the ordinary forms of worship usually practiced by Protestant Christian denominations. Their compulsory performance would be a violation of the constitutional guaranty of the free profession and worship. One does not enjoy the free exercise of religious worship who is compelled to join in any form of religious worship.

"If these exercises of reading the Bible, joining in prayer, and the singing of hymns were performed in a church, there would be no doubt of their religious character, and that character is not changed by the place of their performance. If the petition

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When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

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ers' children are required to join in the acts of worship, as alleged in the petition, against their consent, and they are deprived of the freedom of religious worship guaranteed to them by the constitution.

"The wrong arises, not out of the particular version of the Bible or form of prayer used, whether that found in the Douay or the King James version, or the particular songs sung, but out of the compulsion to join in any form of worship. The free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship

All Sects Equal In Law.

"It is not a question to be determined by a court in a country of religious freedom what religion or what sect is right. That is not a judicial question. All stand equal before the law—the Protestant, the Catholic, the Mohammedan and Jew; the Mormon, the Free Thinker, the atheist.

"Whatever may be the view of the majority of the people, the court has no right and the majority has no right to enforce that view upon the minority, however small. It is precisely for the protection of the minority that constitutional limitations exist. Majorities need no such protection; they can take care of themselves.

"The reading of the Bible in school is instruction. Religious instruction may not be the object of such reading, but whether it is so or not, religious instruction is accomplished by it. The Bible has its place in the school, if it is read there at all, as the living word of God, entitled to honor and reverence. Its words are entitled to be received as authoritive and final. The reading or hearing of such words cannot fail to impress deeply the pupils' minds. It is intended and ought to so impress them.

Instructed If They Hear.

"They cannot hear the scriptures read without being instructed as to the divinity of Jesus Christ, the trinity, the resurrection, baptism, predestination, a future state of punishments and rewards, the authority of the priesthood, the obligation and effect of the sacraments, and many other doctrines about which the sects do not agree.

"Granting that instruction on these subjects is desirable, yet the sects do not agree on what instruction shall be given. Any instruction on any one of the subjects is necessarily sectarian because, while it may be consistent with the doctrines of one or many of the sects, it will be inconsistent wth the doctrine of one or more of them.

"The petitioners are Catholics. They are compelled by law to contribute to the maintenance of this school and are compelled to send their children to it, and besides contributing to its maintenance to pay an additional expense of sending their children to another school. What right have the teachers of the school to teach those children religious doctrine different from that which they are taught by their parents. Why should the state compel them to unlearn the Lord's prayer as taught in their homes and by their church and use the Lord's prayer as taught by another sect?"

Comments on Decision by Prominent Chicago Educators.

"I think the question has been settled in the same way by the Supreme courts of other states," said President Alfred R. Urion, of the Chicago board of education. "It is a delicate question, but the school authorities of Chicago long have taken the stand that the public schools are not for religious teaching but for the education of the children of all nationalities and of all religious beliefs. As a matter of public policy and for the highest development of our public schools I believe they should steer clear of creeds and sectarian teaching. That is the only way dissension can be avoided and the schools be made to accomplish their highest mission."

Mrs. Elsa Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, expressed a similar opinion.

"I believe that moral training and the teaching of the fundamental principles of truth, honesty, right living in private and civic life, and common humanity have an important place in the public schools," she declared. "But the teaching of anything that might be construed as sectarian is liable to jeopardize the main mission of the public schools—education for all."

Kansas Constitution on the Subject.

Section 7 of the Bill of Rights:

"The right to worship God, according to the dictates of conscience, shall never be infringed; nor shall any person be compelled to attend or support any form of worship; nor shall any control of, or interference with the rights of conscience be permitted, nor any preference be given by law to any religious establishment or mode of worship. No religious test or property qualification shall be required for any office of public trust, nor for any vote at any election; nor shall any person be incompetent to testify on account of religious belief."

The provisions of this constitution are practically the same as that of Illinois on which the supreme court based its decision to exclude religion from its public schools. But our supreme court gave a false decision on it in order to annul its provisions by deciding that the usual religious exercises in our schools are not forms of worship. This bill is to correct that decision, and to give us the protection the constitution designed us to have. We of the Church of Humanity have our rights violated every time religious exercises are held in buildings we are taxed to build and maintain and by teachers we are taxed to pay, and our conscience is violated every time our children are forced to attend religious services that we know to be only idolatry of gods of fiction, and religious teaching that we know to be untrue to nature.

One class of people who will oppose this bill is that large class who say that if I am teaching the truth then they do not want to know it and will not try to learn it and would not let anyone know if they did and do not want their children to learn it. Now we are not asking in this bill the right to force this knowledge on them through the schools, but we are asking you to make this bill a law to protect us from such people and would-be hypocrites enforcing their ignorance on us and our children by state power operating through our public school system.

We have now in Kansas practically a union of religion and state in its worst and most dangerous form wherein religion uses state power to collect taxes from all the people to provide buildings, books and teachers for it, and then force the children of all to attend the religious exercises, instruction and training through the years when the trend of their thoughts and actions are being formed for life. If this bill is made a law it will divorce this unhappy and vicious union of state and religion in so far as our public schools are concerned and make them the crowning pride of Kansas and the loved institution of all its citizens.

W. H. KERR,
President Church of Humanity.

Make a Bequest to the Church of Humanity in Your Will.

Some people may have property they wish to bequeath to the Church of Humanity to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology when done with it, and they can use the following form in their will in doing so.

To the Church of Humanity: I bequeath the sum of $.....to be used in teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Biology, and name W. H. Kerr of Great Bend, Kansas, as my executor in this matter.

Twelve different numbers of this little educator for only five cents. At that price most any one can pay for the education of 100 of his neighbors in these truths we teach. Most men could educate in this way from 1,000 to 50,000 of their fellow citizens in Kerr's Discoveries.

Back numbers of the T. A. G. & L. furnished at one cent each. Some very convincing lessons in them that those seeking the truth about God and Life should read.

A Sermon on Sermons.

The following texts were recently used by Great Bend preachers to base their sermons on. I shall number them and give the sect, and number the remarks on them to correspond.

Christian.

1. The old faith for the new year.
2. The irreparable past.
3. The New Testament Church, its offering.
4. The nature and extent of Adam's sin.
5. The New Testament Church at work.
6. Prayer.
7. The revelation of God.

Presbyterian.

8. Our guide.
9. This year also.
10. The life worth living.
11. Is the old gospel worn out?
12. Why God loves man.
13. Christ and the common people.
14. Heart and Hand.
15. Can an intelligent man be a Christian?

Congregational.

16. The lost world.
17. The law of growth.
18. The sin of gossip.
19. The secret of efficiency.
20. Shall we keep Lent?
21. How to keep well.

Remarks: 1. There should be no old religious faiths carried over in our minds into the new year. What all should have in their minds to supplant it in the new year is the newly discovered scientific truths of biology that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death. The old faith that gods and devils, spirits and souls, imps and angels, rewards and punishments, heaven and hell, resurrection and immortality are realities in nature should be abandoned forever and Kerr's Discoveries substituted for them. Those religious assertions are lies on nature that originated in the minds of ancient, ignorant Asiatic barbarians and should have no place in the minds of modern people except as interesting fables of the childhood of our race, and their curious reasonings and imaginations about the world they lived in but knew Little about. All religion should be allowed to perish and be forgotten except what can be stored as samples and mementoes in museums for future reference and proof that our race has passed through that horrible state of insanity, and as a warning to never enter it again to repeat that horrible nightmare. The knowledge of the discoveries in the nature of death and what becomes of people then and of the non-existence of gods and souls should be learned by all as the most important knowledge to know, and the old faith in religious lies on nature discarded forever

2. The only way for all churches to repair their past wherein they tortured and murdered the scientists who discovered and taught truths of nature that disproved religious lies, in so far as it can now be done, is to learn, accept and teach Kerr's Discoveries and aid in unheathenizing the people by freeing them from idolatory of heathen gods and belief in those lies on nature they taught them. I call on all good people to encourage any church that will repent of its past sins against humanity

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and try to make amends by now teaching the truth.

3. The New Testament Church has nothing to offer the people except a new job lot of lies on nature that is no improvement over the lies in the Old Testament. The Christ of the New Testament, who is the son of a god, made nature obey his commands, arose from death and went bodily straight up to heaven is purely a character of fiction. The Jesus of the New Testament, if a real character at all, was a poor, ignorant, religious fanatic like some we have these days and would have been nothing more than they will be two thousand years hence had he lived in this age in which he could have been sent to an asylum instead of execution for playing god, lashing moneychangers, etc. None but the foolish would believe anyone now living who would claim to be a son of a god, and the time will come when those believing Jesus was will be considered foolish.

4. As Adam is purely an imaginary character his sins are also. Therefore it is immaterial what their nature and extent are.

5. The New Testament church is at work heathenizing the people, something it should be ashamed of, instead of civilizing and enlightening them on scientific truths by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries, something to be proud of

6. Prayer is the insignia of idolatry of idol gods the world over, the badge of heathenism, the token of ignorance by which we know those who have not learned the truth about God and Life. It is heard in societies, schools, colleges and universities the world over, in armies and navies, in legislatures, congresses and parliaments, in the households of kings, emporers and presidents which indicate the prodigious amount of educational work to be done in teaching Kerr's Discoveries before the human race can be weaned from its childhood superstitions and enter into the age of a civilized and enlightened race of beings.

7. The revelation of god is produced in the same way as that of Mark Twain's Captain Stromfield—by the imagination of the author, and no one should believe a word of any revelation from a god any more than they believe Captain Stromfield's account of his trip to heaven and what he heard and saw there. Learn to distinguish between real and fictitious characters, then you will not get so tangled up in the confusion of your own ideas that you can't tell the impossible from the possible.

8. Our guide in learning the truths of nature should be our own experience, observation and investigation into nature's phenomena submitted to our own five natural senses for approval under the direction of correct reasoning that is absolutely free from the influence of false teaching. Where we have not the ability nor opportunity to make original discoveries in the physical sciences we must be guided by those who have and who follow the above course.

9. This year also should be one in which those who have not learned Kerr's Discoveries should try to learn them, and as they do so discard with joy their old false ideas concerning god and life as they would any other false idea for truth. And those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries should resolve to do more to aid in making them known in this year than ever before. These discoveries will not be allowed an advocate in society, schools and parliaments until thousands of people learn them and want them taught everywhere.

10. The life worth living is that in which we devote our talents, time and wealth to bettering conditions and enlightening our race along the lines of improvements that will make the world a better place for ourselves and posterity to live in.

11. If the old gospel is not worn out it should be, and so should any new gospels that teach religious lies on nature. In their place should be taught the plain naked truths of Kerr's Discoveries until the people are no longer shocked at their nakedness and simplicity, but will receive them with gladness and enthrone them in their minds as body-guards for the intellect to repel all religious lies that happen along and want lodging.

12. God loves man for the same reason the devil hates man—because they are both characters of fiction. Their creators made them the same as any novel writer produces his subjects and assigns their characters to them. They are full brothers because they have the same parents, and neither should be loved nor hated because they can not help the role their creators assigned them.

13. Christ and the common people will part company when the people learn Kerr's Discoveries the same as children and Santa Claus do when they learn he is a myth.

14. The "heart and hand" is here probably used as a figure of speech to mean intellect and action, and to advocate harmony between them. To this I would subscribe because I deplore the hypocrisy of contradiction between them that results in a man professing to know Kerr's Discoveries while at the same time teaching, supporting and defending religious lies on nature under the excuse that it is more popular to do so. I deplore that contradiction between actions and pretended beliefs that enables one to teach religious lies on Sunday in the church and Sunday school and then teach those scientific truths that flatly contradict them in the public schools five days in the week. I deplore that hypocrisy and indifference to truth that enables one to teach religious lies and the truths of nature that disproves them in the same school and class at the same hour for truths

15. To be an up-to-date intelligent man on the subjects of god and life he must know Kerr's Discoveries to be true to nature and no one can possibly know that and be a Christian or a believer in any other religion.

16. The lost world may refer to the Garden of Eden fable, the flood fable or to those who do not worship the Christians' idols. However that may be it is now seen by the light of Kerr's Discoveries that our entire race has been lost in the jungle of religious lies on nature from time immemorial. But by the light of those discoveries all may now find their way out into the beautiful open field of knowledge on those perplexing questions.

17. The law of growth in the knowledge of nature is well illustrated in the processes of each one's mind in its transition from idolatry to a conscious knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries. The power of organized ignorance is exerted in every possible way as a handicap to retard and prohibit the growth of knowledge in these most important of all subjects.

18. Gossiping is no sin at all in the old meaning of offending a god, neither is any other act, since it is discovered that there is no real god to be offended at anything people do. It is recognized as a crime to spread malicious untruths about people to injure their character, but those little compliments that can be said about most anyone is to be commended for their influence in making people good citizens

19. The secret of efficiency in the progress of learning the truth about god and life is to subscribe for this little educator and diligently and continuously study the proof it gives of Kerr's Discoveries until you learn them, and then discard all your religious superstitions forever and join the C. O H. to aid it in making these great discoveries known to others.

20. The question: "Shall we keep Lent?" perhaps refers to the custom of some sects fasting in commemoration of the fable about the exploits of a god, and should be answered in the negative unless you are broke and can't get a hand out. Every custom distinctively religious should be discontinued as fast as possible to let the people forget them in their upward climb to enlightenment.

21. How to keep well in body and mind is very important to know. The geatest affliction of the mind is religious insanity that makes one believe all manner of lies on nature such as the existance of gods, devils, souls, spirits, angels, ghosts,, heaven, hell and reanimation of dead people. instead of employing preachers to plant and cultivate this insanity in their minds the people should employ those able to cure it by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

You will notice that none of these twenty-one texts were taken from the Bible as preachers used to do. They now try to select popular subjects for texts as drawing cards to get people to attend. Then they can be stuffed with religious lies and be given an exercise in the idolatry of heathen gods. I did not attend one of these sermons because I know that the preachers, believing in religious superstitions, are unable to deal with any subject from the right viewpoint. When they learn Kerr's Discoveries they will be able to speak on subjects from the right and true perspective and then I shall gladly go to hear them whenever I can and chip in liberally on their salaries. But until they do that they can pass me by when taking up collections for their support or for their church, and I would advise all people to follow this course until they force the preachers to learn and teach the truth, and all church corporations to employ truth teachers instead of liars on nature.

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1. You shall study and learn the evidences that prove Kerr's Discoveries true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death and do all you can to induce others to do likewise.

2. You shall join the Church of Humanity or some other society teaching these discoveries and aid it personally and financially in spreading the knowledge of them and in founding societies and educational institutions to perpetuate that knowledge, and do all you can to induce others to do the same.

3. You shall not pray to nor ask anything whatever of God, Christ, Holy Mary, saints, angels, souls, spirits, ghosts, nor any other gods or imagined unseen being whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

4. You shall not speak, write, sing nor play on any musical or other instrument any words expressing worship, thanks, praise, love, fear, hatred or other emotion or sentiment indicating that you believe in the existence of any of the characters mentioned in the third commandment, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

5. You shall not give any money, service nor other aid to any person, persons, church. Sunday school, club or society whatever to aid them in the teaching, promotion and perpetuation of Christianity or any other religion whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

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A Word to the Cities on the Object of Distributing This Little Educa tor in Them.

I am having 50000 copies of each issue of this little educator distributed in a chain of cities reaching from ocean to ocean with the object of establishing a trans-continental chain of Truth Centers in which the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries can be established and taught perpetually by their own citizens. The papere will be distributed by the regularly licensed billposters and distributors with instructions to serve the business and professional men so far as they go in each city. I have selected mostly large cities with over 100,000 population. It is thus seen that only a small per cent can be served with 1,000 copies. There should be that many copies distributed in each city for every 5,000 of its population to give all a chance to learn these new discoverles in the science of biology that all should know. I ask all those who get copies to please aid their city to a larger distribution by ordering as many more copies for distribution as they possibly can to be added to the bundle for their city. The rate is 60 cents a hundred copies for printing, mailing and distributing in your city. For every 60 cents you contribute monthly 100 people in your city can be taught Kerr's Discoveries. Many of you who read this copy could well afford to give this education to several thousand of your fellow citizens until enough learn these newly discovered truths to organize a large society and employ a resident teacher for your city. I would like to see a keen rivalry between these cities for the honor of giving the largest orders for this little educator, and being the first to establish a Truth Center.

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The clergy may excuse themselves on the ground that they are filling a demand in doing what their employers want done and that if they do not accept the position others will. But that excuse is not tenable in the face of a growing demand for laws to punish procurers of recruits for white slavery, supplying the demand for intoxicating liquors, narcotics, tobacco and other vices that children should not be taught to indulge in. Then why not have laws providing punishments for those who teach children the vice of idolatry of gods? Even parents have no legal right to teach their children other vices. Then why not make it illegal for them to teach their children the vice of idolatry which is much worse than most of the other vices? The Turko-Balcan war now (Feb. 7) renewed is a most horrible conflict between different sects over idolatry which proves that vice to be the worst one man has.

Owing to Kerr's Discoveries the march of civilization to higher planes of knowledge and enlightenment has squarely reversed itself in the matter of religion. Instead of leading each succeeding generation into the worship of gods through teaching them religious lies on nature they must now be led from it and made immune to it through teaching them Kerr's Discoveries. Some apologists for the clergy may claim that such a radical change would throw hundreds of thousands of them out of employment. But excuses can not have a moments consideration when their occupation is seen to be antagonistic to the general welfare of the people. The teachers of the means of health, peace and arbitration cannot consider the doctors, lawyers and soldiers they throw out of jobs thereby. So the clergy must be informed that they must accept the fate of others who have been discarded along the pathway of progress for the betterment of our race. Those of them who are wise will learn Kerr's Discoveries and begin teaching them and thus again become the standard bearer in the vanguard of the advanced civilization as did the wise coach drivers on the plains when superceded by the railroads who learned to be firemen, engineers and conductors on them. Then let us bid good bye to the clergy forever with no regrets, and never again give them employment as procurers of people for the vice of idolatry, but let us at the same time extend an invitation to them to learn Kerr's Discoveries and accept employment as teachers of them.

Help the Greatest Educational Work Ever Undertaken.

The greatest educational work ever undertaken is the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries by the Church of Humanity. As soon as anyone learns these geat modern discoveries he or she should begin to aid in the work. Here are some of the most important ways of helping.

1. Unite with the Church of Humanity.

2. Subscribe for its publication.

3. Donate subscriptions to hundreds.

4. Order a large bundle of copies monthly for free distribution in your community.

5. Organize a branch C. O. H. in your neighborhood as soon as possible.

6. Keep sample copies to give to all you can.

7. Have the Motto painted, framed and hung in your homes and offices.

8. Send me any amount you wish used in this educational work.

9. Give to thhe Church of Humanity all the personal and financial aid each month you desire the world to be benefited by you having lived.

10. Give to the Church of Humanity in your will what you wish it to use for you in teaching Kerr's Discoveries when you are dead.

Now all can help in one or more ways suggested. Select the ways you like best and help in those ways all the time. Write and tell me what I can depend on you doing.

The Truth About God and Life

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These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching them.

(A Motto for Homes, Schools and Offices)

Remember These Truths:

"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalenable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

Lessons in How to Find Proof of Kerr's Discoveries in the Daily Newspapers. No. 2.

In the study of Kerr's Discoveries the student will be aided greatly if he will remember these primary facts. some of which are selfevident:

1. No immaterial being exists in nature. To be a being at all it must have at least some of the characteristics of substance such as form, texture, size, weight and that requires material. Therefore all beings supposed to exist such as gods, souls, spirits, etc., without a material organism are necessarily only imaginary, fabulous, fictitious, non-existent.

2. Mind can not exist apart from organized substance in animate form having suitable organs to produce it. There can be no infinite mind because like seeing, feeling and our other senses it can not exist apart from the organs of substance that produce it. and as such organs are finite all their functions must of necessity be finite. Planets, suns and the universe as a whole, no matter how large it may be. have no mind, seeing, feeling, hearing, smelling or tasting, because they have no organs to generate these manifestations of animate substance. Those aggregations of substance have no life, consciousness nor intelligence. Hence they do not act with intelligence nor from any intelligence acting on or in them as a directing force, energy , soul or spirit. Therefore pantheism, monism and other cults that asscribe intelligence to the atoms, the universe and to cosmic bodies are like religions based on lies on nature.

3 Since all beings must necessarily be composed of substance it follows that all are subject to recognition that come within the range of one or more of our five physical senses re-inforced by powerful instruments. But should there yet be discovered beings smaller than the smallest and larger than the largest now known, they would be composed of substance and would not be gods, souls nor spirits. Therefore the discovery of those characters that other scientists are hunting for can never be made for the single reason that they do not exist. And right here I wish to say to all scientists that they need not fool away their time any more searching for such characters in nature. They only exist in books as characters of fiction produced by the imagination of ancient ignoramuses, or by lying scoundrels to scare barbarians into obeying their commands. But these characters can have no place as realities in the minds of enlightened people of this age. If you believe them to be realities, no matter how high your station in life, you can know that you are not enlightened in the latest modern knowledge on these subjects.

4. You have the physical, objective proof of Kerr's Discoveries before you all the time but you must learn what that proof is and how to recognize it and apply it. The different classes of that proof may be enumerated for convenience as:

(A) Evidence of Your Five Senses. Beings that actually exist you can sense their existence or some evidence of it by one or more of your sense organs. As none can sense gods and souls or any manifestations of their existence it is sure proof of their non-existence. From necessity they would have to be composed of substance and be within range of all of your sense organs. Above all other sources of evidence one should believe the evidence of his own senses.

(b) The Incommunicability of Gods and Souls. Did gods and souls exist they would be more anxious for the people to know them than the people are and they would necessarily have the power to make themselves known to all people through their senses of seeing, feeling and hearing at least. As no such beings manifest themselves to us it is sure proof that no such beings exist in reality.

(c) The World's Experience, Learned Through Newspapers. With the advent of the newspapers, the telegraph and world news agencies we have the experience of the entire human race to reinforce that of our own in the proof of the non-existence of gods and souls. Through this source of world information we learn that no human beings get evidence of the existence of gods and souls through their natural senses and that no gods nor souls manifest themselves to anyone. This is world-wide and age-long proof of Kerr's Discoveries. But there are some who insist that God walks and talks with them daily and that they consult him on all matters and follow his advice. As none of their family or neighbors see or hear this imagined god and as such people usually make the greatest financial and moral mistakes it is clearly seen that they have an overworked imagination that mistakes their own thoughts and ideas to be those of a god. There are some people who even believe they are gods or sons of gods. One Jesus is reported to have made such a claim, and what happened to him proved his claim false. Others have written what are claimed to be revelations from a god. Moses, John and Mohammed are conspicuous examples . But as they contradicted each other and all have been proven utterly false by modern scientific research it is seen that they also were drawing on their profilic imaginations for their revelations.

(d) Universal Proof In Nature. To know conditions as they are and contrast them with conditions as they would be were God and souls realities in nature it is easily comprehended that God and souls are not realities.

Did a god existed there would be no deaths and dissolution in the universe since there could be no object in creating things only to be uncreated through death and dissolution. There can be no intelligence of any kind manifested in the formation of worlds and systems of worlds only to be distroyed in the course of time and be followed by reconstruction in no better form, and this process to be repeated throughout eternity. Likewise there can be no intelligence of any kind manifested in the production of millions of vegetable and animal species of organisms only to be destroyed forever through death and decomposition. A god would create only those things that would last unchanged forever for he would know what he wanted and what he would want forever and how to create them to remain unchangeable. If he wanted variety he would create a variety of unchangeable objects and not make it necessary for them to die and be disolved to get material for new objects of the same or different kinds. He would create only what he wanted and make the destruction of them impossible. That no form of substance from the single cell to nebula is permanent is sure proof that they were not created by a god and that no real god exists.

(e) Daily Proof In News Items. Every death of anything is a sure proof that it was not created by a god since if it was he would have made it impossible of destruction. In the accidents, diseases, wars and elements resulting in human destruction it is clearly seen that those organisms have no protector such as a god would be, did one exist who created them and cared for them. In the destruction of all our race that lived more than 150 years ago and in all that now live in less than 150 years we should see clearly that no god exists to care for us, or any member of the race. Of the trillions of people who lived and perished not a soul reported to the living about how their "house of clay" was desroyed and what their present condition and prospects are. That is sure proof there is no such thing as souls, and that no life or consciousness survives death. The newspapers report every day the murder of people but give no mention of a god preventing any or of souls reporting the case to relatives or officers. That is physical and demonstrated proof that no god nor soul exists in reality. Reports of people being burned to death, drowned in floods, killed by cyclones, struck by lightning, perishing in earthquakes, destroyed by plagues, famines, wars and hundreds of different kinds of diseases and accidents are placed before the reading public daily by the daily newspapers but not one case is mentioned where a god appeared to prevent an accident or calamity that a real god could easily have prevented, and not a soul reported the news to the living th ough their dearest relatives and friends were praying for information regarding them and in some cases offering

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big rewards for it. All these cases are objective and physical demonstrations that they are only imaginary characters that modern people should be ashamed to let it be known they belief really exists. It is a mark of heathenism they should be ashamed of. It is an index of their metal stupidity, ignorance and low intellectual abilities in this line of enlightenment.

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All who object to having anything to do with alien and foreign imported ideas and customs should remember that Christianity is a foreign importation of lies on nature and have nothing to do with it. It is of Asiatic origin and was brought to this continent in the minds of our ignorant and idolatrous ancestors.

Membership Application.

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Name .....

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Reviewing "The Monist Church."

Recently a copy of "A Handbook on the Philosophy and Principles of the Monist Church" was sent me, presumably by one of its officials. I find on reading it many principles, objects and methods that I am in full accord and harmony with. However, on fundamentals the C. O. H. and theM. C. are not in accord. It has not learned Kerr's Discoveries and consequently does not teach them, which I consider of first importance in all churches as well as in all schools because the people cannot know the truth about God and life until these discoveries are taught them. And from necessity they must learn these discoveries before they can cease believing and teaching religious untruths on nature.

The Monist Church began its organized existence on January first, 1913, with ten members, four of whom live in Springfield, Illinois, and are its officers.

Among its principles are these statements:

"This Church will concern itself only with problems of earthly life, and make no utterance concerning any other."

Remarks: They forget that the true nature of God, souls and death and what becomes of people then are the greatest problems of earthly life and must be taught so all will know it in this world and life. The M. C misses what should be its primary object—the teaching of that knowledge. But as the M. C. does not know it, it cannot teach it. The M. C. must learn this knowledge from the C. O. H. and teach it before it can fulfill its mission.

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Remarks: Those facts are now finally determined by investigation on the field of science and are taught under the name of Kerr's Discoveries. It is for the M. C. to learn them from the C. O. H.

"Instead of dogmatizing concerning the possibility or conditions of a future life, the Monist Church refers all such questions to the domain of natural law and scientific investigation, and seeks rather to teach men how to get the best out of this present life for all Dogmas and Creeds and supperstitions concerning any future life have no place in its work and teachings. It will substitute naturalism for supernaturalism, rationalism for irrationalism.

"It will look to nature and science for its teachings and knowledge, and not to professed and assumed revelations."

Remarks: All of which is very good so for as it goes. But when any church or society concludes to cease teaching lies on nature it is not then doing half its duty. Its full duty is to teach the truths that are to supplant the lies in the people's minds. The C. O. H. has the truths the M. C. is looking for and will be glad to supply it. Monism is recognized as "the religion of nature" by the M. C. which indicates its false foundation like other religions since were it based on facts it would not be a religion at all. There is no religion in scientific knowledge. The Monist imagines a god in substance and names him "Force," Spirit," "Energy,'" Etc., and calls him an intramundane God in distinction from the extratmundane God of theism. The M. C. says: "Matter and Force are indistructible. "Having 'no end,' they had 'no begining'. If you need a God, find Him in the eternity and unity of those principles.

"God is only the corelation of Force and Matter". The M. C. evidently leanred its religion from such mistaken scientists as Goethe, Buchner, Haeckel and many others who tried to harmonize their religious superstitions with their scientific knowledge in the religion of Monism. But the result of any such a compromise is always an untruth. On page 20 of "The Riddle the Universe" Haeckel defines Monism thus: "1 Pure Monism is identical neither with theoretical materialism that denies the existence of spirit and disolves the world into a heap of dead atoms, nor with the theoretical spiritualism (lately entitled 'energetic' spiritualism by Ostwald) which rejects the notion of matter, and considers the world to be a specially arranged group of 'energies' or immaterial natural forces

"II On the contrary, we hold, with Goethe, that 'matter cannot exist and be operative without spirit, nor spirit without matter'. We adhere firmly to the pure, unequivocal monism of Spinoza: Matter, or infinitely extended substance, and spirit (or energy), or sensative and thinking substance, are the two fundamental attributes or principal properties of the allembracing divine essence of the world, the universal substance."

On page 288 Haeckel further defines monism under pantheism: "There is always this fundamental contradiction between them, that in theism God is opposed to nature as an extramundane being, as creating and sustaining the world, and acting upon it from without, while in pantheism God, as an intrabundane being, is everywhere identical with nature itself, and is operating within the world as 'force' or 'energy'. The latter view alone is compatible with our supreme law—the law of substance. It follows necessarily that pantheism is the world's system of the modern scientist."

All of which I positively reject as being untrue to nature. I am a more modern scientist than Haeckel or any he had reference to at that time. It was written while he was a member of an evangelical church and in effort to compromise religion and science. Since then he has united with the Church of Humanity and resigned his membership in the other church. I sincerely hope he has also reconsidered and rejected this monistic theory of his. For there is certainly no intramundane god nor spirit in substance. The pantheistic and monistic theories of a god, soul or spirit in substance is as untrue as the theistic theory of an extramunane god, soul and spirit. Substance needs no such beings to make it do as it does. It produces all phenomena it does by the uninteligent properties of its elements in various states and temperatures acting and reacting upon each other throughout eternity. There can be no cosmic or primal mind in substance, nor such things as immaterial beings. Life, thought, mind intelligence, consciousness can only be generated as seeing, feeling and other senses are by organized substance in animate forms. And all these manifestations cease forever in each organism when its life ceases. The M. C. should learn and teach these latest and most important scientific discoveries.

Instructions to C. O. H. Secretaries.

Comrades: 1. Please notify me on receipt of the copies sent you for distribution.

2. Please distribute them as soon after received as you possibly can at the homes and offices in your city, omitting any who notify you to do so. Make the distribution in a quiet and business like way as regular distributers do, refusing to quarrel with any over any matter connected with this teaching or distribution.

3. If you have not copies enough to go around please distribute them in regular order from month to month until you serve all the city or until you find out what sections of your city you get the best returns in membership applications and subs for the paper. Then confine the distribution to those sections.

4. Receive all applications for membership and subscriptions offered you and send same to me.

5. When you have five or more members of the C. O. H. in your city you may organize them into a local C. O. H. if they wish to be organized. I will mail you blanks for the purpose when desired.

6. Write me occasionally of your success, and of any information or suggestions you wish to give me. Correspond with your fellow secretaries in other cities and help each in your work with any good methods you learn. I wish to build up a strong force of secretaries to co-operate with me in this educational work by doing all the distributing and to constitute the Educational Army of the C. O. H. To this end I ask any who learn Kerr's Discoveries to join the C. O. H. and enlist as its secretary in any city or town where we have none and send me an order for the number of copies wanted. I would like to have fifty or sixty secretaries to list in next issue and hope all the members who possibly can will join this list of secretaries. The following are C. O. H. secretaries:

1. Will Elsey, Box 189, Memphis, Tenn., 2,000 copies.

2. Allen Colburn, 25 Crown St. Worcester, Mass. 1,000 copies.

3. A. E. Shape, 815 Island Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 2,000 copies.

The father who thinks enough of his family to provide food, shelter and raiment for them should remember that there is yet another duty he owes his family—providing puremental food for them and a society to administer it. He should not leave them to be supplied with this necessity by churches whose mental food is adulterated with 99 per cent lies. He should aid in building up a local C. O. H. where his family can get their mental food guaranteed to be 100 per cent truth.

The Methods and Program of the C. O. H. In Its Propaganda Work.

The scientific discoveries of the facts in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that the life and consciousness of each person ends forever at death is named "Kerr's Discoveries" to specialize and distinguish them from other truths, and to simplify their teaching by name instead of having to write or tell them in full each time they are referred to. I wish also to take full responsibility and credit for these discoveries so that I may receive all the criticisms any may think is due the discoverer of these facts in nature in order to shield from it those who learn them and join the C. O. H. to aid in the spread and perpetuation of the knowledge of these modern discoveries.

Owing to the supreme importance of these discoveries being taught to the people I recognize that those who know them must provide the teaching of them to those who do not free of cost to them. Then as people learn them an ever increasing number will be prepared to aid in the teaching and organization work. This will be our method of teaching them: 1. At my own expense I shall have printed 50-000 copies of this little educator each issue.

2. I shall give from 250 to 2,000 copies of each issue free to one member of the C. O. H. in each city to distribute free at the people's homes, such distributers to be advertised as secretaries of the C. O. H. And I ask our members everywhere to volunteer in this co-operative work with me to give this teaching free to their fellow citizens.

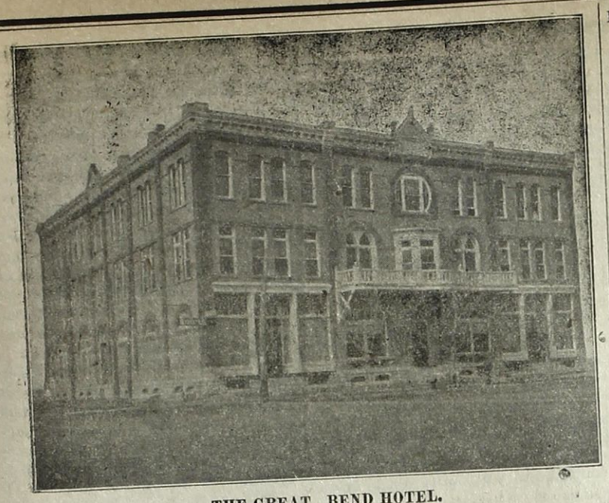
3. As fast as people learn Kerr's Discoveries I ask them to please apply to our secretaries or to me direct for membership in the C. O. H. They will be enrolled and certificates furnished free, and there are no dues to pay

4. When there are five or more members in a city they can organize a branch C. O. H. if they wish and I will send them a free charter for such on application. I also have organization blanks for charter applications to furnish free when asked for.

5. As locals are organized they will elect their secretary for this distributing work. Then they can divide up the work among themselves, provide means to enlarge it by the purchase and distribution of more literature and provide for lecture courses teaching Kerr's Discoveries when enough locals are organized.

This will be our co-operative educational plans and I ask every member to join with me in them. Send me word by return mail that you will volunteer to be secretary of the C. O. H. in your city and tell methe number of copies you will distribute of each issue. Don't ask for less than 250 nor more than 2,000 copies. See instructions elsewhere to C. O. H. secretaries.

The man who fears he would lose votes if he ever ran for office and it was known he had learned Kerr's Discoveries forgets that the highest office is to be a civilized man and to raise a civilized family, and he can't hold that office without letting it be known he has learned those discoveries and aids in teaching them.



THE GREAT BEND HOTEL.

This fine brick building, 84x92 feet, three stories and basement containing 75 rooms was purchased by me several years ago with the object of donating it to our society for a C. O. H. college to educate teaches in Kerr's Discoveries for our church when enough are organized to create a demand for them. If our members and sympathizers everywhere will join our Educational Army as C. O. H. secretaries to distribute all the church papers I can furnish them and will secure more members and organize churches in scores of places they can soon create a demand for local teaches that will require a special training college to prepare them in the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries for such duties. This building is admirably adapted in its construction and arrangements for such a college. There is ample room to house and teach 100 students in the building alone. There are 57 large bedrooms on the two upper floors that would accommodate two students each for sleeping and study rooms. The large kitchen and dining rooms on first floor are ample to board them and the four large sample rooms on same floor would be fine recitation and assembly rooms. In the basement are suitable gymnasium and laundry rooms and also rooms suitable for a publishing plant for our paper and other literature. A better building for our C. O. H. college could hardly be found. It could not be duplicated now for $50,000. It is the grand prize that each and every member of the C. O. H. should strive for with all his energies. None can save their own posterity from the heathenism of idolatry except through established societies to teach Kerr's Discoveries. And the teachers for such societies must necessarily have a special education in that knowledge and that is not possible without a special college devoted exclusively to that teaching and the training of such teachers. I shall be glad to give the C. O. H. a free and clear title to this magnificient building for a college if the members will create the demand for it by organizing enough churches strong enough numerically to repuire the services of qualified teaches of Kerr's Discoveries. Then they will want to send their bright young members to such a college to prepare themselves to fill such positions.

The C. O. H. members can have the free use of as much of the building as they need any time they are ready to begin its occupation for such purposes and I will give a bond for a deed to a C. O. H. board of trustees as soon as the college is firmly established.

While waiting for the C. O. H. members to win this prize I would correspond with reliable and experienced hotel people regarding the leasing of it for hotel purposes until it is needed for a C. O. H. College.

The Charge of Dogmatism Not Applicable To Teachers of Kerr's Discoveries.

In teaching Kerr's Discoveries I have been charged by some of being dogmatic. That is a false accusation by those who disbelieve these discoveries to bring their teachers into disrepute. Dogmatism is not applicable to those who teach discovered facts in nature in the affirmative form. Such truths can be taught in no other way and only those who disbelieve them consider that method dogmatic.

Domatism is defined by dictionaries to be an affirmative teaching for facts what are only speculative opinions, thories, belief, faith, etc., but is not applicable to affirmative teaching of discovered and provable facts as in the case of Kerr's Discoveries. Webster defines dogma as: 1. "That which is held as an opinion; a tenet; a doctrin. 2. A formally stated and authoratively settled doctrine; a definite, established and authorative tenet. 3. A doctrinal notion asserted without regard to evidence or truth; an arbitrary dictum."

You see all these definitions of a dogma refered to mere opinions, doctrines, tenets etc., but not to discovered facts. As I am not teaching anything defined as a dogma I cannot be dogmatic, neither can any who teach Kerr's Discoveries if they base their knowledge of them on the proof of them in nature as I do. The mission of the Church of Humanity is to teach people how to observe and recognize the daily evidence of Kerr's Discoveries in nature. Not anyone's opinion. It is also claimed by some of my detractors that other scientists knew the same truths I am teaching but they were too modest to claim their discovery. That is because they did not really know these truths. They held them only as theories, beliefs, opinions and doctrins, not as discovered facts. Therefore they could not and did not tech them as discovered truths of nature. To have done so while holding them as mere theories would have been dogmatism under Webster's definition.

How To Help In Our Educational Army Secretly.

A merchant in an eastern city wrote me recently that he would be glad to aid the C. O. H. in its educational work but that he was afraid of a boycot in business if it became known among his customers. Now I deeply deplore a condition of affairs wherein anyone is forced through circumstances to pretend to be a heathen idolater to make a living. I consider it the lowest, meanest, most degrading type of hypocrisy imaginable. For my part I certainly would not stay in a business nor a community where I was forced to be a mental prostitute to make a living. I am doing a thousand times more than anyone else in this educational work and none are boycoting me or my family in any way to my knowledge. From my own experience I believe the fear of ostracism and boycot of anyone for aiding in teaching Kerr's Discoveries is groundless if one does it in the right way. Only about one in a thousand is foolish enough to publicly criticise a person for teaching these discoveries and when no attention is paid to him he soon gives it up. However since some have this fear of public opinion should they aid in this educational work openly there are several ways to aid it secretly. One way is to just send me a draft for $1,000,000 or less with instructions how you want it used in the work, omitting your name and address. Then no one except yourself will know it. Another good way is to take over to yourself the education of one or more cities by sending me $6 a month for every 5,000 of the population and I will have 1,000 papers distributed in them for each $6 sent me. At your request I would not mention your name.

Help the Greatest Educational Work Ever Undertaken.

The greatest educational work ever undertaken is the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries by the Church of Humanity. As soon as anyone learns these geat modern discoveries he or she should begin to aid in the work. Here are some of the most important ways of helping.

1. Unite with the Church of Humanity.
2. Subscribe for its publication.
3. Donate subscriptions to hundreds.
4. Order a large bundle of copies monthly for free distribution in your community.
5. Organize a branch C. O. H. in your neighborhood as soon as possible.
6. Keep sample copies to give to all you can.
7. Have the Motto painted, framed and hung in your homes and offices.
8. Send me any amount you wish used in this educational work.
9. Give to thhe Church of Humanity all the personal and financial aid each month you desire the world to be benefited by you having lived.
10. Give to the Church of Humanity in your will what you wish it to use for you in teaching Kerr's Discoveries when you are dead.

Now all can help in one or more ways suggested. Select the ways you like best and help in those ways all the time. Write and tell me what I can depend on you doing.

The Force of Habit Must be Reckoned With.

I once supposed that all who learned Kerr's Discoveries would discontinue the habit of praying, returning thanks and singing hymns of praise to any god But I had overlooked the power of habit that drives some people to do things after they have learned it is wrong to do. The habitual smoker, tobacco chewer or whisky drinker can be informed by a doctor that it is destroying his health and that he will die in a short time if he does not quit it, and though he knows it is true he can not and will not quit because of the force of habit that he can not overcome. Likewise it is possible for one to be so accustomed to praying, returnig thanks and singing hymns of praise to a god at regular times that he can not quit it even when he learns Kerr's Discoveries. This phase of the case shows the necessity of teaching all children those discoveries before they form the habit of practicing idolatry. No one should refuse to learn Kerr's Discoveries because of those who worship gods. Maybe, like their other bad habits, they just can't quit it.

The Five Commandments of the New Civilization.

1. You shall study and learn the evidences that prove Kerr's Discoveries true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever in each person at death and do all you can to induce others to do likewise.

2. You shall join the Church of Humanity or some other society teaching these discoveries and aid it personally and financially in spreading the knowledge of them and in founding societies and educational institutions to perpetuate that knowledge, and do all you can to induce others to do the same.

3. You shall not pray to nor ask anything whatever of God, Christ, Holy Mary, saints, angels, souls, spirits, ghosts, nor any other gods or imagined unseen being whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

4. You shall not speak, write, sing nor play on any musical or other instrument any words expressing worship, thanks, praise, love, fear, hatred or other emotion or sentiment indicating that you believe in the existence of any of the characters mentioned in the third commandment, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

5. You shall not give any money, service nor other aid to any person, persons, church. Sunday school, club or society whatever to aid them in the teaching, promotion and perpetuation of Christianity or any other religion whatever, nor allow any child under your authority to do so.

Giving your services and money to churches teaching lies on nature is the wrong course to take if you want truth taught. The Church of Humanity is the only church that knows and teaches the truth about God and life, and if you wish to aid in the teaching of those truths you will necessarily have to aid the C. O. H.

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST :—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enough to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martyrdom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

A SWORN CONFESSION:—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under oath which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.
Commission expires September 8, 1916.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having sworn to the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

INTRODUCTORY—A cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life is ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Devils, Spirits, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, the Great German Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid It All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in its Educational and Organization Work. Rates—Single Subscription 10 Cents; In Clubs of 10 or More 5 Cents; In Bundles of 100 Copies 2½c Cents, 500 Copies $1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50. I Appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator. Please Send in All the Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Add. W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kans

These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching them.

(A Motto for Homes, Schools and Offices)

Remember These Truths:
"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them them. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

Lessons in How to Find Proof of Kerr's Discoveries in the Daily Newspapers. No. 3.

That people may more easily learn Kerr's Discoveries it is necessary to teach them what constitutes proof of them in newspapers. The newspapers are here to stay and a constantly increasing number of people will depend on them for their knowledge of world events, and when they once know what news in them constitutes proof of Kerr's Discoveries they will consciously or unconsciously learn them as they read the proof of them. The large city dailies contain in each issue enough proof if properly understood and applied to convince anyone of the truth of these great modern discoveries. I shall present in this lesson a few common samples found in most any daily newspaper, and show how they are to be applied as proof of Kerr's Discoveries:

Prehistoric Disproof of Religions.

The accounts of the finding of animal and human fossils deep in the earth and the geological data to determine how long ago they lived, their state of development, etc., proves conclusively that the creation story of all religions are lies on nature, and that no real god ever existed to create or care for anything.

People Lived in Kansas 20,000 Years Ago.

Lawrence, June 15.—The skull of an extinct species of beaver which was contemporary with the mammoth and hairy elephant has just been added to the collection in the University of Kansas museum by H. T. Martin of the paleontology department. This fossil, of which the scientific name is Castoroides Ohioensis from the fact that the first specimen was found in Ohio many years ago, is a rare one and makes a valuable addition to the palenotological collection here.

The skull, about twelve inches in length, belonged to the largest rodent that ever existed. The animal measured close to six feet in length and weighed something like 200 pounds. The enormous incisor teeth which felled the trees of the Pleistocene forests for dams measure six inches in length. There are traces of men living in Kansas at about the same time as this beaver, approximately 20,000 years ago."

People Lived in Peru 60,000 Years Ago.

New York—Prof. Hiram Bingham, archeologist at Yale, has returned from Peru. With him he brought 100 human skulls, 30 human skeletons, 17 bronze tablets and a thrilling account of his experiences.

The professor spent almost six months excavating the prehistoric Inca city of Machu Picohu, and collecting what remains of folks who lived there some 60,000 years ago."

People Lived in England 400,000 Years Ago.

"London, Nov. 30.—Authorities and scientists are making strenuous efforts to keep secret for the present any information of what anthropologists consider one of the most important discoveries of the century. The relic which is causing them spasms of excitement is a human skull, which men quarrying in the Sussex gravel pits some weeks ago turned up.

Experts have come to the definite conclusion that it is a skull of a Paleolithic man, and easily the earlist trace of mankind ever found in England. It was found with the bones of one of the most ancient types of elephant. There is alleged to be no doubt of its authenticity. It belongs roughly, to the same age as the same Heidelberg skull, but is declared to be much older.

It has also been deduced that the skull contained a brain very different from that possessed by any living race. The experts will not be more definite about its age than that evidently the owner lived a million years ago."

The following extracts from comments on this skull, copyrighted by the Star Co., is so interesting that I reproduce them:

"If you have not read in detail of the discovery in that English gravel pit, where the skull of this man of olden days was found ,some statements of facts will interest you.

"The finding of the skull in a geological deposit that dates back farther than the glacial period, proves that man existed on the earth in days before the great movement of ice, before the ice COVERED EUROPE.

"There is little doubt that this man is near to the 'original' ancestor upon which he would have looked with horror as we look with horror upon him. For the one-quarter man who came before this half-man walked on all fours and had but the faintest glimmer of thought, if any.

"The discovery of this ancient ancestor of ours doubtless help to prove science always demands proof that more than one kind of man came up from the animal and lived on earth in those ancient days. In other words, that man began to develop at different spots on the earth's surface, coming up from animals slightly different which, as Haeckel, the great German scientist long scince pointed out, would account for the great racial differneces between the black, the yellow and the white races. The beginnings of man were perhaps sepa-

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

rate and distinct in Australia, in Africa, in Europe and in Asia.

"If you want to know how this man lived, and on what he lived, it will interest you to know that in the gravel near him were found relics of an elephant mastodon, hippopotamous and a red deer, and with these remains there were flint implements older than those used by the cave dwellers.

"This primitive great-great-great-grandfather of ours, with a skull more than twice as thick as that of an ordinary human being, a tiny forehead, but with a spark of thought, could, with his traps, his sharp flint and his little thinking power, conquer and live upon the deer, the hippopotamous and the great mastodon itself.

"That for him, was an accomplishment as wonderful as it is for us to build bridges cross the great rivers, lift tons of steel with the power of a magnet, and fly through the air on a machine made of iron.

"Here you see man as he was four thousand centuries ago.

"He lived and ran naked through the woods and the swamps, holding in his hand a rough limb of a tree with a sharp flint fastened in the end. Physically, he was among the weakest of the animals about him. But he was destined, to rule them all, extinguish them all in time, and 'inherit the earth,' because in that low forehead there was the beginning of thought.

"This earth on which you live has existed for millions of years. Men do not guess about that; they know it. Those that deny it are childishly ignorant, or pervert the truth.

"We know now that man in his primitive form lived upon this planet 400,000 years ago. And here, most interesting to every intelligent human being, you see a reproduction of the face of man as he was hundreds of thousands of years before the beginning of history as we know it.

"The skull of this primitive creature, half human being and half ape, was found in a gravel pit at Piltdown, England.

"The teeth of the skull were human teeth, but they were imbedded in the jaw of an animal; a jaw like that of a chimpnazee. And it is certain that while this creature could think, in a dull way, and could use the implements of flint that come down from the age in which he lived, he could not speak.

"This shows the beginning of the life of man, when thought was already born in t he brain, but when the half-man and half-animal had not learned the art of language, and could not communicate to another what he thought.

"This man with the neck of a chimpanzee, the jaw of an ape, the teeth of a human being and the beginning of mental operations in the brain, could express what he felt only as the animals do—in cries, whistlings, grunts and shrieks. Rage, fear, the lower emotions, but no higher thought could find expression in that creature, called by science 'homo alalus' or man without speech.

"Is it not intensely interesting to think that we have all come from such a creature as this? Is it not a glorious satisfaction to the human race to realize that, slowly, through the 400-000 years of man-shape, and through the millions of years of earlier preparations in animal forms, man has worked up, by his own effort, to his present dominion over the earth?

"How inspiring is the knowledge that by thought, by development of intellectual power and scientific and mechanical knowledge, the descendants of this monkey-man have crossed the continenents and the oceans, harnessed the lightning and steam, taken the iron and sand from the earth to make them palaces of steel and glass; and, above all, how magnificient to realize that our growth and our real accomplishments have only begun.

"The earth is millions of years old; yet man's infancy, without words, you see in this picture, and it dates back only 400,000 years.

"The earth has ahead of it millions upon millions of years of life, and through those millions of years men will develop power and knowledge, as they have developed in that short period of 400,000 years that stretches behind us since the beginning of thought.

"Man has done much in less than half a million years. He has been able to accomplish wonders almost in his cradle, frightened by superstition, by doubt slaughtered by war, disease and ignorance. What will he not do beginning now, with the body of the people possessing power to read, power which to a race is like speech to an individual?

"What will not the people accomplish in the ages to come, the thousands of centuries in which man will transform himself into a really civilized intellectual being, and transform this planet into a garden of happiness, a fit abode for the developed man?"

The important discoveries of prehistoric man and his physical and mental development of that age will hencefourth be proclaimed and explained by the great dailies that all who read them may know them. But the people must yet be taught how to apply this new-found knowledge to prove Kerr's Discoveries true. It is certainly the greatest disgrace to the people of this age to know the facts here presented and accepted as scientifically true by all students of the origin of our race and yet teach in all schools and societies the story of creation in the Bible for truth. It shows that such teachers are moral perverts who can see no violence to moral ethics in lying for their religion. It shows that religion is the greatest promoter or immorality, since it requires constant lying, deception and hypocrisy on the part of those educated in man's origin.

This breaks down their morality and makes it easy for them to be liars, deceivers and hypocrites in other matters. But when the common people generally learn Kerr's Discoveries then those moral perverts will have the courage to teach them in schools and societies. So it is thus seen that large numbers of the common people must first learn these discoveries before they will be taught in any school their children attend.

Now we mus accept these discoveries of prehistoric man as sure proof that all religions are absolutely false in their account of creation, in the origin of man and the existence of gods. They prove that man originated from lower forms of animals millions of years ago and that those animals developed from still lower forms of organisms until the spontaneous beginning of life in the climical action of the elements is reached. We must accept these discoveries of ancient man as sure proof that we do not owe our origin nor that of our race and its development to any god. Let us then advance in our mental development by discarding all religions with their gods and devils, souls and spirits, heavens and hells and take a long step in our onward march to higher civilization and education. And as we dethrone these characters of fiction in the minds of our race our compensation and consolation will be that we at the same time enthrone in their place our own race of beings as the supreme owners and rulers of earth hence forth and forever.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state or an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr' Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematicaly and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Dicoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

High Cost of Living Partly Due to the High Cost of Heathenizing People.

Every city has money raising campaigns to build larger and finer churches, parsonages, sectarian schools, colleges, convents, hospitals, orphanages, Y. M. C. A.'s, Y. W. C. A.'s, etc., to heathenize the children and hold in heathenism the adults. Perhaps it costs at least $500 per capita to heathen the people and keep them heathenized. To civilize the people by teaching all children Kerr's Discoveries in the public schools would cost less than $10.00 each. Why not lower the cost of living by civilizing instead of heathenizing the people?

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name .....

Address .....

Beware of those Afflicted with Religious Insanity.

In conversation recently with a monomaniac on the subject of his idol gods he affirmed that he would live to see the second coming of Christ, which he was expecting all the time. He rehearsed the circumstances of his conversion and the cure of his ailments by God in answer to his prayers. He was sure God was with him all the time taking care of him and consequently he felt it his duty to devote his time and money to the service of God. When I asked him why God refused to care for the 1500 people who went down with the Titanic, who were as good as he was and as worthy of God's care he became indignant at the idea that God could care as much for anybody as he did for him. He expressed the belief that God destroyed the Titanic to show his power to destroy the best works of men and humble them, and that people were getting too numerous anyway and needed thining out.

In the study of those most afflicted with religious insanity it is plainly seen that they become possessed with the idea that the god ignoramuses and liars on nature taught them existed has become infatuated with them and has lost interest in everybody and everything in the universe to tag around after them and attend to regulating every little detail of their ideas, business and health.

I have had letters from such people saying they consulted God on all matters before acting and that God walks and talks with them daily. Such people generally make the greatest blunders in business and some of them commit the greatest of crimes because they believe that any strong idea or impulse to do a thing is the promptings of their god to do it and that they must obey him. Under the constant lash of supposed orders from their imagined god some become tireless teachers and workers in any religious work and movement they are attached to and all their wealth, be it much or little is freely given to it. By this constant self-driving some become the local, national or international leaders of religious movements which are regarded by many as a self-sacrificing devotion for the good of humanity, when it is only the result of the driving power of religious insanity for the victims own suppose good. The religious leaders mentioned in the Bible, the christian missionaries and leaders in the reformation, Mohammed, Joe Smith, Dowie, Mrs. Eddy and all prominent leaders in religious movements of our race were afflicted in an unusual degree with that mental malady. Practically our entire race is bound fast in the idolatry of idol gods through the teaching of the false ideas of those poor, religion-crazed people by religious societies, the press and educational institutions.

Will our race forever be led into insanity by religion-crazed people? Certainly it will be unless those who learn Kerr's Discoveries will assume the task and expense of teaching them to the people. the knowledge of those discoveries is theonly knowledge that can ever be taught the people that will render them immune to the mad ravings of religios-crazed people. The scientific knowledge that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that death ends life and consciousness forever in each person is the only knowledge the people can learn that will make those afflicted with religious insanity powerless to lead them into idolatry of heathen idols gods under any name or title whatever. If you parents wish to render such people powerless to lead your children into heathenism then see to it that you have them taught Kerr's Discoveries and that societies are organized to continue the teaching of them forever.

The Meaning of Educational Insanity.

I have coined the phrase "Educational Insanity" to express that form of insanity wherein people think insane thoughts and do insane acts from being taught to think and do them as distinguished from other forms and causes of insanity. Alienists must recognize the fact that a child can be taught to think the thoughts and do the acts of any insane person and to believe that it is the proper and rational thing to do, and if its parents and those it comes in contact with think and act them the child will grow to maturity and die from old age and never know but what it has been thinking and acting sanely all the time. This form of insanity is not due to a deficiency in the quanity or quality of the child's brains nor its intellectual abilities, but rather to its aptness in learning those crazy thoughts and acts of its parents and teachers and the ability to adopt and practice them as its own thoughts and actions.

To give examples of educational insanity nothing so well illustrates it as religious thoughts and actions. The religious thoughts and beliefs that one has a soul living in him that holds about the same relation to his body as he does to his house, that this soul uses his five senses to gain information of the outer world; that he is surrounded by invisible and immaterial intelligent beings named gods, devils, spirits, ghosts, saints, etc.; that these beings can and do get into him and control his thoughts and actions; that when he dies this soul leaves his body a conscious, living, intelligent, immaterial being and goes to a purgatory, hell or heaven prepared by gods for it or to remain in space as spirit; that there is to be a judgment day on which the dead bodies will be brought to life again and be reunited with their souls and be sent by a god to a heaven or a hell to remain forever; and the almost endless variations in these religious thoughts and beliefs taught by religious sects are all purely educational insanity. People have these insane thoughts and ideas because they have been taught them. They are handed down from parent to child through many successive generations and their teachings carried on in all schools, societies, books and papers as though they were true. This process has deceived the brightest intellects of our race untill Kerr's Discoveries revealed the facts that no immaterial beings exists in nature; that those characters, places and conditions taught by religions as existing are only imaginary.

The acts of praying, singing praises of, sacrificing to or any other mode of worshiping those characters of religion are manifestations of educational insanity, and must be discontinued by those who learn Kerr's Disued by those who learn Kerr's Disuced by those who learn Kerr's Disuced by those who learn Kerr's Disued by those who learn Kerr's Disued by those who learn Kerr's Disued

Teaching Kerr's Discoveries in Sunday Schools.

The October "National Rip-Saw" reproduces an extract from the Geringer catechism said to be used by Bohemian Sunday Schools in Chicago, and as this extract is true in the main it could, with some changes and omissions of non-essentials, which I do not indorse, be used in a C. O. H. Sunday School. The essential truths it contains should be taught in all Sunday Schools, churches and secular schools because they are true to nature and all children should know them. The teaching of these golden truths have been charged to the Socialists by one C. E. Cornell for political reasons and for political reasons is vehemently denied by H. G. Creel in the Rip-Saw. Neither of those men know them or they would know that the teaching of these facts of nature should be a credit to any society or political party teaching them to free their members from ignorance on these important subjects. But each of them would rather all the people remain heathen idolaters than to risk losing a voter in an effort to enlighten them. There should be no politics in the teaching of these great truths of nature as those of all parties should know and accept them as they do the teaching of other facts in nature. Instead of a rivalry among political leaders to repudiate these truths of nature there should be a rivalry among them to teach these truths to their followers and make themselves worthy of leadership and the respect and gratitude of the people for their aid in their enlightenment. This is the first time I have ever seen or heard of Kerr's Discoveries being taught by others in such a plain, affirmative way and I am greatly pleased to know of it and gladly give it recognition. I hope the accepting and teaching of these great discoveries will spread rapidly to all schools in all languages and that no political party will try to prevent or suppress it. The extract follows as printed in the Rip-Saw.

Question: What is God?

Answer: God is a word used to designate an imaginary being which people of themselves have devised.

Q.—Is it true that God has never been revealed?

A.—As there is no God He could not reveal Himself.

Q.—What is Heaven

A.—Heaven is an imaginary place which churches have devised as a charm to entice their believers.

Q.—How did man originate?

A.—Just as did all animals; by evolution from their lower kinds.

Q.—Has man an immortal soul as Christianity teaches?

A.—A man has no soul; it is only an imagination.

Q.—Who is Jesus Christ?

A.—Jesus Christ was the son of a Jewish girl name1 Mary.

Q.—Is he the son of God?

A.—There is no God and therefore there can be no God's son.

Q.—Did Christ rise from thedead?

A.— The report about Christ rising from the dead is a fable.

Q.—Is it true that after Christ's death the apostles received the Holy Ghost

A.—It is not; the apostles had imbibed too freely of wine, and their dizzy heads imagined all sorts of queer things.

Q.—Did Christ ascend into Heaven?

A.—He did not; what the church teaches is a nonsensical fable, because there is no heaven, and there is no place to ascend to.

Q.—Will Christ come again to the earth?

A.—He will not, because no dead person can ever come back.

Q.—Will Christ return on the Judgment day?

A.—There will be no judgment day; that is also a fable, so that preachers could scare people and hold them in their grasp. Man has no soul, neither had Christ any soul. All these things have been invented by the churches.

Q.—What is the Holy Spirit?

A.—The Holy Spirit is an imagination existing only in the minds of crazy religious people.

Q.—Is Christianity desirable?

A.—Christianity is not advantageous to us, but is harmful because it makes of us spiritual cripples. By its teachings of bliss after death it deceives the people. Christianity is the greatest obstacle to the progress of mankind, therefore it is the duty of every citizen to help wipe out Christianity. All churches are impudent humbugs.

Q.—Is there communion of saints?

A.—No, because there is no God, no saints, no soul, and therefore our prayers are wholly useless and only a waste of time, which should be spent in more sensible things.

Q.—What is our duty when we have learned there is no God?

A.—We should teach this knowledge to others.

Q.—Do you owe a duty to God?

A.—There is no God, therefore we owe Him no duty.

Q.—Should we take the name of God in vain?

A.—Yes; because the name of God has no meaning.

Q.—Does Christianity stand for right?

A.—No; it stands for and supports all that is wrong.

Q.—Should we pray?

A.—Weshould not. By prayer we only waste time, as there is no God. If we are given to prayer we gradually become imbeciles.

Q.—But preachers say that prayer helps us. What of that?

A.—That is a contemptible humbug"

Christian Countries as Bad as Heathen

Answering the question "how would you like to live in a heathern country?" I rise to remark that I would not want to be a resident of the pre-eminently Christian Mexico at present, nor the Balcon countries nor parts of Russia nor the coal mining districts of West Virginia and Colorado, nor many other strictly Christian countries, states and localities. Every large Christian city has sections that I would not care to move my family into. I have no desire to break into the jails, penitentiaries, asylums, army, navy, saloons and gambling dens of any Christian country to seek a home there. I think the heathen would find it impossible to excel the Christians in immorality, crulties and atrocities. When they held their wives and children up to protect themselves from Christian bullets they found they were no protection. Most cruelities in heathen lands are caused by the Christians. Come to think of it they are heathens also.

A Warning to Socialists.

I wish to warn Socialist authors, orators and editors that it will be impossible to unite the workers in a political paty to remedy economic conditions so long as they are divided on religious subjects. They will always hold their religious teaching to be of much greater value than any economic system could be to them. The capitalistic politicians can easily prevent such a party gaining much power by dividing them on religious lines which will cause them to lose sight of all other subjects.

In the state of New York and especially New York City the people are dividing on religious lines. The same is taking place in many other cities and neighberhoods. It is the Catholics against the non-Catholics in a contest for the offices that will give them control of the wealth and power of the United States. The growth of "The Menace," an anti-Ctholic paper, to a circulation of nearly 900,000 in two years shows the deep and general interest in this religious lineup.

The multiplicity and rapid growth of anti-Catholic societies also shows the switching of interest in economics to religion. The A. P. A. is to be revived and reoganized and with the Knights of Luther, Guardians of Liberty, American Liberal League, Protestant League of America, Orangemen, Loyal Women of American Liberty, Knights of Malta, etc. are to be federated under the name of "The American Federation of Patriotic Voters" to oppose the growing political activities of the Roman Hierarchy through its federated Catholic societies. The growth of "The Menace" has encouraged other papers to take the field against the Catholics. These two forces are dividing the voters on religious lines and economic, financial, moral and other great reforms will be neglected or made impossible by this division on religion. All this could be avoided by teaching all people Kerr's Discoveries. Then there would be no religious question to fight over and divide on. That subject would be settled for all time and settled rightly. Therefore I urge all teachers of Socialism to learn these discoveries and help to teach them to the people until all learn them. Then they cannot be diverted from their interests in other subjects by religion. The reformers in all parties should follow these suggestions also, to keep their constituents from being led astray by this religious scramble of opposing sects for the offices.

No Politics in Kerr's Discoveries.

Some who know no more about the merits of my bill in the last Kansas legislature to exclude religion from the public schools than a jack rabbit are trying to make political capital out of it against the Democrats. The fact is there is no politics in the truths of nature. Kerr's Discoveries are the same to members of all parties alike and those of all parties should equally object to having religious lies on nature forced on their children by state power through the public schools.

This Should Cool Desires of Idolaters For Going Up.

At 15 miles above Catalina Island, California, on a recent hot day, a meteorograph carried up by two balloons recorded a temperature 85 degrees below zero.

Out of His Element.

In an interview some time ago Mr. Thomas A. Edison is reported as saying:

"If some day scientists arrive at a point where the human body, after life is extinct, can be thus preserved in cold storag and, after an indefinite time, through the transfusion of life-giving blood or fluid, be brought back to resume its normal functions, who can say that we may not learn definitely if there is consciousness after death?"

While Mr. Edison is a great inventor these remarks show he is out of his element when talking on this subject or he would have given it more and clearer thought than he evidently did. He should have remembered that all people, including himself, are perfectly unconscious in sleep much of their time; that many people are made unconscious for hours by anaesthetics; some in a state of coma for days, and some through fainting, blows on the head, and many other causes are rendered unconscious, but none in that condition from any cause ever learned that there is a future life. Then how could they learn anything when unconscious in death?

People have been unconscious in apparent death for days but they knew nothing of it until revived, and never again would they have known anything had they not been revived. Only the living can learn that the dead are dead and unconscious for all time. The dead can't learn it.

Mr. Edison, like the rest, will not accept these simple truths of nature. They are expecting the "scientists" to discover that their cherished religious lies on nature will some day be proven true. But they are doomed to life disappointment in that expectation. They may as well accept Kerr's discoveries now and abandon religious lies forever, that will have to be done sometime if our race is ever to know the truth about these vital subjects. On these subjects I am a scientist and Kerr's Discoveries is the final verdict and voice of science on them. It only refrains now to teach them to the people until they are accepted by all the world.

Socialists Should Have Their Locals Taught Kerr's Discoveries.

As most Socialist locals will be disrupted by the religious squabble for political offices now being inaugurated, and their economic reforms be abandoned on that account, it would be well for them to learn Kerr's Discoveries and have their members united in true knowledge on those vital subjects. Locals or some interested member of each one could buy a bundle of T. A. G. & L.'s each month for the local. Rates to such are 35 cents a hundred.

The Cause of Commercialized Vice.

The social evil of the red light sections of all Christian cities are primarily caused by teaching girls to praise the indiscretions of a maid named Mary, and the boys to love, honor and praise a character of fiction named God for refusing to marry the mother of his child and provide for her and it. These two acts of vice are the basis of Christianity. Good people enverywhere will not aid in promoting commercialized vice by teaching children to love, honor and worship these two characters.

The Truth About God and Life

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST :—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enough to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

A SWORN CONFESSION:—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under oath which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.

Commission expires September 8, 1916.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having sworn to the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

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MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

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"Discoverer 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain, to espy; to detect." Webster.

The Kansas University Will Not Accept My Children On Same Basis It Does Other Children.

The following correspondence with the Chancellor of the Kansas University explains itself:

Great Bend, Kas., Nov. 13, 1913.

Chancellor Frank Strong, K. U., Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Sir: I have two daughters in high school here, one a senior, who wish to attend the K. U. after graduating, and I wish to ask what provisions are made, if any, to teach the students the truths about God and life as I have discovered them to be.

In the inclosed two copies, No. 78 and 79 of T. A. G. and L. you will see what those truths are and the efforts I am making to teach them.

Under no consideration can I send my daughters to the Kansas University unless it makes arrangements to teach them these great modern discoveries in physical science which I consider the most important of all knowledge.

As I would like to gratify their wish in this matter I hope you will be able to make a satisfactory reply.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR,
President C. O. H.

Answer:

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Nov. 15, 1913.

"Mr. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kas.

Dear Sir: We shall be glad to have your daughters enter the University but they will have to come in upon the same basis as any other citizens of Kansas.

Yours truly,
FRANK STRONG,
Chancellor."

Reply:

Great Bend, Kas., Nov. 17, 1913.

Prof. Frank Strong, Chancellor, K. U., Lawrence, Kan. Dear Sir: Yours of the 15th received. Your proposition that my daughters enter the K. U. "upon the same basis as any other citizens of Kansas" seems fair and reasonable and I shall accept it provided you and I have the same understanding as to what those "basis" are.

I understand them to be that students are taught the same things or ideas about God, soul and future life at the K. U. they are taught by their parents and churches they are members of. Now that is all I ask the K. U. to do for my children. We teach them at home and through the Church of Humanity that no real god exists in the universe, that man has no soul and that death ends life with all its manifestations forever. These are taught as scientific discoveries in nature and the most important knowledge to know. If you will arrange to have my children taught these facts as thoroughly by the K. U. as it teaches errors on these subjects to those who believe them, and who are taught them at home by parents and churches, then I will consider such teaching to constitute "the same basis" for my children that others are admitted on, viz, the same teaching regarding God, soul and immortality that they get at home and in their church. Is this what you mean by "the same basis?"

Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR.

It has been said that silence gives consent, but this is a case where it evidently does not. The Chancellor simply found himself cornered where he could answer neither yes or no, and consequently did not answer at all.

The Kansas University, although listed as non-sectarian, is a great heathenizing institution wherein the task of heathenizing the children of Kansas is completed by state power and funds if not thoroughly accomplished before they get there. It has daily exercises in educational insanity; makes a speciality of teaching it; has the services of expert liars on nature to make the students believe them; holds a special institute one week a year to teach lies on nature; has the services of some churches and religious societies on its grounds and the co-operation of all the churches in Lawrence to hold its students in heathenism and religious insanity. And such is "the basis" my children must enter on if at all. It matters not to the K. U. that I am a scientist who spent twenty years in observation and investigation to learn the truth about God and life that I could have the satisfaction of knowing what it is and the ability to teach my children the turth about these vital subjects. It is nothing to the K. U. that I am devoting my life and property to the teaching of these great scientific truths, my children must be heathenized if they attend the K. U. and I am heavily taxed to pay for having it done. How can parents raise civilized children under such conditions? The state must be denied the privilege of heathenizing the children and be required to civilize them through the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in its schools. If there are any parents in Kansas who wish the K. U. to teach Kerr's Discoveries and will send their children to it only on that condition please write me.

I realize that the K. U. will never teach this most important of all knowledge until it is forced to do so by public demand and this conditional patronage.

As the nature of death is now known scientifically through Kerr's Discoveries it is the duty of all educational institutions to teach it to their students.

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public shcool when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

Common Course of Gaining New Knowledge Not Understood By Most People.

Some people write to ask me sneeringly, with contempt and derision, how it could be possible for me to make the discoveries I have when all the renowned professional scientists, discoverers, educators, statesmen lawyers, doctors and the wise men in all professions in all countries and in all ages were not only unable to make them but accepted as true the religions of their age and country. They ask if it is possible that all the world has been in such mental darkness throughout the ages on these vital subjects while only one obscure man in this late day has discovered truths that prove all religions false. I admit that on first thought such a condition does appear incredible. It is astounding that the wise men of the world are worshiping gods when none exist, are trying desperately to save their souls when they have none to save, are sure they will live forever when death is the end of life, and that they do not know or even suspect these truths I have discovered.

But when we come to consider the common way knowledge is first obtained we see that Kerr's Discoveries have come in the usual way, and even their apparently late coming will some day be considered early in the history of our race.

Comparatively recently obscure men gave the world its first flying machine, automobile, telegraph, telephone, electric lights, wireless messages, steamships, railroads, trolley cars, linotypes and thousands of other great inventions. What did the world including its wise men mean by not inventing all these things thousands of years ago Why did they have to wait until this late day for unknown and obscure people to invent them? Why do they now wait for people yet unknown to make still more wonderful inventions?

Comparatively recently obscure people have discovered many unknown truths in all divisions of natural science and the discovery of unknown truths are still going on and will continue for thousands and probably millions of years. As incredible as Kerr's Discoveries appear to some people it is still more incredible that our entire race with all its growing wisdom could continue indefinitely in idolatry and heathenism without some one discovering the truths I have. The only amazing thing about it to me is that they were not discovered centuries ago and now taught in all homes, societies and schools throughout the world.

Religion Will Ever Be the Primary Disturbing Element in Society Until Eradicated Through the Knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

"St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—The holy orthodox synod has turned its persecution upon the Baptists, whose places of worship are being stamped out by the political secret police in the same fashion as the Jews are hunted out and driven into the pale.

By police orders the Baptist chapels in Livonia a province on the Baltic coast have been raided and closed up by police padlocks, by order of the government, which places them in the same category as the conspirators' clubs.

Pastor Felter, head of the Baptist community in Russia, came to St. Petersburg with a remonstrance based on an ukase of Alexander II, issued soon after the liberation of the serfs, which permitted the Baptists to worship together so long as no sermons were preached and their chapels showed no sign by cross or architecture that they were sacred buildings.

His remonstrance was rejected by M. Sabler procurator of the Holy synod who declared roundly that any form of worship in Russia which was not under the discipline of the orthodox church had the same danger to the czar as the father of his people as a revolutionary conspiracy had to his absolute government in the state.

Far away in Omsk, Siberia, the same persecution of the Baptists is going on. A colony of industrious farmers there have been evicted from their lands simply because the families are Baptists.

Some of the government ministers have tried to abate the persecution, but the czar is more under the sway of the fanatical religionists."

Religious persecution must ever prevail until all idolaters learn Kerr's Discoveries. If you desire "peace on earth" get busy and help to make known these most important of all scientific discoveries.

The Bravado of Freethought and Rationalism.

The teaching of no discovered truths of nature have so poor a chance to gain recognition and acceptance as those truths that conflict with religious lies. And no such truths ever had or ever will have such a long and strenuous conflict with religious lies as will Kerr's Discoveries because they strike the death blow to the very foundation lies of all religions, and the tryumph of these truths means the total annihilation of religious insanity forever. It is no wonder then that a world of heathen idolaters will fight the promulgation of these truths with the desperation of self-preservation, for nothing is so precious to heathens as their mythical gods, souls and future life. They have no such things in reality because they do not exist in the universe but the superstition, deception and lies that they are realities are so sweet and comforting and desirable that most of them would rather give up their lives than their ignorance on these subjects by learning and accepting the truths known as Kerr's Discoveries.

The antagonism to these truths are as bitter in Freethought and Rationalist publications as in religious ones, which shows where they stand despite their claims of friendship for scientific truths and their antagonism to the churches and the clergy. This demonstrates that the most bitter enemies of the clergy and churches do not know nor teach nor even tolerate the Truth About God and Life, and must be classed with idolaters and heathens until they learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. They will not aid me to save their own posterity from religious insanity because they prefer that for them to the knowledge of these discovered truths. Shame on them and their boastful defense of science. It is only the discoveries of centuries ago and now accepted and taught everywhere that these brave defenders of science are defending when they need no defense. The cowardly Freethought and Rationalist editors will have no defense nor tolerance for Kerr's Discoveries until they are accepted and taught everywhere else, then will likely come up bravely for their defense and lambast the dead who in life rejected them. Such is the bravado of Freethought and Rationalism.

Good For Minnesota.

"St. Paul, Dec. 5.—Reading the Bible in public schools violates the constitution, Lyndon A. Smith, attorney general, ruled today in response to a request for an opinion from C. G. Shultz, state superintendent of education. Mr. Smith quoted an opinion by H. W. Childs, attorney general, of December, 1895, holding opening schools with prayer unconstitutional. Mr. Smith says he can see no distinction between reading the Bible and opening with prayer.

Mr. Smith points out that under the law the attorney general's opinions in school matters shall have the force of law until set aside by the courts, and that Mr. Childs' opinion never had been questioned by the courts."

Now if Minnesota will eliminate all religions lies in its school books and substitute the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries therein it will be the leading educational and first civilized state in the Union, and if it does this in time I shall send my children to its university, for I never shall send them to the Kansas heathening institution at Lawrence unless it changes its course to a civilizing institution. The time must come when every state must be prohibited by law from teaching religious insanity and be required to teach Kerr's Discoveries.

How Agnostic, Freethought and Rationalist Editors, Lecturers and Authors Miss the Mark.

The union of church and state in this country is not likely to be accomplished but the union of religion and state is an accomplished fact and will ever remain so until the people learn and accept Kerr's Discoveries.

Some of the results of that union are the chaplains in the army, navy, congress, state and national penal institutions, legislatures, state and national educational institutions and the inforcement of religious teaching in public schools through text books and teachers, and some judges even compel people to read the Bible and attend church.

Instead of Agnostic, Freethought and Rationalist editors, lecturers and authors fighting the union of church and state that is not likely to be made why don't they learn and then teach Kerr's Discoveries to help separate religion and state that is already united? Yes, why don't they? Havn't they got the mental ability to learn these plainest and simplest truths of nature?

Preacher Trying to Compete With Saloons For Patrons.

"Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—To make the church as attractive to the needy as the saloon, the Rev. A. N. Kelly has adopted the plan of providing free lunch at his church every evening from 7:30 to $8:30 o'clock.

Soup, coffee, sandwiches and cakes are served. After the free lunch there is a sermon. A few who have no place for the night will be invited to rest in the upholstered plush pews.

"There are some things we can learn from the saloon keeper," the Rev. Mr. Kelly said. "The saloon keeper knows men. Many preachers do not. Men, especially the down and outs, do not go to saloons just to become sodden They find warmth and cheer and food, all a down and out man immediately wants. To compete with the saloon I servve a better lunch."

This looks like the time is coming when adults have to be hired to attend a heathenizing institution like children given candy by some Sunday schools to attend. But with all that inducement no self-respecting person will accept the educational insanity he dishes up. The saloon keeper has one virtue this preacher has failed to learn and adopt—he does not stuff his patrons with a lot of lies on nature.

As something true and interesting to induce attendance at his church I suggest Mr. Kelly learn and then teach Kerr's Discoveries. As all people have to die they should be interested in knowing the true nature of death and what becomes of them then. They might also be interested in the true nature of God, Christ, Satan and other myths.

Selling Souls a Crime Under Blue Sky Law.

Miss Maude LePage of Chicago is offering to sell her soul for $1,000. She had better not make such an offer in Kansas as she would be liable to prosecution under the "Blue Sky" law since Kerr's Discoveries prove that none have such things as souls to sell at any price.

Educational Insanity Is No Restraint to Crime and Vice—Discontinue It.

I have often pointed out that this is a religious country and that all crime and vice is carried on by religious people. Here it is proven authoritively that all prostitutes are religious by "The Morals Efficiency Commission of Pittsburg in its report on vice in that city December 9. Among other things it says of the fallen women: "Nor do the churches appear as any restraining influence. There were found 272 Protestants, 188 Catholics, 67 Jewesses,, one Duncard, one Spiritualist, one Freethinker and one Agnostic." Not one had learned Kerr's Discoveries. The religion of their patrons would undoubtedly be about the same. Not one of them has learned Kerr's Discoveries. The Church of Humanity has not a member in Pittsburg. I firmly believe that the educational insanity that teaches the people to admire, praise and worship a virgin-seducing god and an unfortunate maiden is responsible for much of this class of vice, and I should charge it all to their religious teaching were I to follow the tactics of idolaters who would be quick to charge any vice or crime of a C. O. H. member to Kerr's Discoveries and demand the suppression of their teaching on the ground of evil influence on those who learn them. And right here I shall "beat them to it" by demanding the suppression of the teaching of all religions on the ground of their evil influence on those who believe them because all crimes and vices are committed by such people. If this charge is unjust then remember to not make a like charge against Kerr's Discovery when some who learn them commit crimes. I guarantee, however, that when all the world substitutes the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries for its religions there will not be so much crime and vice according to numbers as now on the general principle that increased wisdom tends to lessen crime and vice.

Freethought and Rationalism Mean Ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries.

People who wish to know the truth about God and life need not turn to Freethought and Rationalism to find it. They will be disappointed if they do because the exponents of those doctrines have not themselves learned Kerr's Discoveries and consequently cannot teach them. The sub-head of "The Truth Seeker," New York, says it is "A Freethought and Agnostic Newspaper." Agnosticism means ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries and as it is coupled with "Freethought" that word denotes ignorance of them also. "The Truth Seeker" is over 40 years old and as it has failed so far to learn Kerr's Discoveries it is a very poor recommendation for professional truth seekers who are supposed to be continually seeking these truths that I discovered more than 30 years ago. "The Truth Seeker" will send applicants for knowledge on these subjects to the clergy in preference to me which shows it has more confidence in their teaching than in mine. It also professes to be a Rationalist, and in its issue of November 15, calls Dr. M. M. Mangasarian of Chicago a "Rational preacher" who in a sermon it reproduces says: "Speaking for myself, I cannot affirm, immortality or eternal life. But not to affirm it does not mean to deny it. To be able to deny it I must understand what I am denying. But I cannot understand eternal life; therefore I refrain from either affirming or denying it."

Therefore Rationalism like Freethought means Agnosticism or ignorance of the truth about these vital subjects as taught by The Truth Seeker.

The titles of Freethought and Rationalism are also made to cover Deists, Spiritualists, Monists and other cults teaching lies on nature. Mr. Marshall J. Gawvin, speaking for the National Rationalist Association, as reported in November "Freethought Beacon," included those of the above cults in that society, and as no speaker so far reported at the convention taught Kerr's Discoveries it proves that they do not know them. Hence no one seeking the truth about God and life need turn to the National Rationalist Association expecting to find it.

The Only Way to "Get Rid of the Devil" Permanently.

I received recently by mail a book by the Rev. H. W. Kemper, Louisville, Ky., entitled "How to Get Rid of the Devil."

It is a recital of his personal encounters with a character of fiction educational insanity made him believe is a real being. He imagines every thought, impulse and desire to do anything or think anything he had been taught would land him in hell is the whispering, suggesting and argument of the Devil. On one occasion the Devil pulled him down by the coat-tail when he had gotten up to go to the mourner's bench. That's going some for educational insanity but nothing unusual for those afflicted with it.

He uses 128 pages in telling "how to get rid of the Devil" and then has no assurance that he will not be back on the job before morning. I can tell in one sentence how to get rid of the Devil and have the assurance he will never return. Learn Kerr's Discoveries and you will know that the Devil is a myth and he will never trouble you again. The terrible mental and physical agony Rev. Kemper had in getting rid of the Devil is a strong and urgent reason for the state inforcing the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all schools, colleges and Universities.

China Catching On.

The Chinese cabinet requested prayers by the leading Christian churches in China on April 27 for the recognition by the powers of their new government and then seen to it that each power got a copy of the request. They seem to know that to get results from prayers they must themselves inform the parties they have made them and not trust that part to their gods.

The world will just be getting over the apex of the Dark Ages when it begins to learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries in all its homes and educational institutions.

Japan Will Probably Learn Kerr's Discoveries Before Any Christian Country Will.

"Chicago, Nov. 21.—On information that 85 per cent of the six thousand students of the Imperial University, Tokio, Japan, have been redeemed from paganism only to become agnostics, alumni of the divinity school of the University of Chicago announced today that they would rebuild the Central Baptist Tabernacle at Tokio, destroyed by fire last spring."

If the students of that Japanese University are "redeemed from paganism" as alleged they are certainly a long ways ahead of the students of any educational institution in Christendom, for none of them so far have been redeemed from paganism.

Webster says a pagan is "One who worships false gods; an idolater; a heathen." Now, as Kerr's Discoveries prove God and Christ to be as false gods as any ever worshiped it follows that those who worship them are pagans, idolaters and heathens according to the above definition. From what I have read of the Japanese I believe them to be too intelligent to remain Agnostics long when given an opportunity to learn the truth. I hope some time to publish Kerr's Discoveries with their proof in the Japanese language to give those people a chance to become civilized. I believe they would be much quicker to learn these scientific discoveries than American Agnostics.

Suggesting Where to Begin Suppressing "Sewer News."

There is developing a demand in some quarters for laws to prohibit newspapers publishing "sewer news" alledging its evil influence on its readers.

Now, as the Bible is more widely read and contains worse "sewer news" than any publication ever forced on the reading public, especially the children, I suggest that its "sewer news" be eliminated first. Begin the elimination with the story of the escapade of a fictitious character named God and a maiden named Mary. Then go on down the line of lesser celebrities such as Abraham, David and Solomon cutting out all the "sewer news" pertaining thereto. Then eliminate the stories of all wars, murders and crimes of all kinds ordered by that character of fiction named God because his idolaters ,especially the males, always want to follow his example. Then rename the Bible "A Book of Ancient Fables" and it will not be quite so objectionable to civilized and educated people.

The Champion Suckers.

The man who bought a black cat's ear of a Kansas City voodoo, to make him invissible and the man who bought of a Chicago faker a magic dollar that would always return to its owner might be considered by some to be the champion suckers. But I think the championship in that line belongs to those who buy the religions lies that they contain souls and are surrounded by invissible gods, devils, spirits, angels, and ghosts; that heaven and hell are real places and that dead people will come to life again.

Teach All Children Kerr's Discoveries to Prevent Their Self-Imprisonment As Nuns and Monks.

St. Louis, Nov. 3.—Except when it was moved to its present location, fifteen years ago, four cloistered nuns of Visitation convent who never had a glimpse of St. Louis since the convent was established, fifty years ago, were permitted to leave the grounds today under special dispensation from Archbishop Glennon, and while out, visited Calvary cemetery and the new cathedral.

Sister Alexius, one of the four, took the veil forty-nine years ago and had not ben out of the convent until today. Sister Acquin had been cloistered in the convent thirty years and Sister Alphonso had not been out since she became a nun, twenty-six years ago."

No sane parent wants his children imprisoned like these poor nuns are. Then see to it that they are taught Kerr's Discoveries to make them immune to the influence of liars on nature.

Things to Remember.

Remember, that all Sunday schools, churches and other societies devoted to teaching any religion are heathenizing institutions and prohibit your children attending them unless you want them heathenized.

Remember, that I am a scientist and that Kerr's Discoveries are the authorative voice, verdict and final decision of science on the nature of gods, souls and life and that those who reject these discoveries are aiding in keeping our race in heathenism and educational insanity.

Remember, that Kerr's Discoveries are taught under the right and authority of discovery of scientific truths of nature than which no authority can be higher and that this authority supersedes all else including that of all "sacred writings" and purported revelations from gods.

Remember the awful mistake made by our foolish ancestors in torturing, persecuting and murdering those who discovered and taught scientific truths that conflicted with religious insanity in by-gone ages and how they checked the march of progress and civilization thereby and then refuse to make a worse blunder by rejecting Kerr's Discoveries.

Not So Crazy On One Count As Other People.

A Great Bend citizen was adjudged insane recently, partly because he claimed to be full of electricity and that some person was controlling his actions by it. The rest of the people believe they have souls in them that control their actions; that they are surrounded by invisible gods, devils, spirits, ghosts, saints, etc., that get into them at times and control their thought and acts. As there is such a thing as electricity and that it can get into people and affect them but no such beings as above named it is quite clear who is the craziest. Had this man laid it to the Holy Ghost or to Christ idolaters would not have thought it a symptom of insanity because they have it themselves sometimes.

Judgement of Idolaters on Discoverers Not Very Reliable at First.

Judging me from the scientific discoveries I have made and am teaching some idolaters think me crazy. But that will not cause me to discontinue teaching these discovered truths. If it did I would know I was crazy. I learned long ago that it is the usual thing for idolaters to think any one crazy who discovers or teaches a new scientific truth that disproved any of their religious lies. It was so in the case of Galileo, Bruno and many others. But at this distance it is clearly seen who were the crazy people. Likewise I have not the slightest doubt that in a few hundred years hence the people living then will see as clearly who the crazy people are in this case.

The Cost of Heathenism and Civilization Contrasted.

One of the ten churches of Great Bend reported recently its last year's expenses to be $3,230.57. If that is an average for all of them it shows the annual cost of educational insanity in this little town of about 5,000 population to be about $32,300. This is an average per capita of about $6.50 which adds considerable to the high cost of living and which could be entirely eliminated by substituting the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries for lies on nature because these discovered truths could be taught in our public schools without additional expense. But the greatest gain would be in the substitution of scientific truths of nature for religious lies on nature and incidentally civilization in the place of heathenism.

President Wilson on the Power to Resist Knowledge.

In speaking at Swarthmore College, October 25, President Wilson said among other things:

"I remember that in days of discouragement as a teacher I gratefully recalled the sympathy of a friend of mine in the Yale faculty who said that after twenty years of teaching he had come to the conclusion that the human mind had infinite resources for resisting the introduction of knowledge."

This observation is particularly true of Kerr's Discoveries. Every heathenized mind has apparently infinite resources for resisting their introduction. Perhaps the president himself is an example.

Not Necessary to Be Able to Read and Write to Teach Educational Insanity.

In a remote part of the mountains of Kentucky, where a young lady is teaching a "moonlight school" for the old mountaineers who had no educational advantages when young are three old preachers who have learned to read and write during the last two years. The teaching of religious lies on nature began probably long before the arts of reading and writing were invented and a knowledge of them were never considered necessary in such teachers until demanded by the congregations. The congregations must now demand that their pulpiteers learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries in place of lies on nature.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state or an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What **are Kerr's Discoveries?**

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr' Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematicaly and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Dicoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature, This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

Head of Mormonism Justifies Polygamy by Lies on Nature.

Joseph F. Smith, president of the Utah Mormon church, with a family of six wives and 43 children defended polygamy recently, according to the Kansas City Post, by teaching that "the air is full of unborn souls and plural marriages are justified that more bodies may be born to house these souls."

Thus educational insanity consisting of lies on nature can be produced at will to justify any crime and vice and there are none with the wisdom and authority of truth to deny it except those who have learned Kerr's Discoveries. If parents do not want their children led astray by teachers of religious superstitions, lies on nature and educational insanity they must have them taught Kerr's Discoveries. No other teaching can possibly save them from being heathenized.

A Foolish Idea of Bruce Calvert's, Editor of "The Open Road."

"We have to worship Gods of some kind. The important thing is to keep constantly improving our breed of Gods."—Bruce Calvert.

I shall not allow you, Mr. Calvert, nor anyone else, to include me in the above "we," nor will any honest person who knows Kerr's Discoveries. You can only include with you in that "we" those afflicted with educational insanity. Those who are cured of it by learning these discoveries, if not hypocries, will not worship gods under any name whatever, no matter how well they are improved.

Freethought and Rationalism Too Long-Sighted.

The long sightedness of Freethought and Rationolism is demonstrated by Freethought publications that are looking back hundreds of years to find scientific discoveries to defend while overlooking Kerr's Discoveries which are of infinitely more inportance than all other scientific discoveries because the knowledge of them by all is the only knowledge that can free our race from religious insanity.

Is it worth being a heathen all your life so the preacher can say at your funeral that the deceased had been heathenized in early childhood and never had sense enough to get over it by learning Kerr's Discoveries?

People must develop and cultivate a new conscience that will not allow them to lie on nature to promulgate any religion.

Remember, that if you join The Church of Humanity and aid in its educational and organizing work you are promoting the most important scientific truths ever discovered and that you will be helping thereby to win the world from paganism, idolatry and heathenism to truth, wisdom, light, progress and civilization.

Another Reason for Teaching Women Kerr's Discoveries.

Now that the women are coming into political power through equal suffrage it is very important that they be taught Kerr's Discoveries so they will not wish to force the worship of idol gods on all by their votes.

Remember, that the price of subscriptions to this little educator is only 10 cents for 12 numbers or 5 cents to 10 or more addresses at one post office, and that you could donate it to hundreds as a New Year's present, or you could subscribe for several hundred copies monthly to distribute free. They are only 35 cents per 100 copies in bundles.

Remember, that Freethought, Monism, Agnosticism, Rationalism or any other "ism" does not know Kerr's Discoveries and is not teaching them, and that if you want to learn the truth about God and life you must turn to those who both know and teach those truths.

The scientific meaning and nature of death as now known through Kerr's Discoveries is the total cessation forever of the life, mind, and consciousness of a person. All should be taught this true nature of death in childhood.

When we consider the nature and habits of monks it appears doubtful if they are decendants of monkeys. It don't seem possible that they could have degenerated so.

By omitting the second word—this —in the inscription on American coins—"In God We Trust"—it is liable to be misunderstood.

Help the Greatest Educational Work Ever Undertaken.

The greatest educational work ever undertaken is the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries by the Church of Humanity. As soon as anyone learns these geat modern discoveries he or she should begin to aid in the work. Here are some of the most important ways of helping.

1. Unite with the Church of Humanity.
2. Subscribe for its publication.
3. Donate subscriptions to hundreds.
4. Order a large bundle of copies monthly for free distribution in your community.
5. Organize a branch C. O. H. in your neighborhood as soon as possible.
6. Keep sample copies to give to all you can.
7. Have the Motto painted, framed and hung in your homes and offices.
8. Send me any amount you wish used in this educational work.
9. Give to thhe Church of Humanity all the personal and financial aid each month you desire the world to be benefited by you having lived.
10. Give to the Church of Humanity in your will what you wish it to use for you in teaching Kerr's Discoveries when you are dead.

Now all can help in one or more ways suggested. Select the ways you like best and help in those ways all the time. Write and tell me what I can depend on you doing.

The Truth About God and Life

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST :—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enough to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under affirmation which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.

Commission expires September 8, 1916.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

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LETTERS OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WITH MY REMARKS THEREON

Having spent hundreds of dollars in trying to call the attention of educational institutions to Kerr's Discoveries by sending them bundles of copies of each issue I am greatly interested in finding out what success I am having and the following two letters from the presidents of Lombard and Westminster Colleges may be indicators, which I admit are discouraging to me. I shall insert numbers at statements corresponding to those of my remarks thereon:

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 22, 1914.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kas. My Dear Sir: Sample copies of your monthly publication have been sent to me for distribution. (1) It is not the custom of men of scientific training to accept unsupported any man's statement, subscribed to and sworn to before anyone. (2) The purport of your thesis vitiates the validity of your oath. (3) Your paper is quite filled with proof; requests from other people, whereas in the columns of your publication you offer nothing but your own unsupported statement, which naturally does not carry any tremendous weight at any long distance.

(4) If you have any original constructive system of philosophy, which you are desirous of exploiting, I shall be glad to devote some of my time to examining it, if you have it in such form that it can be examined, but unsupported, meaningless affidavits have not the philosophic value of the ink needed to get them in print.

Cordially yours,

H. W. HURT.

Remarks—1. I wish this assertion of yours was true, but unfortunately it is not in the most important cases. Scientists in all countries accept without question the primary religious errors handed down to them by their ancestors which are not only unsupported by facts in nature but flatly contradicted by them so plainly that even a blind man ought to be able to recognize them. The scientists of your own college are examples and if you are a scientist you are one yourself. I am the only scientist I know of who measures up to your estimate of them because I did not always accept unsupported statements of religionists and bibles but took the trouble to ascertain the facts direct from nature which resulted in my discoveries of the true nature of gods, souls and death.

2. In this state one can affirm under penalties of perjury which has the same binding force in law as an oath and that is the form I use.

3. I do not understand your meaning in the first part of this statement, but as to my "own unsupported statement" you must remember that the first discoverer of truths in nature has no one else to prove them by until he teaches them to others. That is what I am trying to do and the members of our church claim to have learned them to whom I can refer you. But the infallible support to Kerr's Discoveries is the entire universe to which I refer you and publicly challenge you and Lombard College and all the world to find a real god in it or a real soul in it or a real immaterial being in it. I call your own five senses as witnesses that no such beings exist because they cannot detect them nor any manifestation of them which at least one of your senses could easly do were they realities.

I call the entire world to witness the fact that all phenomena observed by our race is actually the same as it would be were no real gods, souls and immortality in the universe and that is sure proof there is none.

4. I am not teaching a philosophy, but the discovered scientific facts in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death. I cannot understand why you are not interested in learning and teaching these simple truths of nature instead of philosophical and metaphysical lies that keep our entire race in educational insanity.

Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kas. Dear Sir: I write to acknowledge receipt of a package of papers denominated, "The Truth About God and Life," and wish to add that I do not care to receive further issues of your paper. My reasons are various, but chiefly along the line of the presumptuous inanity which characterizes the publication. Please permit reference to three assertions which you characterize as "Kerr's Discoveries."

You first say "THSRE IS NO REAL GOD" and claim yourself as the discoverer of this so-called fact. (1) Permit me to remind you that this is presumption. (2) There have been men of your class all through the ages; indeed, King David had close acquaintance with that type in his day. (3) He writes his conviction concerning them, saying, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God" Psalm 14:1.

(4) Your second so-called discovery, "MAN HAS NO SOUL," is senseless in its assertion. (5) Noboby has ever claimed that a man has a soul. (6) Man IS a soul and HAS a body. (7) A little thoughtfulness will cause you to realize that it is not the man's hands or feet or even brains that do his thinking. (8) Man IS a soul.

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

A blue X in this square means that your subscription is out and that this is the last copy you will get until you renew. I hope you will do so at once and keep your name on the list.

You claim that life ends forever at death. (9) The instincts of the ordinary man cry out against this. (10) Most men crave immortality. The exceptions are the color blind members of the race. (11) The lack of power to perceive a fact does not disprove the fact.

(12) Because a mole is pushing his way through the soft soil and rejoicing only in the worms and succulent roots, it does not justify him in declaring that the robin singing in a blossoming tree above is a fool. (13) The mole which declares that there is no sun, no light and no gorgeous clouds and winning beauty in the orchards is to be pitted. (14) His dogmatism is the creed of ignorance.

(15) Moreover if there is no immortality for man and no God to meet the highest desires of his being, then the whole doctrine that life means correspondence with environment breaks down at the highest point. (16) There is light for the eyes, air for the lungs, sound for the ear and the fragrance of the gardens for the sense of smell. (17) What man with scientific mthod of thought will dare to say that there is not both a living God and eternal years for the yearning souls of mortal men.

You claim for yourself and desciples organization which you are pleased to call, "The Church of Humanity." (18) Your report of enlargement is to my mind encouraging so far as the sense of race is concerned. (19) I do not know your periods or methods of worship but I beg leave to suggest that if you can ever all arrange to get together, choose a livery stable for your place of meetings; use a box stall for the pulpit; and as you introduce the service say, "Let us Bray."

(20) Should you deem the above interesting to your readers, I trust you will feel as free to publish this as the letter of the Chancellor of the Kansas University.

Faithfully yours,
R. M. RUSSELL.

Remarks—I hope Mr. Russell will continue reading this little educator until he at least learns that "presumptuous" and "inanity" are not applicable to me or to my teaching.

1. Because you do not know Kerr's Discoveries to be true you assume I do not either hence your accusation of "presumption." In like manner those who do not know nor believe the astronomer's teaching about the shape and movements of the earth accuse him of presumption. But the astronomer knows there is no presumption about it on his part just as I know there is none on mine. I assure you in the most emphatic way I can that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true.

2. But here comes true presumption on your part, and to convince you it is I challenge you to produce proof that any other person either dead or alive ever claimed to have made the discoveries I made and to have publicly taught them by tongue or pen as definitely known and verified facts and supported by his affidavit.

3. I care nothing for the "conviction" of the old polygamist, murderer and libertine you quote and I should think you would be ashamed to and ashamed to worship or to even respect a god said to be like him. The heart is not the organ of mind, nor of speech, consequently no one ever said anything in his heart. But accepting it as merely a figure of speech meaning a secret knowledge of a fact I admit that anyone knowing Kerr's Discoveries and only saying so "in his heart" is a fool. He should proclaim his knowledge of them by voice and pen to his relatives, friends, neighbors and the world at large and unite with a society teaching it and do all in his power to help enlighten the people and thus save them from paganism and educational insanity. As you seem to desire to follow the "conviction" of your saint David I shall finish the sentence that he did not live long enough to complete, and when the Bible is revised again it can be inserted in full. The fool says in his heart there no real god but the wise man proclaims that truth by voice and pen to all the world.

4. It being a fact that man has no soul and it being necessary for people to learn that before they can give up their educational insanity on that subject its teaching by those who know it is the most sensible thing they can do. The teaching of the existence of gods and souls are the two foundation lies on which all religions are based and as they are systems of lies on nature the sooner overthrown through the people learning Kerr's Discoveries the better for mankind.

5. But practically all people do believe and teach that man has a soul. Ask them if you don't believe they do. Why, you do yourself. In this very letter you write of "the yearning souls of mortal men." Isn't that an admission that you do?

6. Were that true it would also imply that the body has a soul. The physical, material body is the man, all else are his passions, attributes, senses and functions generated by the organism and which necessarily cease at its death.

7. Of course, a man can think without hands or feet and without legs and arms and some other parts, but in case his brain were all removed it would demonstrate your mistake as to him not ceasing to think then.

8. The name "soul" has many meanings according to dictionaries and among them are the mind, intellect, energy, courage, fervor, affection, a human being, a person, etc. Of course I do not dispute the existence of any real thing, quality, passion, etc., to which the name soul is sometimes applied. But it is the supposed living, intelligent, immaterial, separate being or entity living in man that provides his thoughts, controls his acts and at death separates from the body retaining all its life, intelligence and powers in tack and as a disembodied spirit goes to heaven, hell, purgatory, spirit world or reincarnates that I discovered does not exist. It is defined by Webster's as "A pure disembodied spirit, immortal part of man. In a more general sense, an animating, separable, surviving entity, the vehicle of individual, personal existence." That is the "soul" I always mean in my teaching of its non-existence.

9. But the cry is in vain, always was and always will be just as it is against dying by most all.

10. That is not the slightest proof or evidence that it is obtainable.

11. That is the truth. Your inability or that of all the world to perceive Kerr's Discoveries does not disprove them.

12. I subscribe to that statement also, but you represent the mole in this case.

13. Yes, indeed, and I do pity you poor moles. That is one reason I am doing what I can to enlighten you.

14. That partly describes yourself.

15. Yes, the knowledge of these truths will destroy many false doctrines. Your hope of landing in heaven, the highest point of your desires, can never be realized. But don't blame me, dearie, for your disappointment. Remember I did not take God, soul and heaven from you and destroy them. I simply discovered they do not exist; that your life and consciousness will not survive death, that you have no soul to go to a heaven and that no such heaven exists. I had nothing to do with making those truths. I only discovered them. They had always been so and always will be so. We cannot help that. It is our duty to learn them, accept them, be reconciled to them regardless of our disappointment in not finding nature as educational insanity had made us believe we would.

16. Here you are not in accord with the true order of nature. You appear to think light, air, sound and fragrance were made by some god for the pleasure of those pre-existing senses and organs when evidently nature evolved organisms with such senses and organs in response to their environments.

17. I am one man who "with scientific method of thought" dares to learn the truth and proclaim it that no real god nor soul exists in nature and that life and consciousness is forever ended in each person at death regardless of their yearning for continuous life. And the sooner all people learn and accept these simple truths of nature the sooner our race will be evoluted from ignorant, idolatrous pagans to enlightened people.

18. You rejoice that the people are so slow in learning Kerr's Discoveries but should you ever be able to learn them yourself I believe you would gladly aid in teaching them to push this educational work along faster.

19. It seems very odd to me that you should think people who learn Kerr's Discoveries would have any "method of worship." How could we do such a thing when we know there are no gods, devils, souls, spirits, ghosts, saints, angels nor any other immaterial beings in the universe to worship? Did you suppose we would worship material objects? Why, anyone who has learned Kerr's Discoveries and continues to worship gods would be the biggest fools and hypocrites at large. As people learn of Kerr's Discoveries they lose all desire to worship gods as children do to write letters to Santa Claus when they learn he is a myth. Your advice about worshiping in a stable may have been suggested to you by remembering the origin of one of your gods.

20. Sure, I think the letters of college presidents will be interesting to all our readers and I cordially invite the presidents of all American colleges and universitis to write me for publication on what they don't know about gods, souls and immortality. To answer them gives me a good chance to enlighten them on what I do know about such subjects.

The most shameful, disgraceful inexcusable ignorance in the United States is the teaching of religion and the practice of idolatry of idol gods in our colleges and universities. I know they cannot abandon it until they learn Kerr's Discoveries. Therefore I wish to do all I can to introduce them to the faculty of each and shall mail a bundle of copies to be distributed to them to give the instructors an opportunity to learn this most important of all modern knowledge.

The Meaning of Prayer.

Prayer is the badge of paganism, the practice of idolatry, the sign of educational insanity, the brand of heathenism, the index of ignorance, the mark of stupidity, by which we know individuals, societies and nations that are unenlightened in the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Not So Bad As Expected.

One reason it is so hard for idolaters to realize that I actually know the truths I teach is that they don't see me out stealing, murdering and raping as educational insanity taught them people would do were they not kept hell-scared and heaven-bribed through the teachings of religion.

A Message to Chiefs of All Countries.

To Presidents, Kings, Queens, Emperors, Czars and heads of all nations, greeting: Having made the most important scientific discoveries in modern times, and making an effort to inform the people of them I beg permission to call your attention to them also that you may have an equal opportunity to learn them. Therefore I shall mail each of you a few copies of each issue hoping that they get into your hands and the truths I discovered into your minds that you may co-operate in their promulgation throughout your domain.

Read in all disasters on land and sea the proof of Kerr's Discoveries.

Opinions on Race Suicide.

Some men are getting terribly alarmed over the subject of race suicide through a decrease in the birth rate. The women don't seem to be alarmed. In a recent letter my views are asked for on this subject. I produce the request and my reply as it may be of general interest.

"Dear Sir: I should like to have your views on the race suicide question. Recently a learned professor in New York City stated that if the birth rate kept on decreasing at the present rate that in a hundred and sixty years there would be practically no births at all. Do you think this is right? I may be a crank, but to me this seems appalling if it is true.—Arthur Fordham, Fort Wayne, Ind."

Answer: Mr. Arthur Fordham. Dear Sir: Yours of recent date to hand. You appear to be unnecessarily alarmed over the subject of "race suicide," and ask for my opinion of the danger of such a calamity. I must say that I am not a bit worried over the decrease of births. I believe the best thing for women to do would be to unite in a world-wide strike in child-production for ten or fifteen years or more until they could compel the men to guarantee that their children would never be murdered by wars, enslaved by capital nor be taught religious insanity. Life as it is now is not worth living for millions of people. A big reduction in the output would be the best thing for our race until conditions are made better for the living. As it is now the clergy want the women to produce children to supply worshippers for their heathen gods, fill their churches and help pay the teachers of lies on nature. Barbarous statesmen want them to raise children to supply recruits for their armies and navies so there can be a big slaughter of them often like that in the Turco-Balcan war. Captains of industry want them to produce more wage slaves for them.

There are the three principal classes who are clamoring for more children and all of them have unworthy and selfish motives in it. Better that children never be produced than to be produced for such objects. For my part I would prefer to see the women have sense enough to cease bearing children entirely until the men are compelled to make conditions of life for both mother and child much more desirable than it is now for millions of them.

The teaching that a god creates children and will provide for them must be discontinued as Kerr's Discoveries become known. In the light of these new discoveries it is seen that our race must take care of itself by limiting its numbers to the capacity of earth to support them. When that number is reached the increase of our race should cease and remain stationary. In view of the probability that the human race can indure for millions of years and that the natural resources of earth for their support are limited it may be that the number that can be maintained so long is now reached and hencefourth should remain stationary.

Owing to this necessity there must be a law enacted sometime requiring compulsory teaching to all girls at the proper age by qualified matrons how to prevent conception. The time will come when the number of children a family may have must be limited by law to one or two. Society has an inherent right to save itself from destruction, and one of its growing menaces is over-production of its own specie. As evidence see the starvation of millions in parts of Asia, the wars for more territory, the great standing armies and navies of most nations to prevent the seizure of their territory for the over-crowded population of rivals and the infant mortality of more than one-third of the children born in the industrial centers of our own country. From the humanitarian and race protecting viewpoints it would be much better were only a fourth as many children produced and be properly cared for than that such conditions be continued. Human beings should use better judgment than those animals, insects and microbes that multiply so fast that their source of sustenance will not support them and all perish by starvation. Let the scientists take an inventory of the natural resources of earth on which people subsist and then estimate the number of people it will sustain for say ten million years and then limit the population to that number by laws regulating the birth rate instead of by wars to murder the surplus people as some claim is a god's plan of reducing the number.

It is estimated by some authorities that our race is increasing at the rate of 12,000,000 a year. At that rate the world's population would be more than doubled in 150 years. This is what should alarm sociologists until they devise ways of reducing the birthrate until it only equals the death rate.

Praying the Most Disgraceful Exhibition of Educational Insanity.

The most disgraceful exhibition of educational insanity is the act of praying. Nothing else stands out in such visable evidence of the total ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries. Here is a sample exhibition of that ignorance which all should be ashamed of copied from a great daily newspaper which gives it wide publicity but which will not publish Kerr's Discoveries to enlighten the people on these vital subjects:

"Coffeyville, Kas., Feb. 18.—Believing that prayer if fervent enough, would restore life, more than thirty "True Believers" gathered from surrounding towns, spent hours praying over the body of their leader, John Dean of Columbus, Kas. They endeavored to conceal the fact that the man was dead, giving out the report that he was sick and that they were praying for his recovery.

"Neighbors became suspicious and, learning the truth, a coffin was sent to the house. The prayers refused to let the undertakers have the body and sent the coffin away. By this time most of the "Believers" were near exhaustion. The local authorities stepped in and in spite of protestations, the burial took place. The "Believers" wanted to hold the body until the third day, believing that the dead man would come back to life then."

Your own senses are witnesses that Kerr's Discoveries are true because they can not find a real god nor soul nor any traces of their existence, but on all sides they can find evidences of their non-existence.

A Letter Explaining the Difference Between Belief and Knowledge.

Mr. A. C. Siler, Lawrence, Kansas. Dear Sir: Yours of January 24 with the leaflet, "An Exposition of the Bible," at hand and read. Your criticism of the Bible is well taken, but scores of writers have criticised it more thoroughly. However, the Bible is not the foundation nor cause of religious lies on nature as you seem to think. Those lies are many thousand of years older than the Bible or any other "sacred" writing. All such books are simply the by-products of religions. Religions are independent of any and all bibles and can exist without them. Bibles are often changed by revisions, additional books and parts of books or omission of them and by interpolations, change of meaning of words and interpretations of events and statements to conform to the ever changing ideas of religious people and religious organizations.

Religions are primarily based on the false ideas that gods, souls and a future life are realities in nature. Those false ideas, or lies on nature, must be driven out of the minds of the people by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries before religions can be overthrown.

When all know by learning these discovered truths that there is no real god they will know without being told that no book is the word of a god.

You say some people laugh at my claims of discovering the truths I teach because they always believed them. Neither you nor they recognize the difference between belief and knowledge. There is no relation between them. The meaning of those terms are as dissimilar as day and night. A person who only believes them is an agnostic on those subjects and is in no state of mind to accept them as being true or to aid in their teaching. Such people are subjects for conversion to either truths or untruths by their respective teachers but as they always lean to the side of untruths to be on the "safe side" they are generally "converted" to that side. But those who know Kerr's Discoveries to be true are no longer subjects for convertion to heathenism unless they can be bribed to be hypocrites by pretending to believe religious lies.

Some people now believe Mars to be inhabited by beings like people but it is not yet discovered to be so. If some one discovers people on Mars he will be known as the original discoverer of them but those who now only believe that planet to be so inhabited are not recognized as discoverers of them at all. This would be a parallel case to Kerr's Discoveries. While some others claim to have believed them no one to my knowledge before me ever claimed to have discovered them to be actual facts or taught them as verified scientific truths of nature. I know them to be true from having discovered them to be so by the scientific method of learning the truths of nature by experience, observation and investigation. Hence I can teach these truths with the authority of discovery, which is above all other authority, with the knowledge and consciousness that they are true while those who only believe them but do not know them to be true will do nothing to aid in their teaching. That is the difference between those who know and those who only pretend to believe Kerr's Discoveries.

Married Preachers Should Take Warning From the Experience of This One.

"Peoria, Ill., Jan. 3.—After being converted from a heavy-fisted, roaring, swearing steamboat mate to assistant leader of the choir, William D. Ashmond yesterday eloped with Christiana, wife of the pastor, the Rev. Elmer C. Barr.

Mr. Barr is head of the Peoria Mission and often pointed with pride at Ashmond as an example of what religion could do for a man. The pastor used to say:

"He came to the mission swearing he could lick his weight in scorpions and they couldn't make red liquor fast enough to quench his thirst. Now see what a meek and delightful man he has become."

The couple left no word as to where they were going."

Rev. Barr admires, loves and worships a character in ancient fiction who stole a man's betrothed wife but refused to keep her and provide for her. If his wife is provided for by her captor he should change his affections from that ancient god to him as being more worthy of it.

But Who Will Protect Them From the Members of the "Strong Arm Squad."

"Chicago, Jan. 13.—Seventeen men of the First United States Presbyterian church have been organized into a "strong arm squad," to protect women going to and from church for evening services. So many hold-ups had occurred that women feared to attend night services. Rev. James E. Walker, pastor called on the men of his congregation to help protect the women and yesterday from his pulpit announced the names of seventeen muscular men who had agreed to go wherever the pastor assigned them and escort women."

Recently 30 per cent of Chicago prostitutes examined by a vice commission testified under oath that they began the vice while regularly attending church. Why not suppress the Chicago churches by a city ordinance for their evil influence.

This Ordnance Should Include All Teachers of All Religions.

Kansas City, April 5.—The fortune teller ordinance, approved yesterday by the ways and means committee of the lower house of the city council, will become a law as soon as the lower house passes it and the mayor signs it. Then it will be unlawful for any fortune teller or seer to operate in this city. The enforcement of this law will purge Kansas City of a band of several hundred men and women who have made the ignorant and superstitious their dupes."

The teachers of all religions should be classed with fortune tellers and with them be suppressed by law since Kerr's Discoveries prove it is only lies on nature they teach. As people learn these discoveries they have no more use for teachers of religion than for liars on other subjects.

The open season for lying about Santa Claus closed on January 1, but the open season for lying about God, soul and immortality continues the year round.

Identifying and Defining the God I Discovered Does Not Exist.

Some people are so confused in their ideas about gods that they don't seem to know what gods I discovered to be non-existing, and some think I do not know what god the people generally have in mind when they worship one. Some people have applied the name "god" to many different things and passions such as money, natural objects, artificial objects, love, good, ambition, power, persons, etc., and when I acknowledge the existence of those things and passions they think they have forced me to recant.

A letter from Mr. Norman Murray of Montreal, Canada, illustrates how some people get "balled up" in their god-ideas. He says in part:

"In the first place you don't seem to understand the meaning of the word "God" to the general public. * * * The fact of the matter is that there are now as has always been thousands of Gods in the world. * * God is simply a word meaning something whose power over some people is acknowledged. Gold is the miser's god, strong drink the god of the dipsomaniac, sexuality is the godess of the prostitute, an atheist worships himself."

Mr. Murray thinks that such gods are what the general public have in mind when worshiping, and that I cannot disprove their existence. But I know what primary god the people worship and that it is the same one I discovered to be non-existent. I shall use Webster's dictionary in defining him and his attributes. Mr. Webster knew what kind of a god the people believe exists as he evidently believed in the existence of the same god:

"GOD—A being conceived of as possessing supernatural power, and to be propitiated by sacrifice, worship, etc. The Supreme Being; the eternal and infinite Spirit, the Creator, and Sovereign of the universe; Jehovah."

Attributes of God. 1. Omnipotence—Able in every respect and for every work; unlimited in ability; all powerful, almighty. The onnipotent, the Almighty; God.

2. Omnipresent—Present in all places at the same time; as, the omnipresent Jehovah.

3. Omniscient—Having universal knowledge; knowing all things; infinitely knowing or wise; as, the omniscient God."

Now that is the primary god I unstand is always meant by the people when they worship, and the god I discovered does not exist in reality, nor any being under any name whatever with the above three attributes without which no being could be a god. It is a natural physical impossibility for a being to have any one of those attributes. No being could possibly have unlimited power. No being could possibly exist in all space at the same time.

No being could possibly know all things in all the universe. Hence this god that Webster describes is an impossibility as a reality, and only possible as a character in a fable, a make-believe god, a myth, and consequently never did, does not now, nor never will do anything. Therefore all real phenomena observed and ascribed to the acts of this god has a false explination of its cause. The scientists must look again, with the god-theory abandoned, until they find the true cause.

As there is no real god there can be no son, book, laws, commands, acts, love, rewards, vengeance, hatred, punishments or anything else issue from one.

The "Not Go to Church" Pledge.

A great scheme to induce people to attend church is the "go to church day" for special members of the family and special classes of citizens, but the all important thing is that the truths of nature instead of lies on nature be taught the people when they do go to church. To encourage preachers to learn and teach the truth let us all sign a "Not go to curch" pledge until they do so. And here it is. Let all who approve of it sign it and get as many more to do so as they can and return the list to me for publication to let the preachers know how many want them to teach the truth:

We, the undersigned, promise to not attend any churches nor contribute in any way to their support until the teaching of religion is discontinued therein and the teaching of these truths be substituted, viz, that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends in each person forever at death.

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W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.

I ask all publications in sympathy with this movement to aid in gathering names for it. They can insert the statement and pledge, keep them standing and forward lists to me as they come in. I will act as temporary secretary for the movement until it gets a start. If a good sized list of names to this promise can be secured it will have a powerful influence on preachers to induce them to learn and teach this most important of all knowledge. All who wish the clergy to teach people the truth should cease encouraging them in teaching lies by their support and presence.

A few people are born insane but all the balance have insanity under the name of religion forced on them until they like it so well that they in turn force it on the next generation, hence perpetual insanity in our race is assured unless it can learn Kerr's Discoveries, which appear very doubtful now.

Bible Revisions Prove It Only Man's Word.

"Washington, Jan. 5.—The several millions of Catholics in the United States, as well as the many millions of them throughout the civilized world are, both lay and clerical, profoundingly interested in the revision of the Latin Vulgate now going on in Rome under the personal supervision and direction of the Right Rev. F. A. Gasquet, abbot of the renowned Order of Benedictines."

Had the Bible or any other writing been that of a god it would never have needed revision. But if it did the same god would revise it.

Kerr's Discoveries prove that all "sacred writings" are the product of man and people who unload them on the public as "the Word of God" should be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses and for using the mails to defraud.

Webster's Definition of "Discover" and "Discoverer."

From conversations and letters it appears that many people do not know the definitions of "discover" and "discoverer." They think that only material things are subjects for discovery and that if I have discovered anything I should be able to present it to them in such material form that they can see, feel, measure and weigh it. Well, according to Webster's dictionary truths of nature such as Kerr's Discoveries are subjects for discovery and their finder is truly a discoverer:

"Discover. 3. To obtain for the first time sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain; to espy; to detect.

"Discoverer. 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discovers an unknown country, or a new principle, truth or fact."

As I am the first one to detect, ascertain, find out, perceive and obtain knowledge of the truths or facts in nature that no immaterial beings exist in all the universe; that no real god exists in all the universe; that man has no soul; that the life, mind and consciousness of a person ceases forever at death I am truly a discoverer of scientific truths of nature. They are the most important scientific discoveries ever made since from necessity all people must be the victims of educational insanity until they learn and accept these discovered facts and put their thoughts, acts and teachings in harmony and accord with them.

According to the same dictionary those who worship false gods are pagans, idolaters and heathens, and as Kerr's Discoveries prove that God and Christ are false gods it follows that all who worship these or any other gods are necessarily pagans, idolaters and heathens, and that the only possible way for them to become civilized is to learn these new scientific discoveries and then aid in teachng them and in founding societies everywhere to spread and perpetuate this most important of all knowledge. All who do not thus prove by their works that they do know and accept Kerr's Discoveries must necessarily be classed as pagans, idolaters and heathens. Even Liberals, Agnostics, Freethinkers, Monists, Newthoughters, Pantheists, Rationalists and all others under any classification whatever and the indifferent must be so classed until they prove they are not by an active part in this educational work.

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state or an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr' Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematicaly and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Dicoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST :—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enough to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under affirmation which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.
Commission expires September 8, 1916.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

INTRODUCTORY—A cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life is ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Devils, Spirits, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, the Great German Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid It All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in its Educational and Organization Work. Rates—Single Subscription 25 Cents; In Club of 10 or More 15 Cents; In Bundles of 100 Copies 85c Cents, 500 Copies $1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50. I Appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator. Please Send in All the Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Add. W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kans.

These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching them.

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ANSWERING AN EDITOR'S QUESTIONS

In my efforts to educate the educators in Kerr's Discoveries I have placed hundreds of editors on the mailing list in hopes they will be able and willing to learn them, and therefore I am willing to help them do so by answering their questions. The following letter from the editor of "The Bucklin Banner," Bucklin, Kansas, contains an interesting list of questions that may be in the minds of many more and to answer them will answer all. I place a number before each to correspond with the number of my answer to it.

Bucklin, Kas., March 9, 1914.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas. Dear Sir: I have received several copies of your paper, and there are a few questions I would like to ask you. I am a believer and a member of the Christian church and have read the Bible for twenty years.

(1) In the first place what proof have you to offer that "Kerr's Discovery" is authentic? (2) I would like to have some proof other than the mere statement that such facts have been discovered. (3) Any man may claim to have discovered anything but that is of no value to anyone who seeks to satisfy himself. (4) As a part of that proof please state how the earth and all that is in it happens to exist. (5) Where man came from. (6) And who gave life to the things of the earth. (7) To my notion everything proves the existence of a God. (8) The sun which rises in the morning to give us light to go about our daily tasks, and which sinks from sight that we may have rest from our labors is a proof of the existence of an infinite being. (9) And again can you point to anything that man has created? (10) Can you tell me of an instance where man has caused anything to live? (11) If the Bible is a lie and there is no god could not the same force which created living things in the beginning do it today? (12) If there is no God and some other force created the deposits of minerals in the earth could they not do it today? (13) If the Bible is a lie how does it happen that the basis of our laws are founded on the laws of the Bible? (14) If the Bible is a lie, there is no God, etc., how do you explain that all higher civilization is found in Christian countries? And if I should admit the truth of your teaching, which I am not ready to do, (15) how will your teaching benefit humanity (16) Will you publicly deny that the Christian man is superior to the heathen? (17) Can you help but admit that the church has a great power for good in the land, (18) and that Christian men and women are doing much to alleviate suffering and poverty in this and other countries, (19) and that their efforts through their missionaries are bringing heathen countries to a higher civilization

These are a few of the things I would like to know.

Yours truly,
J. B. MILLER.

ANSWERS. 1. I verify the fact of making Kerr's Discoveries by an affidavit and by continual conduct that is not inconsistent with that knowledge. The proof that Kerr's Discoveries are true to nature are so numerous that I can only mention a few of them in this short answer. If they fail to convince you remember the evidence is inexhaustible.

a. The failure of the five natural senses of each member of the human race to detect a real god or soul or any real manifestation of the existence of such beings is sure proof there are none.

b. The fact that all things and all phenomena observed are actually the same as they would be were no real gods and souls in existence is sure proof no such beings exist.

c. The fact that an immaterial being is a physical impossibility in nature precludes the existence of gods and souls and all other imagined non-material beings.

d. The natural physical impossibility of a being to have any one of the three attributes necessary in a god—omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience—makes the existence of a real god impossible.

e. Were there real gods and souls I could not have discovered their non-existence. Consider these specific facts under (b) that further prove the non-existence of a real god: The wars and tortures to force people to believe in false gods, false bibles, false prophets, false religions, false churches, false priests; famine, pestilence, earthquakes, calamities on land and sea; no intelligent control of animal or vegetable life, or of the elements, planets, or suns.

2. It is very commendable in you to demand proof of Kerr's Discoveries before accepting them. Had people followed that course in regard to Christianity and all other religions and demanded proof of their claims none would have been accepted by anybody because there can be no real proof produced of the existence of gods, souls and immortality on which lies they are all based.

3. The difficulty of making people satisfied with Kerr's Discoveries is not for want of proof of them which

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are

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is in the reach of all in great abundance but because they are better satisfied with religious lies on nature than they think they would be with the truth. Hence they refuse to try to see, recognize, comprehend, consider or understand the proof of Kerr's Discoveries. They, like the foolish ostrich, that is said to hide his head in sand to destroy unpleasant facts, imagine they can destroy these to them unpleasing truths by refusing to see proof of them or to admit them into their minds.

4. This and the two following questions and all like them are, as the lawyers would say, irrelevant, incompetent and immaterial. They have nothing whatever to do with the facts nor the proof of the non-existence of real gods. To illustrate with like cases the astronomer who discovered the rotating motion of the earth could not explain why things did not fall off it when upside down. But doubtlessly many demanded an explanation of that phenomenon before they would accept the fact of rotation when it was really an irrelevant subject. One child who teaches another that Santa Claus is a myth perhaps can't tell it who gave it the toy nor where they got it. By knowing and informing the deluded child that Santa Claus is a myth he eliminates the false explanation of the source of the toy and then it is up to the deluded child as much as to any one else to learn the true explanation. Likewise it is up to you and all others, especially professional astronomers, geologists and biologists, to find out from nature the true answers to these questions if they are not yet known. Kerr's Discoveries simply disprove the teaching that a god makes things. Cease looking in the bible and other "sacred" writings for your answer to these questions and consult standard works on biology, geology and astronomy that are free from the god-delusion and you may find the true answer to these three questions. However, I shall answer them briefly according to my present understanding based on reason and Kerr's Discoveries.

Space, time and substance with its inherent properties are eternal, but without mind or intelligence of any kind except as it is generated in living organisms as their other senses are. The unintelligent chemical action of the elements of substance acting and reacting on each other under favorable environments cause all the phenomena from the formation and dissolution of suns and planets to microbes and bacteria.

5. Man did not come from anywhere. He was generated on this planet in the first place by spontaneous chemical action of the elements in a very low form of life millions of years ago and by development called evolution through long ages and millions of generations has arrived at his present state of development mentally, physically and artificially.

6. Life is not a thing that can be given to anything in the sense you mean. It is only the name of a certain condition of an organism that develops by chimical action into that condition or state of being. Nearly all mature forms of vegetable and animal organisms are natures natural unintelligent laboratories that transforms lifeless substance into living substance by chimical action. That is the way embryos are produced and by nourishment in favorable invironments are developed into the mature organism of its specie.

7. But your "notion" is all wrong through false teaching on these subjects.

8. The sun does no such thing, neither does the earth rotate to suit man's convenience or desires. Man and other animals simply adapt themselves to the alternating sunshine and shadow, summer and winter caused by the movements of the earth. People are taught by religious lies to believe that all natural things and conditions that please them were made by some god for them when the facts are that nothing were ever produced by nature for man. Had our race never existed all else, except where changed by it, would have been the same as it is.

9. There is no such thing as the creation of something from nothing in the sense you mean by the agency of an omnipotent god. But creation in the sense of natural change from one form of substance to another form is going on all the time. All artificial things may be said to be the creation of man such as buildings, books clothing, furniture, ships, bridges, implements, machines, railroads, canals, etc.

10. Man changes the form of animal and vegetable life on earth to better suit his requirements. Where wild animals and vegetation once flourished man destroys and progagates those species he likes best and manipulates their reproduction in quality and quantity to suit his needs. He regulates the reproduction of his own specie by laws and customs.

11. Certainly, the unintelligent chimical action that produces living organisms in the first place on a planet are doubtlessly doing it on those planets that are now in the same physical condition this one was when live organisms first developed on it.

12. The elements and properties of substance were never created by any "force" from nothing as you were taught they were by idolaters. They always existed in some form. Unintelligent processes of nature cause the formation of mineral strata. Those processes are still at work to some extent forming and changing mineral deposits on this planet, and perhaps in millions of planets in the same stage of development this was when the first deposits were formed the same processes are forming like deposits.

13. It so happens that the basis of our laws do not happen to be founded on Bible laws. Laws are older than any and all bibles. They are based on the necessity for the protection of individuals, societies, governments and property rights. All people had such laws long before they had bibles. But one tribe of Arabs it seems placed some of their laws in a bible and assigned their authorship to a ferocious myth named Jehovah to frighten the foolish into obeying them. China, Japan and other nations had all the laws they needed many centuries before hearing of your Bible. We have laws on thousands of things not known when the Bible laws were enacted and consequently nothing is said in it about them. Many of the Bible laws are now obsolete and all countries have laws making it a crime to obey others of them.

14. There is a great diversity of opinion as to what particular activity, custom or achievement of a people constitutes civilization or the most highly civilized people. Is it wealth, or the inventon and use of modern machinery, or commerce, or an army and navy, or the manufacture and use of clothing, or the establishment and inforcement of orderly government, or general education, or the practice of good, moral ethics, or all of these combined that constitutes civilization? If it is, Japan, China, Turkey, India, Egypt and some other countries that are not Christian are equal in some of these achievements to any Christian country and far superior to some of them which proves that it is not the religion of a people but other factors that make for civilization. But I rather suspect that your definition of civilization is the common one among Christians and is to the effect that only those who beleve in and worship their god "Christ" are civilized while all who do not are uncivilized. Well, Kerr's Discoveries have put an everlasting quietus on that claim by proving that Christ, like all other gods, is a false god, and Webster's dictionary says those who worship false gods are idolaters, pagans and heathens. Now, if such people are not civilized as some claim, they must learn Kerr's Discoveries to become civilized. There is no escape from that course for any who desire to be civilized.

15. It is impossible now to foresee the full, marvelous, world-wide benefits that will accrue to the human race throughout its existence from learning Kerr's Discoveries. But among them will be the total elimination from the human mind of all religions with their frightful gods, devils and hells and all other imagined immaterial beings, resulting in the permanent cessation of all wars, hatred and strife engendered by religions, and the saving of the vast wealth and energy used in their propagation for sane purposes; the true knowledge of the nature of death and what becomes of people then; the knowledge that man is the supreme ruler on earth which is necessary to know before he can wisely direct activities and legislation for the best interest of mankind throughout the millions of years our race may yet exist.

16. Kerr's Discoveries in connection with the definition of a pagan proves that the "Christian man" is a heathen also, so don't stick up your nose in such contempt of the heathen. These new discoveries play the duce with the self-conceit of Christians. No wonder some of them object to having them made known.

17. As all churches except the C. O. H. are founded to teach some religion and as all religions are systems of lies on nature no amount of good those churches can do will balance the evil they do through their false teaching. They are heathenizing each succeeding generation by teaching them to be idolaters of false gods and to have utterly false ideas of their own nature, origin and destiny, all of which is detestable and abhorrent to those who know Kerr's Discoveries.

But there is one way all churches can redeem themselves, justify their continuance and undo to some extent the inconceivable harm they have done. That is to evolute into teachers of true knowledge by learning and teaching Kerr's Discoveries. All the real good they now do can be done still better then.

18. But you must remember that all the evil done in Christian countries and much of it done in other countries that cause the "suffering and poverty" is the work of Christian men and women also. All wars in Christendom are those of Christians. All the criminals in those countries both inside and outside their penal institutions are Christians as truly as their victims are. Webster's dictionary defines a Christian to be: "1. One who believes or professes or is assumed to believe, in Jesus Christ, and the truth as taught by Him. 2. One born in a Christian country or of Christian parents ,and who has not definitely become an adherent of an opposing system." Therefore all the criminals in Christian countries are as truly Christians as the rest.

19. To induce idolaters to transfer their affection from one set of false gods to another set of false gods is making no improvement in them. That can only be done by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

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A Sign of Educational Insanity.

One of the signs of educational insanity in people is to mistake the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries and the organization of the C. O. H. to continue it to be a religious movement, and that explains much of the hatred for it by religionists who cannot tolerate a rival. An example is the Cornell Daily Sun, Ithaca, New York, that contained this comment on our work some time ago:

"In the name of the "Church of Humanity," University authorities would do well to prevent the distribution of the child-like literature which has come into our midst. The college students may be credulous but this is asking too much of his credulity, and we doubt if this latest commercialism of religion will meet success in any college town."

The "Sun" is a very opaque one or it would be bright enough to see that I am not teaching a religion at all and hence have no rival religion to the one they have "commercialized" at Cornell University. Those who believe that Kerr's Discoveries is a religion are so blinded by educational insanity that they mistake scientific truths of nature for rival religious lies. That is doubtless what many mistook the discovery of the true shape and movements of the earth to be and partly explains the motive for the bitter opposition to them at one time. A monopoly in educational insanity has no more love for a rival than has a monopoly in business. But I am not teaching a religion, Sunny, and when you fight against learning Kerr's Discoveries you are not fighting against another set of religious lies on nature but against scientifically discovered facts as did those who fought against the discoveries of the truth about the earth. You should remember what fools they made of themselves for doing so and not follow their example.

Open Letter to the Pope.

Pope Pius X. Vatican, Rome, Italy: Dear Sir: Having had the good luck as a scientist seeking the true nature of God, soul and life to discover the truth about them I am now publishing this little messenger to carry the knowledge of those discoveries to all the world. As you are a man supposed to be deeply interested in the enlightenment and welfare of our race I beg permission to mail you a few copies of each issue that you and your counselors may have an opportunity to learn this most important of all knowledge, and when learned you will doubtless take a great pleasure in aiding the promulgation of these truths to enlighten the world. —W. H. Kerr, President Church of Humanity.

Not Advisable to Set Limits to Obtainable Knowledge.

In Herbert Spencer's "First Principles" he thought he had reached the outer boundary of obtainable knowledge concerning God and man by declaring that "God and man's origin and destiny are unknowable and therefore undebateable." But long before he died I had discovered the true nature of God, soul and life and the origin and destiny of man, and for years have been teaching that knowledge under the name of Kerr's Discoveries.

Another College President's Letter and My Remarks Thereon.

President's Office, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. My Dear Mr. Kerr. (1) I have read your paper with considerable astonishment. (2) Your philosophy of life seems to be based entirely on a series of denials set fourth dogmatically. If I may say so without offense, (3) your tenets are expressed in a very crude and unscientific fashion. (4) You may be entirely honest in your confidence, that you have made certain discoveries, (5) and yet you may be entirely mistaken. (6) It it inconceivable to me that you have discovered anything at all. (7) I have no interest whatever in your publication. (8) Notwithstanding your affidavit, I shall not be at all surprised to hear that your views are greatly modified as they revolve in your mind. Sincerely yours,—G. L. MacKintosh, March 13, 1914.

REMARKS—1. Of course you did. There is nothing so astonishing to people who have been taught lies on nature all their lives as to suddenly see the truth right before them in plain print that there are no such things in the universe as real gods and souls. But just be brave and try to get a mental grip on these strange truths and study the proof of them until you know them to be true. Then you will be astonished at your own stupidity in not discovering them yourself long ago.

2. There, you are sidetracked already because you failed to study my teaching closely. I am not teaching a "philosophy of life" at all nor denials of anything. I am teaching certain truths of nature in the affirmative way that I as a scientist in this particular line of investigation discovered.

3. Oh, no, I am not teaching "tenets" either. As you imagine I am teaching "philosophy," "denials" and "tenets" no wonder you think I am doing it "in a very crude and unscientific fashion.' But I am not teaching such things. I leave them for college professors to wrangle over while marking time to draw a salary on. My task is to teach Kerr's Discoveries in the plainest and simplest way I can.

4. Sure, I have full confidence that Kerr's Discoveries are true to nature and that there is no possibility of me being mistaken in them since I took every possible precaution to guard against it.

5. These discovered truths being new to you and so very different from the false teaching you have always received it is quite reasonable that you are unable to comprehend them at first. But a willingness and patience on your part to observe and study the proof of Kerr's Discoveries will convince you in time they are true.

6. You may be excusable in not taking an interest in my publication. But as a citizen and an educator in a high and responsible position it is your duty to yourself and to your students to learn this most important of all modern knowledge to enable you to teach it to them. Otherwise you will be deliberately and willfully leading your students into idolatry of false gods which Webster says is paganism and heathenism.

7. You evidently misjudge me entirely by classing me with those ranters against church and clergy who get "converted" at some big revival, or who when sick or about to die send post-haste for a clergyman to administer religious rites and consolation to them. You can't comprehend that I am a scientist who knows his discoveries are true. There is no more probability that I shall ever repudiate or deny these truths than you will deny that twice two equal four, because I know them as thoroughly as you do that simple problem. However should I die first you will very likely see in all papers in great headlines as black as the lies they tell that I recanted, was converted, sent for the clergy to pray for my poor lost soul and died in abject fear of hell with my last words in frantic warning to not believe Kerr's Discoveries. All religions being systems of lies on nature and requiring continual lying to spread and perpetuate them their teachers would seize upon such lies with frenzied delight and spread them over all the world in every language. They would be worked to full capacity day and night, every day in the week for centuries as the choicest morsel of revival dope to scare simpletons into the ranks of idolaters ever found. But I warn you and all others now that should you ever see such statements regarding me being circulated for truth just write across them, "lies," and across the forehead of all who repeat them for truth, "liar." If I know long enough in advance when I am about to die I shall try to provide against such post-mortem slanders by having witnesses I can trust present.

A Message to Chiefs of All Countries.

To Presidents, Kings, Queens, Emperors, Czars and heads of all nations, greeting: Having made the most important scientific discoveries in modern times, and making an effort to inform the people of them I beg permission to call your attention to them also that you may have an equal opportunity to learn them. Therefore I shall mail each of you a few copies of each issue hoping that they get into your hands and the truths I discovered into your minds that you may co-operate in their promulgation throughout your domain.

First Things to Do In the Child Welfare Movement.

Many societies and doctors of Sociology are discussing child welfare problems of how best to raise children for their own good and that of society and for the future of our race, but I have yet to see it suggested that adults should stop lying to children which is the first and most important thing to do in all child welfare movements. People the world over seem to be willing to do most anything for the child except to stop lying to it and begin telling it the truth. Stop lying to children about the existence of Santa Claus, ghosts, witches, faries, spirits, souls, saints, devils, gods, saviors, heaven, hell, future life and the dead coming to life again, and tell them the truth that no such beings or places exist in the universe and you will be doing the greatest possible good for the child's welfare, for future society and for the human race during its existence.

The International Volunteer Army For World Enlightenment.

There have been armies for murder and destruction and armies for heathenizing the people since the dawn of history but no armies for enlightening them in the most important of all knowledge. Let us organize that kind. The world needs them. We must educate the people's educators and officials before they can aid in educating the masses in Kerr's Discoveries. I have lists of 2,500 daily papers, 1,400 religious publications, 200 magazines, 1,500 papers of foreign languages in the U. S., the faculties of 450 colleges and universities, the cabinet and U. S. congress, governors of U. S. and territories and heads of all nations, and can add many thousands more to my regular mailing lists. But it will require an army for enlightenment to provide the funds to print this little edumator and mail it to all those people. I can have four copies printed for those people for every cent contributed for that purpose. For that purpose I shall call for volunteers to join this army for enlightenment and will enroll all in it who will contribute $1 or more and will accept males and females of any age, color and nationality. Now is the time to volunteer in the army of enlightenment and here is your blank application to fill out and return to me to make you a member of this grandest and best of all armies:

I shall publish all contributions, and names of all volunteers except any who wish to be known only as "a volunteer." None need join the C. O. H. unless they desire to do so, but any who do will be enrolled and furnished certificates of membership free of costs to them. All volunteers will be put on the regular mailing list:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas, U. S. A. Desiring the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries spread over all the world I wish to join The International Volunteer Army for World Enlightenment and inclose sum of $..... to pay for printing copies of T. A. G. & L. for the people's educators and officials. Please enroll me in the army and mail to them four copies for every cent of my contribution.

Name.....

Full Address.....

Attending a Heathenizing Church Regularly No Evidence of Good Citizenship.

Mr. G. Franklin Oliver of Chicago, an electrical engineer at a salary of $100 a month, while attending church regularly posed as a rich Mr. Joseph D. Oliver of South Bend, Indiana, heir to 12 million dollars. He bought a $16,000 yacht, joined clubs and led the high life on credit until found out. So much for the influence of lies on nature on those who go regularly to hear them.

The knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries by the Irish would have made the religious war now about to begin in Ireland, an impossibility. Why don't schools and newspapers help me to make these new discoveries known to all people to prevent such wars in the future.

Protestantism as Much of a "Menace" As Catholicism Where It Has Power.

The popular anti-Catholic paper, "The Menace," edited by a Protestant preacher, keeps this declaration standing at its head:

"This is a nation of religious liberty and a man has a right to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, but he DOES NOT have the right to impose his religion upon others. The menace to this nation from Catholicism lies in the fact that the avowed purpose of the hierachy from the pope down is to make America Catholic, set the church above the state and dictate the religion of this republic. Out of this has grown the Roman Catholic political machine, the deadliest menace to American liberty and civilization, and it is this The Menace is fighting."

Here in Kansas where the Protestants are in power they force the religious lies they inherited from their Catholic mother on all by state power through the public schools notwithstanding the decision of "The Menace," that they have no right to do so. Kansas has a compulsory school law and its supreme court has made a law contrary to our state constitution allowing heathens to teach and practice their idolatry in the public schools and inforce it on all the students. They take my children by state power and teach and require them to worship false gods, thus making idolaters, heathens and pagans of them. What odds is it to me whether it be Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Mohammedans or any other sect that force this vile thing on my children? The belief in and worship of one set of false gods by my children are as objectionable to me as the worship of any other set.

"The Menace" represents the bitter fight among sects of idolaters for supremacy that carries with it the power to force their particular brand of heathenism on all. What odds is it to me whether that force comes from the state by way of a church or a public school? It's the vile stuff I object to and not the particular route through which it comes. I would as leave be forced by state power to send my children to a church and to maintain it to heathenize them as to have the same thing forced on me through the public schools.

"The Menace" thinks the public school is "the antidote for papal poison," but it is no such thing so long as it administers the same basic poison to the students. They can give no antidote for that poison until they learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. And then they will be providing an antidote for the "Menace" brand of poison also.

A Murderer Would Be a Good Draw as An Evangelist.

"Wheaton, Ill., Feb. 6.—Henry Spencer, confessor of many murders and now under reprieve from the gallows for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Rexroat, intends to emulate Billy Sunday if he is given his freedom."

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How the Work of Civilizing Our Race Through Teaching It Kerr's Discoveries Is Piling Up.

According to the Bureau of Universal Statistics of Antwerp, which has just announced its figures for 1912, the population of the earth is slightly over 1,900,000,000, an increase of 140,000,000 in the past four years, or an annual increase of 35,000,000 people. All those people are idolaters, pagans and heathens according to Webster's Dictionary because they all worship and believe in false gods, since Kerr's Discoveries prove there are no true gods. Therefore all this wilderness of people must be taught those discoveries to civilize them if they are ever to be civilized. All there is at present to begin that Herculean task is this little publication. But it can be sent into all the great countries as the advance agent of Kerr's Discoveries if those who want it to go will help me pay the cost of sending it. For every $2.50 you send me I shall print, address and mail out 1,000 copies, paying the balance of the cost myself. You see here the work to do and each year adds 35,000,000 more people to our task. All your help will be announced and recorded in our books to your credit. If you desire to help in making the world better than you found it here is your only great opportunity. Join The Volunteer Army of Enlightenment

Have Judges the Power of Legislation.

I have read a number of cases lately where judges have ordered those guilty of some misdemeanor to attend church services and read the Bible but I never saw any legislation prescribing that as a punishment for anything. If judges have a legal right to prescribe a form of punishment not provided for by legislation then such right should be taken from them by law and they be prohibited from usurping legislative functions by heavy penalties. If this is not done it will furnish precedents for Socialist judges to require all non-Socialists brought before them to read Karl Marx, Debs and a half dozen Socialist papers and attend all Socialist lectures within fifty miles. Under this precedent judges who learn Kerr's Discoveries could declare all who refuse to learn them guilty of a misdemeanor and sentence them to read a copy of this publication every day and attend a Church of Humanity twice every Sunday as long as they live.

"The Menace" is throwing a big scare into the people about what the Catholics will do to them when they get in power. But can it be any worse than this Protestant judge-made law, Mr. "Menace?"

This would Be Good News Were It Caused By Knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Through the influence of the socialist movement in Germany many persons are withdrawing from the Prussian State church. At one of the Berlin courts twelve judges and thirty-eight actuaries were kept busy for several days with the legal formalities of dissolving the relations between seceders and the church. In another court 1,300 withdrawals were recorded in one day. In Berlin 40,000 withdrew during December."

The Church of Humanity Catechism Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that creates and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The Universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state or an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature

Q. How can Kerr' Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematicaly and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Dicoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred strife and wars.

Home Proof of Kerr's Discoveries.

People will some day wonder why they were so blind and stupid not to see and recognize proof of Kerr's Discoveries when it is all about them continually in so many forms and so plainly presented to their senses.

Two particular cases of vivid proof of Kerr's Discoveries happened in this town recently that should convince all the town that Kerr's Discoveries are true to nature. Two fires, each burning a young man to death—one in his home while building a fire was enveloped in flames, the other asleep in a livery barn did not awaken it seems when the barn burned. They prove the facts that no gods, saviors, saints, angels, spirits, souls or any other imagined immaterial beings exist; that man has no soul or that of the young man who perished in the barn would have notified his relatives and friends what happened to his "house of clay." He was a stranger in town and some difficulty was had in locating his relatives. He perished as did the horses and rats with the combustion of vehicles, feed and timbers by the unintelligent and non-intelligently directed processes of nature.

The parsons who preached their funerals probably gave satisfactory explanations to the audience why God arranged for the burning of these two young men. Idolaters are full of excuses for any act their god does. They can easily conjure up in their heathenized minds reasons for their god causing any calamity that happens on land or sea. But they are slow in getting it into their paganized minds, and some will not dare mention it if they do, that the true reason why their god allows calamities of all kinds is that he is a character of fiction, a myth, and that no real god exists in the universe.

Who Wants the Truth About God and Life In a Book.

I get letters containing questions I answered previously in T. A. G. & L. and dislike to reproduce them in the paper. Would enough of the readers take a book at $1.50 to justify publishing one containing the best in the paper during its ten years of publication?

If you will, please fill out and return this:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas—If you publish a book containing your teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in T. A. G. & L., I will take a copy at $1.50.

Name.....

Address.....

We have 339 enrolled members in our church now, and I would be glad to fill out and mail certificates to all who have learned Kerr's Discoveries. Isn't there enough now convinced of these truths to raise our number to an even 400? Please sign the membership blank in this copy and mail it to me right now.

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST:—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enough to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence thatI know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under affirmationwhich makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.

Commission expires September 8, 1916.

INTRODUCTORY—A cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life is ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Devils, Spirits, Angels, Hell, Pergatory, Etc., Are Puely Mythecal, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, the Great Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid It All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in its Educational and Organizing Work. Rates—Single Subscription 25 Cents; In Club of 10 or More 15 Cents; In Bundles of 100 Copies 35 Cents, 500 Copies$1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50. I Appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator.Please Send in All the Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Add. W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kans.

These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching them.

"Discoverer 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discoversan unknown country, or a new principle, truth or fact." Webster.

(A Motto for Homes, Schools and Offices)

Kerr's Discoveries. Remember Them:

"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learningKerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

"Discover 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known: to find out; to ascertain, to espy: to detect." Webster.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed.the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

Observations On the War and Suggested Plans for Permanent Peace.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is my most important work, but owing to the general belief that to learn these new scientific discoveries would make people thieves, murderers and all round criminals and undesirable citizens generally it is my duty to express my ideas on important current events that all may have an opportunity to observe what affect this new found knowledge has on myself and thus be able to judge of its effects on others who may learn it.

If knowing Kerr's Discoveries tends to make people better citizens with more humane and peaceful dispositions having better judgment and clearer ideas on the duty of the world citizenship it will tend to reconcile all to the teaching of those discoveries and help to popularize them.

I deplore the war now raging in Europe and spreading to all continents as much as any one can and would quicaly stop it had I the power to do so. I firmly believe if all the people of these waring countries knew Kerr's Discoveries they would not value their lives so low as to sacrifice them in war. But believing the lies on nature that they are immortal, having souls that at the worst shot and shell can do them is to separate them temporarily from the body to go to a more desirable world and to be again united with the resurrected body on a judgment day makes them set but little value on life.

The worship and praise of a revengful, savage, murdering, man-made God who is continually held up as a perfect model of goodness for man to emulate ever tends to make his idolaters as savage in murderlust as he is and wholly distorts, preverts and obscures the proper moral ethics people should practice.

The false ideas all nations have that a real God exists who will aid them in destroying their enemies give them a false base for beli f in success on the battlefield. The people of all countries at war are now praying to their idol gods to protect their soldiers from the fire of the enemy but not to protect the enemy from theirs. As most at war now are Christians they make this request of the same god, and believing he will do as requested both sides are encouraged to do their best at the murdering business.

The First Move for Permanent World Peace.

With the foregoing facts in view it is clearly seen that the first move for permanent world peace must be the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries to all people of earth that they may know the short duration of life which will cause them to value it too highly to expose it to extinction on any battlefield. When people know that no real god exists then no pretending agent of a God can induce them to go to war by declaring that a god commands them to do so and will punish them if they refuse. They will then know that no priest, preacher or ruler holds office by appointment from any god and will ignore all such pretensions. Then the demand for the services of religious teachers will cease forever and states will elect their own heads of government.

The War Proves Some Teachings Fallacious.

1. The utter failure of the system of lies on nature called Christianity to civilize people is demonstrated beyond all doubt by the present war which is the greatest calamity to life and property in the world's history. Most of the nations at war are thoroughly Christianized but no savages could exceed their ferocity in the cruel destruction of life and property. The claims of Christian teachers and missionaries that Christianizing the people will insure peace, brotherly love and happiness to the world are proven false and the vast work and wealth used in teaching religious lies on nature has been in vain. Religions heathenize instead of civilizing the people.

2. Armed nations, like some armed men, are intolerable conceited bullies looking for a fight and a constant menace to peace which should not be permitted by their own citizens. The theory that to be heavily armed is the best insurance of peace among nations, and through which the people of the waring nations have been pauperized for war funds, is absolutely false. Nothing insures wars so certain as nations being prepared for them. When the few people of the western frontier towns were allowed to carry arms there were more fights and murders than now with many times the population but prohibited to carry arms.

Suggested Measures to Insure Permanent World Peace

The greatest world problem is to conquer war and that can be done only by removing the causes of wars. The primary measures to insure permanent cessation of wars are as follows:

1. Make Kerr's Discoveries known to all people and teach them in every home and all educational institutions throughout all the world.

2. Discontinue the succession of hereditary rulers and elect for short terms the heads of states.

3. Organize all the human race into the United States of the World and provide a constitution and congress for it similar to that of the United States by which the world shall be governed.

4. Disarm all peoples and provide only a common world police force to maintain order and inforce the laws.

5. Give women equal political, social and property rights with man.

6. Make the teaching of prevention of conception to all women compulsory and limit by heavy penalty the number of children in a family to one or two to prevent over production of human beings.

7. Make all natural resources of earth the common property of the United States of the World to be owned and administered by their common government.

8. Have the general government of the United States of the World build, own and administer all means of transportation and communication

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People who are served to a free copy of this educator should let all members of their family read it who can then hand it to some one else.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

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and the principal industries of the earth.

9. Provide a common language and require its teaching to all children in all educational institutions of earth and discontinue the use of all others.

10. Eliminate nationalities by free social, industrial, commercial and political intercourse among all as common citizens of the same government.

11. Amalgamate all races into one by free intermarriage to eliminate race and color antipathy.

12. Organize a perpetual Industrial Army of the United States of the World to do the world's work and provide modern homes for all. Make all males subject to duty in the Industrial Army for a term of ten or twenty years as may be required to put the whole earth into habitable and comfortable condition for homes and to provide the necessaries and luxuries of life for all.

These are all necessary steps to take before the cause of wars can be permanently eliminated. The world can have only a short armistice between ever growing fiercer wars until these measures are inaugurated and completed.

With a common knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries, a common government, a common language and equal right to life and liberty which this program would insure to all I firmly believe millions of happy, peaceful years are in the future for our race, but until it is put into operation I forsee nothing but wars, strife, hatred, sorrow, pauperism, starvation and desolation.

Some Apparent Inconsistencies.

When the old feudal lords and pirates were about to start on a raid of robbery, rape and murder to neighboring settlements they aways had prayers to God for a successfu expedition. Some modern critics thought they detected some inconsitency in such proceedings. But what about the custom in the present war of all governments on both sides providing chaplains to pray to the same god for success when about to sink a ship with all on board, to destroy a city with all its inhabitants, to annihilate whole regiments and to lay waste whole empires? Isn't there inconsistency somewhere? What about the habit of both sides ordering praise and thanksgiving to the same god for his aid when they are successful in destroying life and property in large numbers and quantities? Isn't there inconsistency somewhere? And what about the relatives of the slaughtered sons, husbands and fathers worshiping and singing hymns of love and praise to the god who the enemy is praising likewise for aiding them in the killing? Isn't there inconsistency somewhere?

It seems to me that the only sensible thing for the victims of the ravages of war on both sides to do is to cease worshiping and praising God until they investigate the claims of the enemy that he is helping on their side. The only possible way they have to ascertain the facts as to those claims is to learn Kerr's Discoveries. Then they will know that as there is no real god in the universe there is no god aiding either party in any war. And they will know that God is only a character of fiction like Santa Claus and will never ask him for any favors in prayer again and will never praise nor thank him again for anything.

A Message to the Warring World.

To the warring world, attention, listen. I come with the most important message ever addressed to you. As the scientific investigator of the true nature of God, soul and life I have discovered the truth about them. I bring those truths to you that you may know them in order to wisely direct your conduct and actions for your own good.

Those discovered truths are that there is no real god in the universe no soul in man and that death ends life and consciousness forever. I solemnly warn you that yau are sacrificing your lives too cheaply on your battlefields. The dearest things you have or ever can have is your life, and that ends forever at death. Through all eternity you can never live again. You have but this one chance to exist as a living, conscious organism, and that chance ceases forever at death. Is life not worth living? Have you no pleasure, no happiness, no enjoyment, no desire to live? Are the few years of a living existence in an eternity of time too many for you that you must needlessly expose yourself to annihilation?

There is no god to care for you, to protect you, to save you from destruction. You must save yourself by prudence in not foolishly exposing yourself in wars.

Your rulers are willing to allow millions of you to sacrifice yourselves, and even to order you to do so, to gratify their own ambition for power, or to punish their enemies. They have not learned these new discoveries and when they do they will not admit it through fear of unpopularity or of being dethroned by their idolatrous subjects. They want you to believe the lies that they were selected by a god to rule you and who will punish you in a hell if you disobey them. They will not want you to know that death is the end of life forever for fear you will value life too much to expose it to annihilation in a war and will not volunteer to do so.

Your priests and preachers have not learned these new discoverles in nature. But when they do most of them will not let it be known. They will hold their positions as professional liars on nature for the salary you pay them to lie to you. So it is your duty to accept these truths and be guided in your actions accordingly to save your own lives as they are infinitely of more value to you than they can possibly be to your rulers and priests.

Your lives are so worthless to them that they use millions of them for mere pawns on the battlefield as stepping stones for their own power and aggrandizement. But if you do not value your own life no more than to allow them to have it for their own use you need not expect them to value it of much worth either.

The ruler and priest stand together to deceive you with lies on nature. They will not let you read this message if they can help it, and will do all in their power to discredit me and the truths I discovered and am sending you. They will not want you to believe me and try to induce you to hate and detest me and Kerr's Discoveries. But if you use good sense you will know who is your best friend.

The Boundary of Knowledge Is Extended to Include Death and All Beyond Through Kerr's Discoveries.

In historic times the people of all lands have stood in awe and fright, in bewilderment and wonder in hope or dispair in the presence of death where there knowledge ended and fancy took its place.

A mysterious, impenetrable vale hid from their view the imagined river Styx, the boatman pale, the angels, the other shore on which was located the New Jerusalem.

Death was the line between knowledge and ignorance. Superstition and speculation, metaphysics and imagination, theories and opinions, assumptions and plain lies were all employed as substitutes for knowledge. Systems of lies on nature called religions were built upon those substitutes and taught as sacred truths concerning a supposed future life or the supposed continuation of this one.

All that is changed now through Kerr's Discoveries. The boundary of knowledge has been extended to include the nature of death and all the regions beyond through these discoveries. In the light of these discoveries we see that death is the end of life, that there is no other world, heaven or hell, gods or devils, souls or spirits beyond.

All the wise and good will prefer to know Kerr's Discoveries for their own satisfaction in knowing the true nature of death and what becomes of them then, and to enable them to teach their children the only knowledge that can protect them from being heathenized by the unenlightened. Who is so base, stupid and totally depraved as to prefer darkness to light, ignorance to knowledge, heathenism to enlightenment? What parent is so base, stupid and totally depraved as to prefer ignorance, superstition and slavery to heathen idols for his children instead of the wisdom and enlightenment a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries give them?

The parent who refuses to give his children a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries consigns them to a life of ignorance and total depravity of worshiping heathen idols. The state that refuses to teach Kerr's Discoveries in its educational institutions refuses the only means of enlightenment to the students, the only means of redeeming them from that ignorance that insures a life of total depravity in the worship of idol gods.

The United States of the World the Only Remedy For Wars Between Nations.

The only permanent remedy for wars between nations is to organize under one constitution and one congress of the United States of the World.

The present war reveals the systems of espionage, secret diplomacy, alliances and intrigues of rulers and high officials of nations that is liable to plunge the people of any nation or all of them into a war of extermination of life and property without a moment's warning. It's like sailing a sea thickly sown with hidden mines. This is an intolerable condition of existence. The masses of all nations have only one remedy for their protection and that is to abandon their petty kingdoms and merge them all as states of the United States of the World to be governed by one congress and president elected for short terms by themselves or by commissioners so elected. As they value the security of their lives, homes and property from the ravages of war they will demand the union of their respective nation as one of the United States of the World. The common people of all nations must organize and carry on the educational propaganda for this union into one world government, and now is a good time to begin it while the calamity of war is before them as an incentive to self protection from destruction.

While the several nationalities, religions and races are trying to exterminate each other in Europe owing to so many separate and independent governments their relatives are living peaceably together in the United States, which proves they would have no such wars were they all merged into one government.

There are many world problems of common interest to all the human race that can be settled only through a common government of all. Among them are the protection from wars; conservation of life, proverty and natural resources of earth; inforced limitation of population; unificaton of laws; common police regulations; equal rights and liberties in all parts of earth; common interest in the promotion of peace, happiness and prosperity of all the race; common freedom for travel and commerce and social intercourse in all the world; common freedom for capital and labor to prepare all the earth for a happy and comfortable habitation for coming generations for all time, and many more problems that only a common government can solve. This union under one government must be accomplished by the voluntary consent and co-operation of the people of all nations and races and not through force by any nation or combination of nations.

I invite all educational institutions, societies and publications to aid in working up a sentiment in favor of the voluntary organization of all nations into the United States of the World for self protection against the ravages of wars and the burden of preparing for them, and for the solution of the many problems of world importance that only a common world government can solve. Let us have "The United States of the World." Let us be world citizens with the freedom to travel or live in any part of it. Let statesmen plan good laws and good things for the government of all the world instead of petty schemes for little kingdoms. Let nations cease trying to conquer other nations and to increase their holdings and commerce at the expense of their neighbors and all voluntarily united under one government, the United States of the World.

To Colleges and Universities.

As it is the custom of some colleges and universities to invite discoverers of important scientific truths of nature to explain them personally, I shall appear before any college, university or other educational institution that invites me to explain Kerr's Discoveries to them if they will pay my car fare both ways.

Some educational institutions consider it their duty to keep abreast of the times by securing the latest acquired knowledge on all important subjects to enable them to place it before their advanced students in that department of research, and I shall gladly accept invitations from such institutions to go and personally explain the nature and extent of my discoveries in nature to them.

"Cut It Out!"

All secret societies require their members to make the fool confession that they "believe in God the creator and ruler of th e universe and Christ the ruler of nations," or some such tommyrot. In view of this horrible world war any person is a fool who believes there are alwise gods governing and directing the people and nations. No society should require people to first be fools before they are elegible to membership in it. Therefore "cut it out."

Timely Warning.

I will be 60 years old on January 20 next and as I was unable to publish the paper this last summer I may not be able to continue it many years longer.

This is awarning to all who wish this educational work continued to get busy and help to get societies organized in many places to begin the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries. It will be a shame and even a calamity if the knowledge of these most important of all scientific truths of nature are allowed to perish with me. It might be thousands of years before any one would have the ability and good fortune to rediscover them and all that time our race would have to remain in the heathenism of idolatry of idol gods and pay tribute to systems of lies on nature called religions.

Now is the time to join the C. O. H. and organize branch churches to begin the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries. After I get my book published I will go and try to help organize a local C. O. H. whereever as many as five members wish me to if they will pay my fare.

An Offer to All Editors.

I wish to offer my services to the editors of all classes of publications to write original artcles for them expoundng Kerr's Dscoveries and calling attention to proof of them. I shall mail such articles to all for each issue of their publication free of cost to those who will publish them.

I see many papers publishing circular articles regularly from persons teaching lies on nature to heathenize their readers and I make this offer in hopes of reaching some who are willing to publish articles teachng nature's truths about God and life to enlighten their readers on these important subjects. I hope many will ask for my services. All are free to republish any article they wish from T. A. G. & L.—W. H. Kerr, Discoverer of the truth about God and life and president of the Church of Humanity.

Remarks on the World War.

Over crowding of population is one cause of wars. Why not limit families to one or two children by stringent laws? None but religious savages will claim it is better to produce children for starvation, slavery and slaughter than to not produce them.

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To lessen the chances for a repetition of the present world calamity the people should dismiss their hereditary rulers and elect presidents for short terms, with a recall attachment if they can't keep peace.

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During peace is the time to prepare for its continuance. Instead of building instruments for human slaughter and training men to use them it is now seen that such instruments should be destroyed and their manufacture prohibited during peace in order to insure and prolong peace.

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As all people may lose life, loved ones or property in a war they should provide for a referendum vote of all the people on the subject and make a four-fifth majority in favor of war before it could be ratified and then excuse the other fifth from service and liability to loss of property.

Turning Down the Liars on Nature.

My daughter, who graduated in the city high school this year, has received probably twenty-five bulletins and catalogs from colleges and universities setting forth inducements to attend them. They all dwelt on their religious teachings and religious societies as a special reason for attending. But that is just the reason I shall not send my children to any of them. So long as they teach any religion they are heathenizing institutions, and very immoral. It is as immoral to lie on nature and to teach their students to do the same as it is to lie and teach them to lie on other subjects.

If there was a college with the intelligence and honesty to learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries I would be glad to send my children to attend it so the heathenism and lies taught them in the Great Bend schools could be counteracted by the truth.

This World War Should Cause the Repudiation of All Religions and the Acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries.

The fact that the rulers on both sides in this world war are praising God for aiding them in the human butchering business and that God is not denying the charge is sure proof that God is simply an imaginary character and that no real god exists or he would deny the accusations of participation in the greatest crime of all the ages.

No sane people will desire to praise and worship a god who aids the enemy to kill them and destroy their homes, cities, commerce and industries. As both sides are claiming that God is aiding them in doing these things and as God does not deny it it should mark the beginning of the acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries by all people on both sides of the conflict. If they continue to worship God who the enemy says aid them to kill their loved ones and destroy their homes it will prove them to be insane.

One Possible Result of the War.

Tens of thousands of the Allies have been slain, many of their cities destroyed and country laid waist and the Kaiser declares God helped him do the job, and Allah is helping the Turks, they say, against the Allies. Neither God nor Allah denies doing so. If the Allies use good sense they will refuse to ever praise, worship or honor in any way those heathen idols and will accept and teach Kerr's Discoveries instead. The Allies in turn have inflicted some severe punishment on their foes and expect to do still better and are claiming God is helping them to do it. As God don't deny it the Germans and their allies will repudiate him for his treachery if they use good sense, and will also accept Kerr's Discoveries. As all the world through sympathy take one side or the other in this world war it will be the end of the god worshiping business if the people apply godd sense to the subject, and the beginning of a general acceptance of Kerr's Discoveries. Should this be the result of the war it will be the best compensation the world could have.

When the late Pope was sick we noticed that he did not go to any shrine nor send for any of the Saint Anna's bones or any other old junk to cure himself with. He very kindly and thoughtfully left all that rubbish for his foolish dupes while he employed the best medical skill obtainable.

Pope Benedict XV wasn't appointed by a god to Saint Peter's chair at all as is claimed by the Catholics. He was elected to it by the cardinals of that church from their own membership, and there is usually considerable wire pulling, scheming and heat manifested in the squabble for the job.

Europe. Take Back Your Prayers and Praise to Your Heathen Gods.

For half a century millions of mothers have been praising and thanking God for giving them sons. Now the enemy says that same god is helping to slaughter those sons. And is that what your god gave you sons for? Was he only providing himself with the contemplated joy of a murdering feast at your expense?

Mothers, take back your thanks and praise from such a savage monster.

For centuries all Europe has been pouring out their praise and thanks to God for their homes and cities, cathedrals and churches, wealth and prosperity. Now the enemy says that same god is aiding them to destroy it all. And did God use you to provide all those things that he might have the pleasure of destroying them and amuse himself at your calamity? Europe, take back your prayers and praise to your heathen gods. Learn Kerr's Discoveries and you will know that no god aided you to accumulate and no god aids you to destroy. Then you will be too wise to ever again destroy your own lives and property. The exemption in the future from such calamities will justify you in teaching these discoveries in all your educational institutions for ever.

The World War Caused by Religion, While a General Knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries Would Have Prevented it.

I am sometimes asked what practical good a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries would do the world and I reply that among a lot of good things it would do is the prevention of wars over religions.

When it becomes generally known that the present world war was started by strife between two Christian sects all will realize it could not have been had Kerr's Discoveries been generally known. When we realize the vast destruction of life and property caused by it we can comprehend the importance of making those discoveries known to prevent like calamities in the future by the same cause.

This war was caused by the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austra-Hungary, attempting to aid in re-establishing the Holy Roman Empire for the Roman Catholic church. Through his influence a Concordat was signed up between the Vatican and tratorous Servian officials making Roman Catholicism the state religion of Servia. The terms were very objectionable to the Servians who are nearly all Greek Catholics. They resented the forced change of their religion and a few arranged to kill the Archduke whom they believed was the cause of it. Then Austra-Hungary sent an ultimatum to Servia that no self-respecting government could submit to and the world war was on, all because of systems of lies on nature called religions.

When we consider the lives and property loss in this war it will be seen that the sooner Kerr's Discoveries are made known to the world the better it will be for humanity in saving future generations from like calamities over religions.

Who Wants One?

As soon as I receive 500 advance orders for them I shall publish a book of four or five hundred pages entitled "The Truth About God and Life," teaching Kerr's Discoveries and composed of selected articles from the files of our church paper, and designed for a text book on this most important of all knowledge. Price will be $1.50 post paid. If you will take a copy please let me know by a return card containing full address. A few orders have already been booked.

This is T. A. G. & L. No. 83. If 83 is on your label it is your last copy until you renew subscription which is 25 cents.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that created and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

This is the shortest and the only true catechism ever put out by a church.

The people, cities states and countries first to learn and inforce the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries will be the most civilized because the knowledge of these truths will displace all religions in the people's minds and that will constitute the highest mark of civilization yet obtained.

Daddy's Letter, No. 1.

Dear Children: Since some of you are far from the parental home I shall mail you copies to call your attention to sure proofs of the truth of Kerr's Discoveries. I know you are surrounded by those who have not learned them and who will try to lead you astray by taching you to believe and accept some system of lies on nature called religion. They will teach you the falsehoods that God and Christ are real beings, that you have an immortal soul and that you will come to life again after death and live forever.

I want you to know that such teaching is not true to nature and that all who believe and teach it are ignorant of the facts or willfully lie to you. In either case they are not fit teachers for you.

As a scientist in this particular line of research I stuck to the task of trying to discover the true nature of God, soul and life for my own satisfaction and to enable me to inform my children of the facts. Having had the good fortune to discover the truth about these subjects I am able to teach you what it is, and I assure you God and soul are characters of fiction, that no real god exists in the universe, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death.

Idolaters who have been deceived will try desperately to deceive you and bring all their power of persuasion, coaxing and pleading to induce you to accept their superstition, worship their idol gods, join their heathenizing societies and disbelieve daddy's teaching.

They will use every art practiced by heathenizing evangelists to scare and bribe you into their ranks. They will describe the tortures and horrors of hell and try to make you believe you will be sent there by a God to roast and suffer forever in a lake of fire and brimstone if you refuse to worship their god. They will call you infidels, atheists, heretics, unbelievers, pagans, heathens and every name they think detestable and dishonorable to frighten you into being hypocrites by pretending to accept their lies on nature publicly. They will try to make you pretend to believe them though you do not in reality by a threat of boycot and ostracism and isolation if you do not aid them personally and financially in their heathenizing work. If they cannot frighten you into rejecting daddy's teaching they will seek to bribe you to do so with positions in their idolatrous societies and a happy home forever in their mythical heaven.

They will try to discredit me by declaring that it is impossible for any one to know the truths I teach and that I do not and cannot know them myself, and that you had better be on "the safe side" by accepting their teachings. But I assure you I do know the truths I teach and that nothing could induce me to teach them if I did not.

But you should know the evidence that proves Kerr's Discoveries true and be able yourselves to observe and understand it so that you can know from your own observations and experience these discovered truths.

Therefore I shall mail each of you a copy of each issue of our church paper with the request that you study all the proof I cite as evidence of Kerr's Discoveries that you may learn to observe and recognize the proof everywhere of these truths.

It will require courage and honesty of the highest order to publicly accept and proclaim these new scientific discoveries where no others have learned them but don't be afraid to do so. There are lots of people who despite their inability to learn these truths themselves will respect and admire the honesty, courage and sincerity in those who do who publicly aid in teaching them.

I hope societies will be organized everywhere in the course of time to teach Kerr's Discoveries until they become known and accepted by all the world and taught in all homes an educational institutions.

All have a right to know and should know the nature and limitations of life, and they must learn these discoveries before thay can have that knowledge.

All have a right to know and should know that they have no souls and that no real god exists in the universe. The people can never be civilized by redemption from idolatry of false gods until they learn these facts. But I hope all my posterity will learn these truths in childhood and never become heathenized by accepting any untrue teaching.

DADDY.

A Letter of Introduction to Pope Benedict XV.

Mr. Giacomo Della Chiesa, Vatican,

Rome, Italy.

Dear Sir: This letter is to introduce to you Kerr's Discoveries in physical or natural science. They are the discovered truths that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death.

As your life is your own you have an inalienable right to know what it is, how you came by it and when it ends. You have a right to know what becomes of you at death. As you believe you are in the service of God to save souls from his wrath you have a natural right to know the true nature of God and of the soul. As the true nature of these characters are now happily discovered through the scientific process of discovering nature's truths it is your personal duty to learn them regardless of any and all theories, philosophies, opinions and beliefs you have been taught.

As an honest man, which I hope you are, and one desiring to benefit mankind by helping to make our race better and wiser than you found it it is you imperative duty to try to learn the truth about God and life for your own satisfaction and to enable you to teach it to others.

Truth itself is the highest authority in the universe for its own reality on any subject and those who know it and teach it outrank all others as authority.

Owing to your vows and oaths to God and to the Catholic church to teach what these discoveries show to be untrue to nature you may hesitate to try to learn these new scientific discoveries. But it is immoral, illegal and void to contract to teach untruths under any circumstances, and owing to my authority as the discoverer of the truths I teach I fully release and absolve you from all promises, vows or oaths you may have given to any person or organization to believe or teach anything contrary to Kerr's Discoveries. I set you free with full liberty to learn, accept and teach these modern scientific discoveries.

To enable you to learn where to look for the proof of Kerr's Discoveries and how to weigh the evidence found I shall mail you a bundle of back copies and when I get my book published, which I hope to do this coming winter, I shall mail you a free copy.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. KERR,
President Church of Humanity.

The Disgrace of Thanksgiving to Heathen Idols.

So long as the public records of the various states and of the United States containing thanksgiving proclamations are preserved they will be proof of the idolatry of heathen idols by the people and of their profound ignorance of Kerr's Discoveries. And when future generations learn Kerr's Discoveries, as they must do if they wish to be civilized people, they will feel ashamed and deeply humiliated on reading the record of their ignorant, heathen ancestors who were so stupid as to believe there are such beings as real gods in the universe and their idolatry of them.

They will be amazed at the inability of the present generation to see, recognize and comprehend the world of proof before their very eyes of Kerr's Discoveries.

Prsident Wilson has issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November 26, as Thanksgiving Day and invites the people throughout the land to cease from their wanted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship, render thanks to Almighty God.

He gives as his reasons for the proclamation that " it has been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation." And then goes on to specify the blessings and mercies that idolaters believe due to the good will and efforts of their god.

But I shall refuse to accept his invitation to worship his heathen idol because I have learned the truth that no real god exists in the universe. I have sense enough to know that were there a god who had anything to do with producing the crops and preserving the peace of our nation this year he would have done a like service for our nation every year of its existence and also a like service for all other nations every year of their existence. A god who would not have done so would be responsible for any other conditions and should be hated and despised as the cause of all wars and poor crops.

There is no blame due any god for the horrible wars and other calamities nor any praise due any god for peace and prosperity.

We should all learn to give due praise to those who use their influence as writers, speakers, educators and officers to preserve peace and promote general contentment and prosperity instead of to heathen idols such as God and Christ who are not real beings and therefore can do nothing in response to praise and requests.

The Scientific Explanation of Wars.

The basic cause of wars is found in nature of which man is a part.

Throughout all nature we see the slow process of building up only to be suddenly destroyed by adverse forces, earthquakes, volcanoes, fire, lightning, hail, floods, blizzards, storms and cyclones are some of the forces that destroy vegetable and animal life that a long interval of favorable conditions had produced.

Man being a product of nature, has incorporated in his cosposition some of the dynamite or cyclonic element that under a favorable stimulant to the mind flares up into a violent fury for destruction. When it is directed against his own life or property he is considered insane, when against that of his neighbor he is considered a criminal, when against the government it is anarchy or treason, when united with others in like condition against established customs it is rebellion or revolution and when against other nations it is patriotism and war. In any extreme form it takes it is the mob craze for destruction of life and proverty.

With patient industry our race builds up homes, commerce and innumerable industries for comfort, happiness and conservation of human life. Then in a fit of barbaric rage will utterly destroy it all if possible.

Men see this process of growth and destruction going on in nature and ascribe it to an infinite wise and good god, and justify their own acts as necessary in the process of evolution ordained by the gods.

But when they learn Kerr's Discoveries they will know there is no intelligent being back of nature to direct or control it, but that man, having a mind, should control his actions differently from nonintelligent forces. He will then know that to become wise and civilized he must control and direct the cyclonic element of his being to the perpetual combat with menacing forces of nature instead of to the destruction of life and property of his own race which is true race suicide.

Let Us Have a Revival in the Church of Humanity.

We have 340 members enrolled in the Church of Humanity. But owing to my missing several issues this summer we have had no new members for some time. Other churches are having revivals of heathenism and are gaining large recruits for idolatry. We should have a revival of enlightenment to gain recruits for civilization. We should get enough members to organize many branch churches to continue the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries when I am unable to do it. They should be organized and begin the teaching while I am alive and able to aid them. If that is not done the work will cease with my inability to do it, and the only knowledge that can redeem our race from heathenism will be lost to the world. This is the only knowledge that can insure your children against being heathenized. If you wish them to be enlightened citizens free from idolatry of heathen gods you must do your duty by joining the C. O. H. and getting others to do so until you are numerous enough to organize a local C. O. H. and employ a teacher of Kerr's Discoveries. The present world war wherein both sides claim God is aiding them to slay the other should convince any sane person that no real god exists in the universe or he would disown such barbarism. It should convince any same person that man has no soul or the souls of the slaughtered soldiers would continue the fight as spies and air scouts in which service they would excel those incumbered with their "house of clay" and win all the prizes for bravery and efficiency. If you think you are a sane person I invite you to prove you are by joining the C. O. H. and helping the revival of enlightenment to big numbers of recruits. Try to get your family, friends and neighbors to join with you in this movement to teach the truth and redeem the world from heathen idolatry of idol gods. Fill out and return to me this blank.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name .....

Address .....

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To learn Kerr's Discoveries will save you from more ignorance and foolishness and fear than the learning of all other knowledge known to man.

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AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence thatI know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it I subscribe to the following statement under affirmationwhich makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue:

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I never shall voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. Kerr.
Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913. H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.
Commission expires September 8, 1916.

INTRODUCTORY—A cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Church of Humanity to Introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life is ended Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Devils, Spirits, Angels, Hell, Pergatory, Etc., Are Puely Mythical, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernst Haeckel, the Great Biologist, is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid It All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in its Educational and Organizing Work. Rates—Single Subscription 25 Cents; In Club of 10 or More 15 Cents; In Bundles of 100 Copies 35 Cents, 500 Copies$1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50. I Appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator.Please Send in All the Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Add. W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kans.

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"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

"Discover 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain, to espy; to detect." Webster.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed.the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

ALL WARS PROVE KERR'S DISCOVERIES ARE TRUE

If people were intelligent enough to learn that Kerr's Discoveries are true from objective proof of them presented daily to their physical senses by the present world war all would know them. There never was and never can be better proof of any truth than war furnishes of the non-existence of real gods, souls and immortality.

Here is a statement from Mr. Irvin S. Cobb in the New York World of December 2 that should convince all that Kerr's Discoveries are true:

Irvin S. Cobb, to arouse a deeper interest in the relief work in the European war zones undertaken by the Red Cross Society, has written an article describing the suffering he saw in Belgium, France and Germany.

"I wish only," he writes, "I had the power to write lines which would make the American people see the situation as it now is—which would make them understand how infinitely worse that situation must surely become during the next few months.

"In Belgium I saw this," he continued. "Homeless men, women and children by thousands and hundreds of thousands. Many of them had been prosperous. A few had wealth and practically all had been comfortable. Now with scarcely an exception they stood all upon a common plane of misery. They had lost their homes, their farms, their workshops, their livings and their means of making livings.

"I saw them tramping aimlessly along wind swept, rain washed roads, fleeing from burning and devastated villages. I saw them sleeping in open fields, upon the miry earth, with no cover and no shelter. I saw them herded together in the towns and cities, to which many of them ultimately fled—existing God alone knows how. I saw them, ragged, furtive scarecrows, prowling in the shattered ruins of their houses, seeking salvage where there was no salvage to be found.

"I saw them living like the beasts of the field upon such things as the beasts of the field would reject. I saw them standing in long lines waiting for their poor share of the dole of a charity which already was nearly exhausted. I saw their towns when hardly one stone stood upon another. I saw their abandoned farm lands where the harvests rotted in the furrows and the fruit hung mildewed and ungathered upon the trees. I saw them staggering from weariness and from the weakness of hunger. I saw all these sights repeated and multiplied infinitely—yes, and magnified too—but not once did I see a man or woman, or even a child, that wept or cried out.

"If the Belgian soldiers won the world's admiration by the resistance which they made against tremendously overpowering numbers, the people of Belgium—the families of their soldiers—should have the world's admiration and pity for the courage, the patience and the fortitude they have displayed under the load of an affliction too dolorous for any words to describe, too terrible for any imagination to picture.

"In France I saw a pastoral land overrun by soldiers and racked by war until it seemed the very earth would cry out for mercy.

"I saw women hourly striving to do the ordained work of their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons. I saw the unburied dead lying between battle lines where for weeks they had lain and where for weeks and perhaps months to come they would continue to lie.

"I saw the graves of countless numbers of other dead who were so hurriedly and carelessly buried that their limbs in places projected through the soil, poisoning the air with hideous smells and giving abundant promise of pestilence which must surely follow. I saw districts noted for their fecundity on the raw edge of famine and a people proverbial for their light heartedness who had forgotten how to smile.

"In Germany I saw innumerable men maimed and mutilated in every conceivable fashion. I saw these streams of wounded pouring back from the front endlessly. In two days I saw trains bearing 14,000 wounded men passing through one town. I saw people of all classes undergoing privations and enduring hardships in order that the forces at the front might have food and supplies. I saw thousands of women wearing widows weeds and thousands of children who had been orphaned.

"In Holland I saw the people of an already crowded country wrestling valorously with the problem of striving to feed and house and care for the enormous numbers of penniless refugees who had come out of Belgium. I saw worn-out groups of peasants huddled on railroad platforms and along the railroad tracks too weary to stir another step.

"In England I saw still more thousands of these refugees, bewildered, broken by misfortune, owning only what they wore upon their backs, speaking an alien tongue, strangers in a strange land.

"And seeing these things I realized how tremendous was the need for organized and systematic aid then and how enormously that need would grow when winter came."

This calamity of war is the direct result of their belief in religions; of the lies on nature they teach and pay for and fight for; of being too stupid, too dumb, too indifferent, too ignorant, too hell-scared, too heaven-bribed, too conceited to learn the true nature of the world and universe in which they live. They are living mentally in a fool's paradise taught them by liars on nature that is so utterly different from the actual facts of the physical world and universe in which they physically live that then

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People who are served to a free copy of this educator should let all members of their family read it who can then hand it to some one else.

The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

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is no resemblance between the two.

No wonder they are "bewildered" now and feel like "strangers in a strange land" when with their dull mentality they faintly see the frightful contrast between the world they think they live in and the actual world; between the make -believe world pictured by liars on nature and the real world. But they cannot see nor understand nor comprehend why it is so.

They are taught by liars on nature that they live on the first floor of a two story flat with heaven in the upper story and hell in the basement. In the upper story lives the landlord named God in autocratic power and regal splendor with a lot of flunkies called angels and lackeys called souls from the first floor who continually cultivate his egotism and self-esteem by extravagant flattery, and in return he grants them a perpetual holiday and picnic in perfect weather conditions.

The first floor is his incubator for hatching, raising and training vassals for menial service above. He divides it into little patches and appoints rulers and clergymen over them. These agents became so tyranical that their subjects rebelled as all sensible subjects do in such cases. That so enraged the landlord that he poured water on them from the upper story and drowned them all like rats in a trap and sent them to the basement to be dried and roasted where they are still being cooked. He saved a few to stock up with again but they were no better. Then he concluded to improve the breed by crossing it with himself, but his son had no children and that plan was a failure also. His chief fireman in the basement named Satan was getting the entire output of souls and his army of sycophants was not increasing as per schedule. Then a bright idea struck him one day and he evolved the happy plan of making his son the scapegoat for all to unload their sins on, and all who would do so and accept him as their savior were given a free ticket to the upper story. This was so satisfactory that it was a howling success from the start. As soon as every old reprobate hears of it he is shrewd enough to see at a glance that he can commit every crime and vice as often as he liked as long as he lives except the last ten minutes which he can use in unloading on the scapegoat and accepting him as his savior and get his free passport for upstairs. About all the souls the poor Devil gets now are from those regions where they havn't heard of the glorious Christian scheme of salvation.

Satan with his retinue and all the inhabitants of the top story have the mysterious power of dematerializing and can roam at will unseen over the first floor. They often engage in fierce conflicts for the services and souls of the natives. The representatives of first one party and then the other get control of people principally through the mind and pull and haul them first one way and then another owing to which has the stronger pull momentarily until many are are so confused they go daft.

Many devices and inventions are used to frighten the devil and his imps away and to protect individuals from all dangers. Infants are assigned to the care of special saints to protect from devils and all harm through life. Church bells are rung to frighten devils away from villages and communities. Rosaries, crusifixes and other sacred gewgaws and jimcracks are worn as sure protection from devils and dangers. No bullett, shrapnel or other war implement would have the audacity to hit a soldier wearing such holy trinkets. Churches, temples and cathedrals are built in all communities to house God, Christ and other important visitors in from the top story so they will protect the people from the elements and wars and calamities of all kinds, and where the people are taught to practice the art of idolatry to fit them for their perpetual duties higher up.

Such in brief is an outline of the fantastic world people are taught to believe they are living in. No wonder they are bewildered and feel like strangers in a strange land when they are up against the real world that has no upper story nor basement; no real gods, devils, saints, nor any other non-material beings; where people have no souls nor spirits nor any kind of consciousness that survives death; wherein there is to be no judgement day nor resurrection of the dead; wherein human beings have the same physical nature, origin and destiny as the individuals of other species of mammals.

Look at your battlefields and tell me where now is your omnipotent God, your loving Christ, your protecting saints to whom you debased yourselves in abject idolatry. Of what protecting value is your sacred books and icons and images and other holy trinkets? Can you not see in this war that no unseen beings exists to protect the most religious and pious soldiers, or the innocent ,or to aid a just cause?

You will conjure up scores of reasons, explanations and ecxuses for your gods not doing their duty by coming to your aid in this most urgent time of need but not one will be correct. Neither your most exalted rulers or priests or wisest scientists or greatest universities know why your gods failed you in your dire calamity. I alone of all the investigators discovered the true reason. It is because there are no such beings in the universe as r al gods, no nonmaterial beings, no souls, spirits, saints, devils, heaven or hell. Death ends the life and consciousness of each person forever.

The saddest tragedy of the war is that you are victimized by ignoramuses and liars on nature into believing that the loving husband, father, son, brother and sweeheart killed in battle escaped as souls to a happier world to await a joyous reunion with yours, and a resurrection day wherein the body will be reanimated, made whole and united with the soul and live forever. But that can never be as it is not according to the inexorable process of nature. There rotting on the battlefields or cremated is all there ever was or ever will be of your loved ones. You will never see them alive again. Some say I am cruel to undeceive you, to inform you of the truths I've discovered. But deep pity and sympathy and a sense of duty impel me to do it to protect you from like calamities in the future.

Had the loving mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts known Kerr's Discoveries before this war began they would have vetoed it by refusing to allow their loved ones to go to be slaughtered or to slaughter the loved ones of others. But there would have been no war as the men, had they known Kerr's Discoveries, would have been to wise and prudent to attempt to settle anything by wars or to expose themselves to eternal annihilation.

Other Americans can give them a little temporary relief in food in their dire distress and pitiable condition but I alone am able and willing to give them the only knowledge that can civilize and enlighten them and which if they accept it will save them from innumerable calamities of like nature in the future.

A MEMBER OF THE C. O. H. DEBATES KERR'S DICOVERIES WITH A MORMON ELDER.

Comrade J. J. Herman, of Blue Springs, Missouri, held two debates on Kerr's Discoveries with Elder E. T. Atwell on November 23rd and 27th.

The "Kansas City Post" of November 29 gives a column and a half write-up of the last debate, which indicates a very liberal and impartial attitude taken by the Post.

The subjects for dicussion as stated by the Post were, "Resolved, that there is no God, man has no soul, and conscious life ends with death."

The following extract from a letter from Comrade Herman gives a report of the forensic encounter:

"I had two debates with Elder E. T. Atwell, the first on November 23, at Buchannan Hall, Independence, Mo. This being a small hall it was crowded to the utmost and some could not get in, the debate having been announced in some of the churches and a small notice put in the local paper. The Latter Day Saints of which Atwell is a member turned out in mass to see him do me up. Only a few of my friends and socialists being present as they didn't have the moral courage to encourage me with their presence, and some actually done everything they could against me. However, a few were present, four or five only.

In spite of the fact that it was almost wholly his crowd I got the best attention right from the start, and several times rousing cheers. I opened with thirty minutes, he thirty minutes, I thirty minutes, he thirty minutes, I five minutes, had ten but used only five.

That I clearly beat my opponent is proved by the following facts: The chairman, a church member, came to me and shaking my hand said, 'Herman, you put up a mighty good argument for a very poor cause.' My opponent, Mr. Atwell, said: 'Herman, I would like to try you again.' I said: 'All right, but this hall is too small to hold the crowd.' He said we could get the big church or the court house,' I said: 'I prefer the court house.' So, on November 27, we met at the court house. All of the seats were filled and people standing in the hall and around the walls. Terms and time same as previous debate but had another chairman, also a church member. Result; I put him in the hole worse than ever. I clearly proved by his own argument that there was not a person in the house who believed the god, devil and soul idea, not even himself.

The chairman of the meeting in speaking to a real estate agent, who knew neither of us, said, 'There is no use talking, that man Herman got the best of Atwell all the way through.

I announced a challenge to any and all present, preachers or church members, high or low, to meet me in debate at any time on this subject.

One Latter Day Saint preacher is talking of taking me up and I think I will arrange a date with him soon. I think if I had a mind so to do I could come as near as any man on earth paying expenses and perhaps a little more by traveling and talking on these lines."

Now, that is just what is needed—people with the knowledge, courage and ability to go forth as champions of these truths and proclaim, teach and defend them in public debates and lectures. Some have written to me that they are loaded for bear and can shoot Kerr' Discoveries full of holes if given a chance. I will turn them over to the tender mercies of brother Herman, to whom they can write and arrange for debating dates. For reasons of his own brother Herman objects to naming the truths "Kerr's Discoveries," but that is immaterial to me, as it is only the teaching of these truths that I am interested in and I care nothing about the name under which they are taught or if they are not named at all. I named them "Kerr's Discoveries," because they were truths of nature subject to discovery and as I was the first one to discover them to my knowledge I so named them to identify them from other specific truths of nature and to facilitate their teaching. Had Mr. Ingersoll been fortunate enough to discover and name them and then devoted his splendid talents to teaching them by this time there would have been thousands of powerful societies throughout the world engaged in spreading this most important of all knowledge. It was a great misfortune to the world and to Mr. Ingersoll also that he fell just a little short of reaching them.

And now the heathens claim that what is needed in Europe is more Christianity to save them from wars. That is like prescribing more water to save a drowning man.

The men who are shooting up churches and cathedrals in Europe are as truly Christian as when they were building them. It is certain beliefs, not actions, that make them Christians, and those beliefs are unimpaired by the change in their actions.

Fill out and return to me this blank.

Membership Application.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name .....

Address .....

COMMANDS TO THE CHRISTIAN WARRIORS FROM THEIR HEATHEN-MADE GODS

Nothing so stimulates soldiers to put in their best licks at the murdering business as supposed orders from their imagined gods. So testaments and Bibles are to be sent all the soldiers on the firing line to brace them up and to encourage them to greater slaughter.

The American section of the World's Sunday School Association is calling for "A million nickels from a million Sunday school scholars for a million testaments for a million soldiers in the hospitals, camps, war prisons and battle fields of the great war."

And both England and Germany are sending their soldiers bibles according to the following news item:

London, Nov. 30.—More than 1,000,000 Bibles are being sent to France and Belgium by the Bible society for the use of the soldiers. The copies of the Bible presented to the German soldiers by their government contain special prayers applicable to the battlefields.

To make sure that the soldiers find the right passages the following should be marked, with many more, in each copy:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." (Matt. 10:34.)

"But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before me." (Luke 19.27)

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion and every man his neighbor." (Ex. 32:27.)

"Spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling." (1 Sam. 15:3).

"Slay utterly old and young, both maids and little children." (Ezek. 9:6)

"Cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood." (Jer. 43:10.)

"Ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, *** and ye shall disposess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein." (Nun. 33:52,53.)

"And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them." (Deut 7:16.)

"Of the cities of these people, which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth; but thou shalt utterly destroy them." (Deut. 20: 16, 17.)

Repeat morning noon and night and just before going into each battle: "Blessed be the Lord, my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight." (Ps. 544:1).

A KNOWEDGE OF KERR'S DISCOVERIES IS THE ONLY CURE FOR THIS BRAND OF IGNORANCE.

"Przemysl, Oct. 31. (by mail)—One hundred and twenty Austrians in Fort 415 killed 140 Russians in a hand-to-hand fight within the fort inclosure the night of October 6. Only twenty Austrians were slain. The fight occurred in darkness.

The Austrians saw forty Russians coming up the hill toward the fort walls with their hands raised in apparent surrender. One hundred and fifty Russians came up from another side and poured over the wall. The Russians carried prayer books or amulets in their teeth as charms against death."

Had those Russians known Kerr's Discoveries they would not have relied on such means for safety. But in that case they would not have went to the war through fear of eternal annihilation. And this may be the reason that no nation is teaching these discovered truths to their future soldiers in the public schools. But, after all, isn't no war better than the kind they are dishing up in Europe now?

THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST WAR IS A KNOWLEDGE OF KERR'S DISCOVERIES.

All nations should have compulsory teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all their schools, colleges, universities, and all educational institutions both public and private as a protection against wars. Men will not want to volunteer to go to war and their women folks will not allow them to be drafted when all know that death is eternal annihilation.

As it now is all are taught to believe the lies on nature that people live forever in some conscious form and that this life and world is only a temporary abode preparatory to going into a better world. Many believe it is a blessing to most people to be killed so they can go to the imagined better world which makes them reckless and indifferent to dangers.

For self-protection of fathers, husbands, sons and brothers and of cities states and nations from destruction by wars all should welcome the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries.

WHO WANTS ONE?

As soon as I receive 500 advance orders for them I shall publish a book of four or five hundred pages entitled "The Truth About God and Life" teaching Kerr's Discoveries and composed of selected articles from the files of our church paper, and designed for a text book on this most important of all knowledge. Price will be $1.50 post paid. If you will take a copy please let me know by a return card containing full address.

The following orders have been received for copies:

Wm. Milburn, Wis.; Henrich Kraus, Utah; C. E. Case, Utah; Chas. A. Clark, 2 copies, Ia.; F. C. Dommeyer, N. Y.; Otto Scnmidt, N. Y.; Carl Grimm, N. Y.; The G. A. M. Band, N. Y.; Frank Zmst, 2 copies, Kans.; Frank H. Derby, 2 or 3 copies, Pa. Total 13 couies.

Send in your orders for your book and for copies to donate to your friends, legislators, societies, schools and libraries. Give me a long list of orders to record in the next issue.

This book will be designed to take the place of the Bible everywhere by teaching the truth about those things the Bible lies about.

HELP THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Of more importance than all else is a general knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries, and I ask all friends of these truths to donate to the C. O. H. Educational Fund to take this knowledge to educational institutions and publications in the United States. I have a list of all of them and will mail out 400 copies of T. A. G. & L. to them for every $1.00 received on this fund. Our friends should see to it that we have at least $50.00 in this fund every month to print 20,000 copies for the people's educators. I will do the work and pay the balance of expenses of mailing them out.

Seeing that there are only a few hundred enlightened people through learning Kerr's Discoveries the unenlightened are killing themselves off to increase the percentage of enlightened population. But wouldn't a better plan be to learn those discoveries to bring about that result?

HOW FOOLISH THREATS LOOK TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW

Sometimes in conversation and sometimes by mail I am warned of punishment that awaits me in another world for teaching Kerr's Discoveries, and they think I am a foolhardy bravado devoid of the sense of fear when I pay no attention to the warning. Knowing my own nature better than anyone else does, I wish to inform my would-be saviors that they misjudge it entirely. I am a bundle of cautiousness that tries to avoid every possible danger of injury, suffering and death. But it is because of my knowledge that I have no soul, will not be resurrected after death, that there is no real god, devil nor hell which causes me to have no fear whatever of such characters or place.

I am like you would be were I to warn you that if you do not learn Kerr's Discoveries and cease worshiping God and Christ Santa Claus will take you to the edge of the universe and throw you off. You would pay no attention to the threatened punishment and would think me a fool if I believed it myself, or a liar on nature if I even pretended to believe it.

HOW THEORIES OF SOME CHRISTIANS FAIL TO WORK IN PRACTICE.

"Pheonix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Governor Hunt will issue tomorrow his proclamation, making effective January 1, 1915, the new prohibition law, the "80 per cent" measure and other propositions carried at the November election.

Attacks upon the "dry" law will be made immediately by four lines of organized. Business * * * Action against the Prohibition Law will take the form of applications for injunctions by Father Thomas Connolly, pastor of All Saints Catholic Church at Tucson, Ariz., alleging that it will interfere with the use of wine in the sacramental service."

Here is the strongest Christian sect fighting against the prohibition amendment to the Arizona constitution because it will shut off the booze used in its heathenizing business, while I voted for a similar amendment to the Kansas constitution and for a governor pledged to inforce it. According to the sacred and holy theories of most indolaters we should have exchanged positions on this subject.

Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

From Ft. Wayne Daily News, Oct. 21.

The will of Ann Summers has been filed for probate in the circuit court, and by its terms ample provision is made for the rest of the soul of the deceased. The will provides that $700 shall be paid to St. Patrick's Catholic church for twenty high and 600 low masses for her soul. The Rev. Mr. Barrett is to get $100 and the Rev. Mr. Crawley also $100 for masses for her soul. In addition $200 is to go to St. Patrick's church for masses for the souls of the parents and friends of the testatrix.

When Kerr's Discoveries become generally known then in such cases as the above the priests can be prosecuted under the "Blue Sky" law and laws against obtaining money by fraud and false pretense, and the rights and interests of orphans protected.

The priests can be expected to fight Kerr's Discoveries to preserve their graft but orphans and those interested in their welfare should not. Christian idolaters boast considerably about the homes for orphans they build, but there would not be need for so many were they not swindled out of their inheritance by the above method.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that created and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

This is the shortest and the only true catechism ever put out by a church.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" seems to be the most popular slogan in Europe.

This is T. A. G. & L. No. 84. If 84 is on your label it is your last copy until you renew subscription which is 25 cents.

BILLY SUNDAY PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCH OF EDUCATIONAL INSANITY ON DENVER.

Believing, teaching and practicing any religion is a manifestation of artificial or educational insanity. This form of insanity is not hereditary, not innate, not natural but purely artificial through the teaching of systems of lies on nature. The teaching is begun in early childhood by its parents, neighbors, Sunday schools, public schools, books, papers, churches, etc. Punishment for refusing to accept the lies and join and aid a society teaching them, and rewards for doing so are part of the system. Gods, devils, souls, angels, saints, ghosts, heaven, purgatory and hell are some of the characters and places in the systems of lies on nature handed down from generation to generation from early historic times. The period of time these systems are perpetuated will be known as "The Dark Ages," and they will continue until all the world learns and accepts Kerr's Discoveries, whether that be one hundred or one million years hence.

Experts at scaring the people with hell and bribing them with heaven are employed at big salaries to use these means of driving the people into uniting with and supporting societies devoted especially to the spread and perpetuation of belief in these systems of lies called religions. At present one of the most successful operators at this business in the United States is "Billy" Sunday. The following extracts from an account in the October 19, Denver Express, of one of a series of his hell-scaring harangues gives a fair idea of his method:

"That vague immensity called hell, took form and substance Sunday night. With mighty strokes of the flaming brush of rhetoric, Billy Sunday swept away the shadows of doubt from his canvas and brought out a picture of fear from which 14,000 Denverites shrank back appalled.

"Men turned pale and the faces of thousands of women were red with tears. Many wept unrestrainedly. When the converts came it was apparent that with most of them the act was no whim of the moment. Women, old and young, came down the aisle with flushed and tear-stained faces and shook hands with the evangelist, clutching in their hands handerchiefs crushed into damp little balls.

"Little boys came, sniffing plaintively, and men, whose tearlessness was more moving than weeping. They sat on the converts' benches unstirring, their hopeful, fearful eyes fixed on the evangelist.

"There was a stout little girl, her plump red cheeks flushed still more crimson with weeping, her mouth working spasmodically as she strove to hold back the big tears that fell into her lap. There was a pale young woman who did not raise her eyes from the ground, her fingers working nervously with a booklet an usher had given her. Whole families hit the trail, infants in their father's arms.

"Billy Sunday was boyishly pleased with the result. He gyrated around on the platform, leaped upon a chair to inspire the choir to greater efforts, jumped down again and almost flung himself over the platform in eagerness to shake a convert's hand. He exhorted the ushers until one of them became so enthusiastic that he almost ran to the platform, his grip on the arm of a small boy convert so firm that his captive touched ground only once in several yards.

"More than 300 came forward—at the evening service, and at the afternoon sermon, for men, 250 hit the trail.

"Billy Sunday spoke on "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great Salvation?"

"You can't determine anything about anything.

"If you say you won't believe what you can't understand, you're a fool. Why do you find fault with God about my mediocre reason up by the side the things you can't understand when you refuse to obey those of His laws which you do understand?

"No man understands the mystery of life. Therefore, according to your reasoning you don't believe life. Well, then, what do you mean by living? Why don't you get off the earth?

"A Christian may have many doubts, but they are nothing a component to the doubts that fill the breast of a sinner. Man never has known God by Wisdom, and man never will. Some of you are choosing to go to Hell, just because there are things in the Bible you can't understand.

"Away with the rotten doctrine that Christ never performed a miracle. I understand some of you fellows don't believe in miracles, turning to the section of seats occupied by the ministers. If you don't you'd better get out of the pulpit. You're obtaining money under false pretenses.

"I'll get to shouting here, in a minute, and when you get a Presbyterian shouting, there's something doing. "If you think you're too intelligent to believe in the Bible, then you have either a pigmy intellect or a black heart, and ten to one, it's a black heart. You're influence in the community is no good. That's the reason I go after your cussedness, you old devil.

"Where is there an infidel that could pack this tabernacle, night after night, for seven weeks to hear him spout his infidelity?

"The devil has a thousand schemes, and idiotic, foolish, harebrained, jackass propositions for saving your soul, and they're every one as foul and black as the pit, for they come straight from Hell. God has only one plan—redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross.

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"O God, I pray there may not be enough devils in hell to keep thousands from being converted this week. All the demons will fight, every possible excuse will be made, I know that, O God, but I pray that thousands will come, just the same." * * *

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"We don't know how it was that God made the Word flesh in the person of his son, Jesus Christ,' said Billy Sunday, 'but we believe He did it. We don't know a little about everything 'but you don't know everything about anything.

"You can't determine anything about hell by scientific investigation,' he said. 'I have never gotten so low down as to hang the audacity to put my mediocre reason up by the side of God. If the time you refuse to obey those of His laws and in defiance of God, If the time you refuse to obey those of His laws which you do understand?

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And such is the mental darkness of the present age that a city of over 200,000 people of more than average intelligence have no more sense than to be frightened by a ranting, drivelling, babbling, gabbling, prattling, twaddling, hell-scared, heaven-bribed victim of educational insanity. The people were all thoroughly heathenized before Mr. Sunday was employed but many were not driven into the heathenizing churches. Their officers are clamoring for more members to replace the dead and those who move away to help pay the heathenizing expenses. It is very difficult for the regular preacher to muster up gall and brass enough to try to scare people with hell without which many preachers of several sects club together to start work, provide the tabernacle and guarantee the pay for some noted brazen, unscrupulous, blatherskite willing to tell, any lows that will frighten heathen on nature that will frighten heathen into the fold for his money reward. Then they divide the catch among the churches in the combine, pay the chief sucker-catcher his weekly wage of $10,000.00 and up and he goes his way rejoicing with his brain full of hell-scaring bait to the next bunch of depleted churches clamoring for his expert services in driving idolaters into the churches. So the officers and heathen cannot be induced to unite with hell without which many people are enlightened and civilized through learning Kerr's Discoveries, instead of paying to see and going to hear the idiotic raving of a Billy Sunday the police will kindly lock him up in an asylum for the mentally deficient who revert to the "Dark Ages" where he will be treated for his hallucinations by a teacher of Kerr's Discoveries and discharged when cured.

MY CONTRIBUTION OF A THOUSAND MILLION BILLION TRILLION DOLLARS TO EUROPE'S WAR VICTIMS.

It is a popular charity just now in the United States to aid the victims of war in Europe by donating food, clothing, Red Cross supplies, etc., all of which are thankfully received and highly appreciated by the recipients. This is good so far as it goes. But what all Europe needs most is a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries to prevent such catastrophies in the future, to calm their anxiety for the dead and to save the cost of heathenizing each succeeding generation. I freely give to all the people of Europe my discovered truths in nature. When they learn them all their foreign anxiety for the supposed lost souls of their dead will vanish. Their churches, temples and cathedrals destroyed by the war will not be rebuilt. The saving of billions of dollars annually on their heathenizing societies and institutions through a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries would in time amount to one thousand million billion trillion dollars.

I freely give them the truths that will save them that vast sum and know they will appreciate it in time.

To popularize Christianity it is being taught by some that those who donate food, clothing and Red Cross supplies to war stricken Europe are Christians while those who sell them war material are not. But the fact is that those who are making big profits out of war materials for their armies are as thoroughly Christian as are those who donate to the relief funds. Often it is the same individuals in both cases.

The Truth About God and Life

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST:—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enought to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martrydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it, I subscribe to the following statement under affirmation which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue.

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discovered and know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I shall never voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. KERR.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913.—H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public. Commission expires September 8, 1916.

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These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching them.

"Discoverer 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discovers an unknown country, or a new principle, truth or fact." Webster.

(A Motto for Homes, Schools and Offices)

Kerr's Discoveries. Remember Them:

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LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH."

The most important knowledge for all to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

"Discover 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain, to espy; to detect." Webster.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

ALL EARTHQUAKES PROVE KERR'S DISCOVERIES ARE TRUE

When all earthquakes teach Kerr's discoveries plainer than any man can teach them it is a puzzle to me that all mankind have not learned them ages ago. What is the matter with the mental apparatus of the thousands of scientists that they are unable to read, comprehend and understand this plain and infallible proof of Kerr's Discoveries? And what of the millions of lawyers, doctors and educators whose business it is to learn these simple truths of nature? Are they all hypnotized by liars on nature and made victims of educational insanity in childhood that they can no more recover from than the common illiterate rabble? And what of the thousands of colleges and universities whose special object ostensibly is to enlighten their students in the knowledge of natural sciences? Are they all sworn, bonded and insured to heathenized their students? Are all their instructors and scientists and officers mental imbeciles that they are unable to read in the open book of nature Kerr's Discoveries? Or have they debased themselves to the lowest level of paupers by selling the services of their brains to corporations of liars on nature who own those institutions?

Here is nature's proof of Kerr's Discoveries that all mankind should be able to read and understand without any further teaching:

Rome, Jan. 14.—Estimates of the Killed and injured in yesterday's earthquake run as high as 50,000. The number of deaths is placed at 15,000 to 25,000, but much of this is guess work.

Hundreds of towns and villages have been tumbled into ruins, graveyards for thousands of their inhabitants.

Rome, Jan. 18.—The latest reports to the premier show thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four dead in twenty-nine towns. About eighty-two thousand have been injured, the majority of them only slightly, fortunately. A hundred and twenty-five thousand are homeless as a result of the ravages of the earthquake. Fire had started in several of the ruined towns but heavy rains are extinguishing them, however, the sufferings of the refugees has been greatly increased. He doesn't expect the number of dead to go over thirty-five thousand after all of the villages have reported. More than three hundred persons have been driven insane by their sufferings.

In this earthquake nature says there is no real god in the universe to know or care for anything in it, and no soul in man to survive death to comfort the living. Why don't people have the intelligence to understand what nature says on the god and soul subjects and the honesty and wisdom to accept it? And nature has been repeating similar lessons all along.

Here is a partial record of earthquakes with their death toll extending over a thousand years from current newspapers that millions read:

Year	Place	Fatalities
893	India	180,000
1038	China	25,000
1057	China	25,000
1137	Catania destroyed by earthquake	15,000
1169	Sicily	15,000
1186	Calabria shaken by earthquake, towns overwhelmed by sea	
1268	Galicia	60,000
1293	Japan	30,000
1306	Peking	100,000
1456	December 5, Naples overturned	40,000
1556	China	830,000
1622	China	20,000
1626	July 30. Naples and thirty villages shaken	70,000
1631	Naples	3,000
1638	March 27, Calabria devestated	10,000
1672	April 14, Rimini shaken	1,500
1692	Jamaica	3,000
1693	September, all Sicily devestated; fifty-four cities and three hundred villages destroyed; Catania, with 18,000 population wiped out	100,000
1703	Yeddo (Japan)	200,000
1703	February 2, Aquilla overturned	5,000
1706	November 3, in the Abruzzi shocks	15,000
1724	Lima	18,000
1726	September 1, Palermo shaken	6,000
1731	Peking	100,000
1732	November 29, Naples partly destroyed	2,000
1737	India	300,000
1755	Lisbon	50,000
1755	Northern Persia	40,000
1783	February 4, Messian and other towns shaken	30,000
1794	June, Torre del Greco buried by Vesuvius	2,000
1797	Quito	41,000
1805	July 26, Frosolone, near Naples, destroyed	6,000
1812	Caracas	12,000
1819	Several shocks at Palermo, Rome, Genoa	1,000
1822	Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey	20,000
1828	Japan	30,000
1834	China	4,000
1835	April 29, Cosenza, and villages destroyed	1,000
1842	Haiti	5,000
1850	China	4,000
1851	August 14, South Italy shaken, Melfi burned	14,000
1857	December 16, Calabria and towns about Naples shaken	10,000
	In seventy-five years, between 1783 and 1857, the Kingdom of Naples, with an average population of 6,000,000, lost 110,000 by earthquakes.	
1859	Quito, Ecudor	5,000
1860	Mendoza	12,000

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The teaching of Kerr's Discoveries should be enforced in all public schools, colleges and universities instead of religious superstitions as now.

Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

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1861—May 8, Parugia shaken	2,000
1861—Mendoza South America	12,000
1863—Manila	1,000
1865—July 18, Macchia, in Sicily shaken	1,000
1869—Peru and Ecudor	25,000
1872—Inyo Valley, Cal.	30
1875—Towns in Colombia	14,000
1875—Cua, Venzuela	300
1875—Asia Minor	2,000
1875—Columbi-Venzuela	5,000
1880—Manila	3,000
1881—Scio and villages	4,000
1883—Island of Ischia	2,000
1883—Krakatoa	35,000
1893—Several shocks on the Island of Stromboli	500
1884—Andalusia	1,170
1885—Granada, Spain	690
1905—September 8, Calabria devastated	1,000
1886—Charleston, S. C.	41
1887—Southern Europe	2,000
1888—China	5,000
1891—Japan	7,000
1893—Persia	12,000
1894—Japan	10,000
1896—Japan	26,000
1897—Assam	1,500
1899—Tiflis	1,000
1902—St. Pierre, Martinique	40,000
1902—Andijan, India	2,500
1903—Syria	50
1903—Tiojo, Colombia	100
1904—Abruzzi, Italy; Lima, Peru	Thousands
1905—North India	35,000
1905—Calabria, Italy	500
1905—Scutaria, Albania	200
1905—Shemakha, Caucausia	300
1905—Tamazula, Mexico	100
1906—Region about Vesuvius	3,000
1906—San Francisco	700
1906—Valparaiso	2,000
1907—Kingston, Jamaica	1,100
1907—Turkistan	14,000
1908-09—Messian-Reggio	100,000
1910—Cartago, Costa Rico	1,500
1911—Turkistan	200
1911—Luzon	1,500
1912—Turkey	3,000
1912—Mexico	1,300
1914—Kagashima, Japan	3,200
1914—Sicily	200
1915—Italy	25,000

With all these lessons from nature teaching Kerr's Discoveries placed before the people through the newspapers and magazines it would seem the entire race is hopelessly insane from the effects of educational insanity when none are able to learn these nature truths from these infallible lessons.

But, again, I must remember that only a very few people have the ability to read correctly nature's truths from her open book and each one of that few only one or a very few of the many secrets therein. It is then their duty to translate those readings of nature into the language of the people and keep teaching them until the power of educational sanity overcomes that of insanity and the race be elevated from a race of ignorant, heathen idolaters to a race of enlightened and civilized beings.

Why can't the Agnostics, Rationalists and Freethinkers read Kerr's Discoveries and aid in translating it for the masses through their publications and public speakers? Why can't the scientists in all educational intitutions read Kerr's Discoveries in the earthquakes and translate it for their students? Why can't the editors help to place these translations before the masses? Why can't the clergy inform their audiences of these true readings of nature? Must all these people I appeal to forever debase themselves by catering to the desires of the illiterate heathen rabble by staying in their class and giving them the lies on nature they clamor for? Are they all better satisfied to have their own children heathenized than to have them enlightened and civilized? The worship of God and Christ is pure heathenism, paganism and idolatry because they are not real beings.

The teaching that man has a soul and will survive death with consciousness and live forever are lies on nature that heathenize the people. But none can be saved from being heathenized nor can be rescued from it afterwards except through learning Kerr's Discoveries . Then all who wish their posterity to be civilized and enlightened citizens and to have a civilized and enlightened world to live in must read Kerr's Discoveries in the earthquakes and help to teach them to the people. All earthquakes teach us as plainly as the language of nature can teach anything that there is no real god, that man has no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever at death. Nature is controlled in all its movements and processes by its own unintelligent, inherent properties and attributes. There is no Creator, God, Architect, Divine Mind, Universal Mind, nor any god under any other name to control nature or to know or care what it does. The earthquakes prove these statements true to all able to interpret them correctly.

From the dead thousands under the fallen cities not a soul escaped to comfort the living and to direct the rescue of their living relatives. The fatalties of this partial list of earthquakes are 2,850,000, but not one of them had a soul or survived death with mind or consciousness or it would have made itself known to the living in some way. This vast number of witnesses for Kerr's Discoveries should convince all of their truth.

On this my sixtieth burthday, January 20, I call to the colors of enlightenment and civilization all able minded citizens of the world to read Kerr's Discoveries in the earthquakes and help to interpret them for the masses in a language they can understand, and help rescue them from the heathenism of idolatry.

THE SOCIAL SURVEY.

A social survey of any city will reveal the fact that it is thoroughly heathenized and thoroughly equipped for the perpetuation of heathenism.

There is no provision of any kind made for enlightening and civilizing the people, or for saving the children from being heathenized. This is a deplorable condition indeed, and one that should and can be remedied by establishing the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries permanently in them. But before a society or school can be organized for that purpose some of the people must learn these discovered truths and all should be reconciled to them through a preliminary course of teaching that I can give them through a monthly distribution of this paper if some one will co-operate with me by doing the distributing or hiring it done. If some one in each town will do so I will furnish the papers free. How many will accept this offer? See article under, "A Co-Operative Educational Plan."

CONSOLIDATING CHURCHES SHOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEACHING KERR'S DISCOVERIES.

A movement is on foot to consolidate the several churches in small Kansas towns for economizing and efficiency and to eliminate sectarainism they claim.

As Christianity is only one of nine great world religions, it is itself only a religious sect, and to teach it at all is teaching sectarianism. But they should unite into one church and teach Kerr's Discoveries in it. Then instead of teaching lies on nature to heathenize their children they would be teaching truths as old as time and as wide as space to enlighten their children and save them from idolatry. There is no sectarianism in teaching Kerr's Discoveries any more than their is in teaching any other discoveries in any of the natural sciences.

A HOME JOB FOR THE "FOOL KILLER."

The editor of "The Fool Killer" hasn't completed his task yet or the following foolishness wouldn't have appeared in "The Fool Killer."

"These Christmas days are very strange things.

And yet they are just like all other days.

All days do that way—I mean they pass on, and we shall not see them again.

I have often wondered where they go to, and how they pass off the long ages they must stay there?"

Days are not things that can be piled up and shipped off to a cold storage house somewhere. They are simply the name of the time it takes the earth to revolve once on its axis and come from nowhere and go nowhere any more than the revolutions of a flywheel, or the turn of a marble or pencil in your hand.

BAD EFFECTS OF WORSHIPPING AN IMMORAL GOD.

When the old ignorant murdering, warring, licentious Israelites made God they incorporated in his character their own wicked natures. God is the personification of themselves, of their ideal character. There can be no hope for any moral improvements in the character of the people so long as they accept this barbarous character of fiction as their model of perfection. God's principal characteristics conferred on him by his barbarian creators are cruelty, revenge, lying, deception, gluttony, sensuality, egotism, robbery, warring, slaughtering, murdering, exterminating enemies and seizing their lands and wealth and women for his pet patriarchs and soldiers, and hatred for knowledge, intelligence and progress.

All Europe from its most exalted rulers to the soldiers on the firing line accept God as their ideal character and not only admire, love, prise and worsip him, but try to follow his example in their thoughts, desires, and actions.

The war is largely the result of accepting God as the model character for men to follow.

He is also Uncle Sam's model character. The appropriation of Hawaii, Philippines, Panama and other lands of "the heathen round about" are the result of accepting God as the ideal character. There are many other crimes and vices of the people due to the bad character of their model. He is the ideal character of the patrons of the red light section of cities and the number of his followers may be judged from the following news item in the Appeal to Reason of December 5:

"The American Federation of Sex Hygiene estimates that there are 300,000 licensed immoral women in the United States, and one million outside the pale of society engaged in the traffic of themselves. The total amount spent every year directly for immoral purposes is estimated at three billion dollars, which is the largest expenditure of any one item in all Uncle Sam's outlay."

The time should come when decent wives, mothers, and sisters will refuse to teach boys in Sunday schools or elsewhere that a raping god is a suitable character for them to admire and emulate, or to attend and support churches and other societies that teach men to admire and follow a god who would not marry the mother of his son and support her and the child.

People refuse to learn Kerr's Discoveries because they admire and follow a god who was so bitterly opposed to wisdom that he made it a crime, punishable by death, to even desire knowledge and seek to obtain it. Teach Kerr's Discoveries instead of religion if you wish people's intelligence and morals improved.

The clergy will explain that the Italian earthquake was due to the wrath of God because a wicked old woman watered her geese on Sunday, or some other equally silly reason, and the equally silly rabble will gaze with open mouth amazement at the profound wisdom of the clergy, and will believe that it certainly came from an omniscent God or they never could have thought of it.

Mail me two copies of your phone or city directory and $1.00 for every 400 names in it and I shall mail them sample copies. That is a good way to get sample copies of T. A. G. & L. distributed. I can use the directories in addressing wrappers without writing them.

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W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

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When It Comes to Dying People Who Know Kerr's Discoveries Have a Greater Consolation Than Idolaters.

Some idolaters claim they are not afraid of the consequences after death. But can they know they will not land in hell? There are several great world religions each with millions of adherents and the teachers of some of them claim that all the believers in all the others will miss heaven. How can any heathen know that the religion he happened to be born into is the right one? Christianity has hundreds of sects some of which claim that they alone are the ones who will escape hell. How can any Christian heathen know that the right sect heathenized him? Then again there is a difference of opinion among members of the same sect as to what acts their god permits and what he condemns. How can they know positively what to do and not do to escape hell?

How differently it is with those who learn Kerr's Discoveries. They have the consolation of knowing the true nature of death and what becomes of them regardless of anything they do or fail to do. This knowledge is vastly more satisfactory to me than any possible ignorance expressed by belief, faith or hope could be. As people learn these new-found truths of nature they will, like myself, come to see that knowledge on these vital subjects is preferable to ignorance and superstition and lies on nature. While those who know Kerr's Discoveries are afraid to die because they do not wish to suffer nor to cease living they have no fear whatever of suffering after death because they know all their senses cease then forever. They have the satisfaction of knowing that no one will ever suffer in purgatory or hell, nor be a servile slave to an autocratic god forever whom they would not tolerate on earth a month.

They have the satisfaction of knowing that they are civilized and enlightened and will not be as the heathen round about who are buried as ignorant idolaters with fool pagan ceremonies. Help to hasten the day when all will know the enlightened consolation of Kerr's Discoveries when they come to die.

THE CASE AGAINST "THE TRUTH SEEKER."

Having read the Truth Seeker, New York, a number of years under the belief that it was trying to discover the truth about God, soul and immortality and would then teach its readers about those vital subjects, as its title led me to believe, I finally perceived I was entirely mistaken in it and discontiued reading it. I gathered from its editorials that it was an agnostic on the god and soul subjects and had the settled conviction that the truth about them was unknowable and undiscoverable and that ignorance was the normal and most desirable state of mind on these subjects. That convinced me that, contrary to its title of "Truth Seeker" it would not seek to discover the truth about those basic superstitions on which all religions are based nor would it accept and teach the truth about them when I discovered it and offered to teach it through its columns.

After some years I recently sent for some copies to see if it had in any way progressed, but find it as dogmatic in its ignorance and as well pleased with it as ever. There is no hope of the Truth Seeker ever finding any truth it don't want to find and believes ignorance is preferable to knowledge concerning them. Its subtitle is: "A Freethought and Agnostic Newspaper," which makes Freethought identical with the ignorance of Agnostics and not suitable or desirable title for a truth finder and teacher.

"Agnosticism" is defined in Theology as, "The doctrine that the existance of a personal Diety, an unseen world, etc., can be neither proved nor disproved, because of the necessary limits of the human mind, or because of the insufficiency of the evidence furnished by psychical and physical data, to warrant a positive conclusion (as taught by the school of Herbert Spencer); opposed alike to dogmatic skepticism and dogmatic theism." That is the Spencerian doctrine of ignorance and limitation of knowledge the Truthseeker is governed by. It allows Spencer to do for it what it violently criticizes the Catholics for allowing the Pope to do for them —set a limit to its reasoning and investigation beyond which it dare not go. But I refuse to allow Mr. Spencer or any other Agnostic to do that service for me.

All readers know that all the great inventions and discoveries had been proclaimed impossible by the incompetent. Likewise, I discovered the truth about God and life that Spencer, Huxley and all their school of Agnostics proclaimed impossible. But the dogmatically ignorant T. S. will have none of it because it likes ignorance on these subjects better than knowledge, and didn't the great Agnostics say they were "unknowable," and who dare dispute their infallibility?

On account of its ignorance it is unable to do anything toward its alleged object" to educate the people out of religious superstition." It is not educated out of religious superstition itself as the following assertions prove: "It (T. S.) denies the existence of the theological heaven and hell, but as to the existence and immortality of the soul neither affirms or denies. It waits for evidence."

There is one of the two foundation religious superstitions it has not educated itself out of. How can it educate others out of it. On the God question it is equally ignorant as these statements show: "In short, all that man knows of God is less than what a woodchuck knows of geometry. All attempts to show how much knowledge of God man has merely results in showing man's ignorance." There is the other foundation superstition that the T. S. has not educated itself out of. How in the name of good sense can it hope to "educate the people out of religious superstitions."? It never has and never can save one child from being heathenized unless it learns Kerr's Discoveries and teaches them. Its criticism of the Bible, church and clergy does not teach anyone those discovered truths that one must know before he can cease believing the foundation superstitions of all religions. The T. S. is 42 years old and is no nearer learning the truth about God and life than it was when it was born and it never will be. Its case is hopeless and its title of "Truth Seeker," is a misnomer.

A CALL TO THE COLORS.

On this my sixtieth birthday, January 20, 1914, I wish to call to the colors of civilization and enlightenment all able minded people of the earth to learn Kerr's Discoveries and aid me in teaching them to the masses throughout the world. The human race has been captured and heathenized by liars on nature. They are in possession of all governments, own all educational institutions, constitute all societies, conduct all business and commerce, control all industries, produce all papers and books and, in short, own the earth and conduct all its business.

That is the magnitude of our adversaries, the power I call you to join in an educational battle against. It might seem from this array that our task is hopeless but it is not. The world has been conquered by the teachers of scientific truths of nature many times and it must be conquered by them this time. I do not underestimate the enormous task. It will require centuries of time and millions of teachers and billions of dollars to accomplish. But what is the stake to justify this herculean effort? It is the children, your children, whether they shall be raised as heathens, pagans, idolaters or as enlightened, civilized citizens. Join the colors I call you to if you would have your children in the latter class and make it possible to have such a class. You can no more raise a child in that class without establishing societies to teach Kerr's Discoveries to the children that you can fly to the moon. Those societies must be permanent, aggressive, determined and must control the education of their children from their earliest teaching to inforce the teaching of these nature truths on them and to prohibit the liars on nature forcing their lies on them. They must, as fast as they gain the power to do so, control the state and through it force the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all educational institutions both public and private, and prohibit teaching religion therein. The educational battle resolves itself into the simple problem of the control of the child's education. Shall that control be in the hands of those who know the truth or those who do not; of civilizers or heathenizers? Which class do you, reader, wish to control the education of your children? That is the question for each parent to decide. I call to the colors all who wish the control of the education of their children in the hands of the civilizers, the truth teachers, the enlighteners. I want a thousand public speakers with the life and energy and ability to teach the people Kerr's Discoveries that Billy Sunday has to teach them lies. I want a thousand editors to establish papers through which to teach the people Kerr's discoveries as vigorously and efficiently as any thousand religious papers teach lies on nature. I want ten million people to pay as much to the support of these speakers and editors for enlightening the world as any ten million idolaters pay the clergy and religious editors for heathenizing it. Are your children worth it? That is the only question for you to answer in making up your mind if you will join the colors for civiliation and enlightenment. For my part I believe if children are worth raising at all we should raise civilized ones regardless of cost in time, work and money it requires. If these are your sentiments then accept my invitation to join the colors for the titanic educational battle before us.

Enrollment.

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.

I wish to join the colors for the educational battle of enlightenment vs. heathenism and forward $——— for T. A. G. & L. ammunition to be fired at the enemy at the rate of 400 copies for each dollar.

Name———————

Address ———————

Mail me two copies of your phone directory if you want me to use your money in mailing sample copies to your city or community.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that created and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

This is the shortest and the only true catechism ever put out by a church.

Worshipers of the heathen idols—God and Christ—say they are civilized, I say they are not and cite you to the battlefields of Europe and Mexico to porve it.

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"It is out of our power to destroy the soul. The soul wields the body [illegible]

[illegible] characters that are believed by the insane to inhabit man.

Continuing he says:

[illegible] and consciousness able to phone intelligently to the living, a world of opportunity to make themselves immo[illegible] awaits them in this [illegible]

PARTIAL COST IN MONEY AND LABOR TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES HEATHENIZED.

From a special report of the bureau of the census on religious bodies in the United States for 1906, I reproduce the following items that give only a partial report of the vast cost in money and labor to keep the people in heathenism, paganism and idolatry.

As it is eight years since this census was taken, perhaps some of the items are double what they were then and all have had a great increase.

Church edifices—192,795.

Their valuation—$1,257,575,876.

Value of Parsonages, 25 per cent of, —$143,495,853.

Number of Ministers—164,830.

Annual Salary—$69,667,587.

Home and Foreign Missions—$47,-420,546.

Number of Sunday Schools—192,-722.

Number of S. S. Students—15,337,-817.

S. S. Officers and Teachers—1,796,-079.

This great wealth and tireless army engaged in promoting and perpetuating educational insanity is only a fraction of the force and wealth devoted to that most shameful and disgraceful occupation in this country. But nothing can ever check this onward sweep of religious insanity in this or any other country except the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries. All who would like a sane world for their posterity to inherit must get busy and help to spread this only cure for religion. A knowledge of the truth on any subject is the only possible cure for ignorance on it. Indifference or ignoring it is no remedy. Freethought, rationalism and truthseeking is no remedy unless they result in truthfinding and truthteaching. And as the truth about gods, souls and life is now found, why don't all those who were looking for it accept it and begin teaching it? There will ever be a continuous increase in the money and numbers devoted to teaching religious lies on nature that make idolaters, pagans and heathens of each succeeding generation until checked by the power of money and numbers devoted to teaching Kerr's Discoveries.

THE QUESTION BOX.

All questions sent in pertaining to Kerr's Discoveries and the C. O. H. will be answered in this department.

Q. How do you in your discoveries account for that subtle presence called conscience that you can hardly deny is present with all persons possessing a fair intelligence?

A. Conscience is the result of education and not innate nor a gift from a god. A child can be taught by word and example of those who raise it that any crime and vice is right and meritorious and that any good act is reprehensible and its conscience will approve it all. Conscience is simply a person's conclusion based on his teaching that things are right or wrong, and it changes sides on any given subject as his opinion or knowledge changes. As an example, the conscience of all the world condemed the teaching of the discoveries of the true shape and movements of the earth but gradually changed to approval as people learned the truth. Likewise, the world's conscience regarding the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries will gradually change from condemnation to approval as they become known.

Q. What do you expect to gain by bringing before men your alleged discoveries?

A. It is my moral and imperative duty to do what I can to make known these most important of all discoveries to enlighten my fellow beings without which it is impossible to raise a civilized child owing to all the world being idolaters and enforcing it on each succeeding generation for want of this knowledge of nature I have discovered.

Q. If you prove to the satisfaction of all concerned that there is no Divine Power, how will you benefit humanity?

A. When all the world learns, accepts and teaches Kerr's Discoveries it will change from the evil effects of being governed by people educationally insane to the good effects of being governed by civilized and enlightened people. That will benefit all humanity during the existence of our race. The world can never be sanely governed by our race while under the effects of educational insanity as it is now as witness the world war and the feverish efforts of all nations in preparing for its continuance indefinitely, and also the war in Mexico and the war now in incubation between the Catholics and the non-Catholics in the United States, which could not be if all knew Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. If there is no life after this, why should we not obey any and all impulses both physical and mental?

A. There is no reason in the world why one should not obey his impulses except his own sense of moral duty as a good citizen, and the fear of public opinion and of man's laws if he violates them. Learning Kerr's Discoveries will not cause the repeal of man's penalties for crimes.

Q. Why do you call your followers and adherents, The Church of Humanity?

A. I named the society the Church of Humanity because the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is the most humane work people can engage in since it will do more good for the human race than any and all other knowledge taught, and also to demonstrate the proper course of evolution for the church to take from a lying, heathenizing society to a truthful, civilizing and enlightening one.

Q. Will not your theories tend to cause a laxity along lines of morality?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are not theories, but fixed truths of nature that all must know before they can cease misrepresenting and lying on nature and the debasing practice of worshiping and emulating an ignorant, wicked, savage character of fiction named God. That will be the greatest improvements on the morals of people they ever experienced.

FREETHOUGHT AND RATIONALISM MEANS AGNOSTICISM AND ALL MEAN IGNORANCE.

In the Jan. 16, "Truth Seeker," Mr. Marshall J. Gauvin, lecturer for the Pittsburgh, Pa., Rationalist Society, says,, in answer to the question: "What is your conception of the soul?"

"I have the same conception of the soul that you have, absolutely. That is to say, I know absolutely nothing at all about it. I know that you know as little about the soul as a mosquito does, and I know as little about the soul as you do; that is to say nothing. When you have learned something about it—just a little—kindly come and communicate your information to me.' '

That demonstrates the ignorance of Mr. Gauvin on one foundation superstition and lie on nature all religions rest on, also the ignorance of the society that employs him and of the paper that publishes his article as choice filling dope. Ignorance is no cure for religious lies on nature and never will be. The only remedy for it is a knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Mr. Gauvin and the entire school of knownothings he represents assumes that there is a god and that man has a soul but that they have not yet learned anything about them. They all are waiting for some information but will not accept the fact that no real god exists in the universe, that man has no soul and that life and consciousness ends forever at death, nor do they want to know these facts or consider any proof of them.

All such writers, lecturers, authors, and editors are in reality doing all they can to hold the masses in ignorance and idolatry by continually refusing to accept Kerr's Discoveries, and teaching the people that such truths are not known and are unknowable and undiscoverable. Hence none should look to such people for aid in learning Kerr's Discoveries for they do not know them, will not try to learn them and do not believe others who have. They are religion's patrols on the outer walls of heathenism driving back into the ranks of idolatry any who try to escape to the open field of civilzation and enlightenment by the road of Kerr's Discoveries. I call to the colors of truth finders all able minded citizens to rally to the standard of truth and hurl back in contempt and defiance all the ranks of knownothings who are doing the heathens' dirty work of preventing any from escaping by learning Kerr's Discoveries.

SOME REASONS WHY ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENFORCE THE TEACHING OF KERR'S DISCOVERIES IN ALL SCHOOLS.

(Clippings.)

Mrs. Alisky is a gentile and her husband is a Jew, and this is the reason given by her for the separation."

"Hinton, W. Va., April 13.—Religious circles were upset here Thursday when the Grand Jury indicted twenty-one members of the Holly Rollers, a religious sect, for conspiracy to cause the death of David King, because he objected to his wife attending the meetings."

"Sofia, Feb. 12.—The Turkish troops yesterday massacred the whole male Christian population of the seaport of Buyuk Chekmedje and killed all the Chirstian women except the young girls whom they carried off."

"Fort Worth, Tex., July 16.—Edna Dodson, 15, received a letter last night from Willie Record, 22, telling her he was going to kill himself and asking her to join him in 'The land where parents do not object." She drank poison and died an hour later."

"Biarritz, June 13.—The Marquis de Alcedo, of Spain, announces there will be no marriage between his daughter Ysabel, Countess Bannelos, and Maurice Burke-Roche, son of Mrs. Burke-Roche Batonyi of New York. The marquis states religious differences make such a union impossible. The countess is a Catholic while the young man, a grandson of the late Frank Work, a New York multi-millionaire, is an Episcopalian."

"Milan, June 6.—Cardinal Todo, one of the triumvirate that promoted a Vatican campaign against modernism, has become a raving maniac. The doctors have no hopes of his recovery. The cardinal imagines he has succeeded to the papal throne and ordered the extermination of all Catholic liberal thinkers through application of mediaeval penalties."

"St. Petersburg, June 27.—Sixty Mongolian priests were burned to death today in a pagoda at Kwei Hwacheng, in the Chinese province of Shansi, on the border of Mongolia, according to a dispatch received here. They had barricaded themselves in the building against a number of their pursuers."

Educational insanity caused all the above trouble, strife and fatalties and thousands of cases every year like them. All such discord will cease when Kerr's Discoveries become generally known. A general knowledge of these great modern scientific discoveries will be the greatest promoter of peace, happiness, wisdom and progress of any knowledge to be learned. Therefore all governments of the world should enforce the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries in all schools both public and private.

MINERAL DEPOSITS PROVE KERR'S DISCOVERIES

The weakness of the argument of idolaters that mineral deposits prove the existence and wisdom of a "Creator" is shown in the statistics of fatalities in mines as follows:

"Washington, Dec. 10.—A casualty list of American mines and quarries issued by the bureau of mines showed 3,651 men killed last year and estimated the injured at not less than 100,000. There was a death rate of 3.49 in every thousand of the 1,047,-010 men employed in the industries. * * * In the last three years the mines and quarries of the United States have swallowed up 10,487 human lives and have incapacitated temporarily probably a quarter of a million men."

This record proves Kerr's Discoveries. A "Creator" could have as easily placed all minerals for man's use on the surface and at such places as needed and instructed him on their use. Of all the men killed not a "soul" appeared to explain how the accident happened or where rescuers would find the body, proving that none of them had any such thing in their possession.

THE COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL PLAN.

It costs about as much to hire a thousand copies distributed in cities by distributers as it does to print them. Now if interested parties in any city in the United States will either distribute them themselves or hire it done, I will furnish them all the papers they want free. I will mail them in bundles of 500 copies each. This plan of co-operation will divide the cost between us, of educating the people by cities in Kerr's Discoveries

Perhaps a number in each city could form a club to do this distributing alternately or chip in to hire it done. That would extend the co-operative plan.

I would have 100,000 copies printed monthly if the friends of the truths they teach will have them distributed. There cannot be any societies organized to teach Kerr's Discoveries anywhere until a few people learn them and this plan is the best and cheapest I know of to give them the necessary teaching.

Who will join with me in this plan?

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST:—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enought to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martrydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it, I subscribe to the following statement under affirmation which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue.

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discoveredand know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I shall never voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. KERR.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913.—H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.Commission expires September 8, 1916.

INTRODUCTORY—A Cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Chuch of Humanity to introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains No Real God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life Ends Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Spirits, Angels, Hell, Purgatory, etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church Has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and Is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernest Haeckel, the Great Biologist, Is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid it All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in Its Educational and Organizing Work. Rates—Single Subscription 25 Cents; In Club of 10 or More 15 Cents; In Bundles of 100 copies 35 Cents; 500 Copies $1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50 I appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator. Please send in All Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Address W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas.

These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching.

"Discoverer 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discovers an unknown country, or a new principle, truth or fact." Webster.

(A Motto for Homes, Shools and Offices)

Kerr's Discoveries. Remember Them:
"THERE IS NO REAL GOD;
MAN HAS NO SOUL;
LIFE ENDS FOREVER AT DEATH.'

The most important knowledge to learn is the nature of death and what will become of them then. All have an inalienable right to that knowledge and only by learning Kerr's Discoveries can they know it. The T. A. G. and L. is the only publication on earth that knows and teaches these truths.

"Discover 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain, to espy; to detect." Webster.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

SIR OLIVER LODGE, THE HEATHEN SCIENTIST

In the Sunday Boston American of Jan. 3, a full page is given to Sir Oliver Lodge, the English scientist, to exploit his belief in immortality under the caption, "I Have Talked with the Dead." He starts on a false foundation to build up a plausible theory and then uses his basic errors to prove those theories true. He begins with:

"We read at the beginning of the Epistle of the Hebrews: 'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.'

What if that be true?

What if inspiration is a fact, and if the saints and prophets of all times have not been befooled, but have gathered something of the real truth and set it forth to us?

It is a possibility; it is I believe, a fact. If it be a truth, what a vista it opens up!

If God really does exist, does communicate with man, does help man; if man is not alone in the universe, a helpless biped of this out-of-the-way planet in space, but is surrounded by an army of helpers and of sympathizers; if he is assisted by the very highest in his efforts toward truth and goodness, then I say the conception is a magnificent one.

If it be true it must eclipse all other truths in importance."

This, his opening statement, is enough to discredit all his conclusions on the subject he is treating. As the Bible is untrue in every statement teaching the existence of a god and souls it necessarily follows that every conclusion, theory or belief based on them is untrue, and a scientist who goes to them for the proof of his theories is a fake scientist on such subjects. No scientist worthy of the title will consult the Bible on anything except the science of lies on nature called theology or religion, and when he accepts those lies for truths he is not a scientist but a victim of heathenism.

He uses "if" eight times in the above assumptions that are not true to nature and builds his beliefs on them which makes them necessarily untrue also. He assumes it to be a fact that there is a real god who had a son and communicates with man and that man has a soul that is immortal, then he theorizes that there should be some way of communicating with those nonmaterial beings until his mind is so befuddled that he thinks he actually does.

Another extract is:

"The spiritual and the material interact; they are not far apart, they are much closer than we know. Mind and consciousness are not limited to the brain. That is an extraordinary doctrine that people have—that the brain is the mind. Why do they think that? Because if you destroy the brain your mind appears to go. What goes? Not your mind really out of existence. Your consciousness is still there, but it can no longer manifest itself, for it has lost its instrument of manifestation.

You can take a hammer and smash an organ, but you have not destroyed the organist. Of course, you can smash the organist, too, but in the case of the soul of man you cannot get at the organist. You can only smash the organ, and thereby prevent any manifestation. You can only thrust it out of its earthly terrestrial existence into another; it is merely a transition from one state to another."

That is not the language of a scientist investigating nature but of a victim of false education who by sophistry tries to prove the lies of his religion true. I do not dispute that Sir Oliver Lodge is a scientist on some subjects, but he certainly is not on this subject. A very grievous and common mistake is the idea that a scientist in any branch of research is a scientist in all matters he is interested in. That mistake I observe in practically all Freethinkers, Agnostics and Rationalists as well as in the masses who blindly follow a scientist in his religious superstitions. To believe he could cut a man's head off without in any way affecting his mind and consciousness is a result of blindly accepting religious lies and not of a scientific investigation.

Of course, the brain is not the mind but it is the primary organ at least that generates or produces mind, thoughts and ideas, and at its death it ceases forever to perform that service as the nerves cease to produce feeling.

Another excerpt is:

"It is out of our power to destroy the soul. The soul wields the body. Why do you do things? Why do you go to war for instance? You do anything because you have made up your mind. our mind works your body, not vice versa."

He is so confused in his ideas that he identifies the soul as the mind. The mind must always be kept separate and distinct from what is understood by the name "soul." I know man has a mind while I as certainly know he has not a soul. Were the soul simply the mind there would be no controversy over its existence and probably none over its ceasing at death. And were the mind actually a soul then all animals and probably all insects would have souls as they have minds similar to man's minus his artificial addition through education. The mind of any animal works its body as truly as man's mind work his. But the minds of all animals cease at death the same as man's does.

He continues:

"Once you realize that consciousness is something outside the particular mechanism which it makes use of, you will realize that survival of existence is natural, that it is the simplest thing. It is unreasonable that the soul should jump out of existence when the body is destroyed. We ourselves are not limited to the few years that we live on this earth; we shall go on without it; we shall certainly continue to exist; we shall certainly survive."

But I affirm as positively that we shall certainly cease our conscious existence forever at death, and I am a scientist in this matter giving expert testimony, having made it a life study, when Sir Oliver Lodge is simply following false theories. Consciousness is not separate and apart and outside of our organism and it will not survive. We have no such entity, organism or personage within us as a soul to jump out of existence or out of us at death as a bird out of a cage. The soul is a fictitious or non-existing character like imps, devils, spirit, God, Christ, Holy Ghost, and other fictitious characters that are believed by the insane to inhabit man.

Continuing he says:

"Why do I say that? I say it on definite scientific ground. I say it because I have talked to them. Communication is possible. One must obey the laws, find out the conditions. I do not say it is easy, but possible, and I have conversed with them as I could converse with anyone through the telephone."

I do not dispute your honesty in believing you have talked with the dead but you are utterly mistaken, Sir Oliver Lodge. You do not understand the source of your thoughts or the condition of your brain or part of it when you are receiving supposed telephone messages from the dead. The receiver, transmitter, wires, wheels and talker were all within your own mind in your brain similar to the things and characters in a dream. No one else could sense your phone messages any more than they could your dreams. I know some people who have had similar experiences in daytime and apparently awake but the explanation is that some part of the mental apparatus was in the same state as when dreaming.

A man told me God walks and talks with him daily and he consults him on all important matters and follows his advice, but God is a myth like Santa Claus. The poor fellow was deceived through not understanding the source of his ideas. A neighbor relates seeing a big dog going into a hay stack while doing the chores in broad daylight, but there was no hole in the stack. A part of his brain must have been dreaming. An old lady saw a company of soldiers march up to her house and go in a box beside the door. She dashed a kettle of boiling water on them, but no one else saw them, they were not realities nor souls. It was only the result of the condition of part of the old lady's brain that produced the phantoms.

Why, man! Had men souls that survive death with mind and consciousness able to phone intelligently to the living, a world of opportunity to make themselves immortal awaits them in this

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When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

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the fate of empires resting on the information they could phone the generals no patriotic soul on either side would neglect so grand an opportunity to make himself useful. To perpetrate an Irish bull, I declare every dead soldier to be a living witness that you were mistaken when you thought you were receiving phone mesages from the dead.

Another important witness to your mistake is my dear old mother who loved me as much as mothers can their sons. She died on March 20, 1913, aged 83½ years, in full possession of her mental faculties until handsion of her mental faculties until life had nearly ceased, with her hand in mine, a very firm believer in the Christian superstitions. I had mailed her a copy of every paper published teaching my scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever at death.

Can you believe that had she a soul or any consciousness that survived she would not have informed me of my mistake? I cannot believe she would have neglected so important a duty since she knew I was spreading the knowledge of my discoveries over all the world. It is absurd for Sir Oliver Lodge to believe his casual friends talked to him when the billions of mothers who loved their children more than life had no knowledge, inteligence or power that survived death to communicate with them.

Actual physical demonstrations that people have no souls or any kind of mind, intelligence or consciousness that survive death are the many cases of death where resuscitation was artificially accomplished after many minutes or even hours of total unconsciousness and suspended vital organic functions. But no survival of consciousness was experienced by any of them.

A recent noted case is that of Mrs. Walter W. Akers of Los Angeles, California. From a double page write up of the case in the Kansas City Sunday Post of Jan. 10, I reproduce the folowing extract:

"Medical science now claims in the case of Mrs. Walter W. Akers, of Los Angeles, literally to have raised her from the dead, not by the exercise of spiritual force but by manipulation of her heart after it had ceased beating.

Mrs. Akers, while undergoing an operation for gall-stones, died. She remained dead for ten minutes.

Three minutes after he saw that life had passed, Dr. S. S. Hutchinson, the famous California surgeon, who [illegible] thrust his hand [illegible] incision in Mrs. [illegible] it up past [illegible] intestines and other organs until he had grasped her heart.

This he began to manipulate, pressing it to counterfeit its normal pulsation, while the assisting surgeons, Drs. W. P. Williams and W. S. Holman, carried out the usual movements of artificial respiration.

At the end of ten minutes Mrs. Akers came back to life. Her heart began to beat and she breathed. The operation continued, and she is now on the road back to health.

Her case was not one of suspended animation or coma. There were all the signs of true death. On this point the three surgeons agreed.

Mrs. Akers was dead—and she was brought back to life.

Better than any layman could describe the case Dr. Williams tells its details for this newspaper. He says:

"If the science of medicine teaches anything, it teaches the trained observer how to determine when the seal of death has been placed on one who has passed on. This woman was dead. There is no question about it. Her heart was silent and as lifeless as it will ever be; the pulse, of course, was stilled; the eyes became fixed and took on the gloss of dissolution; the skin was ashen; the patient failed to respond to every test that could be immediately applied; artificial respiration produced no result. We summoned the husband to the death room. We had lost our battle."

During that temporary death Mrs. Akers had no soul to leave the body and investigate conditions of a supposed future world and life. She had no mind or consciousness that kept in working order during that period of death. That is an objective, physical proof that people have no such things in them as souls and that their mind and consciousness ends at death.

A PREACHER MAKES A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR KERR'S DISCOVERIES UNKNOWINGLY.

"Lawrence, Kansas, March 8.—Religion must yield to science when a conflict comes between them, in the opinion of Dr. John R. Mott, one of the foremost religious workers in the world, who is conducting a revival at the university.

Dr. Mott holds that if science proves one thing there is no use in preachers trying to persuade people to believe something else regardless of convincing evidence to the contrary.

"When contradiction between science and religion appear, the thing to do is to suspend judgment, call time and investigate," he says. "Truth in one quarter never belies truth in another and the truth must prevail.

"Many persons object to higher criticism of religion. But higher criticism is being applied to other spheres of human knowledge every day. The more important a subject, the more important it is to carry on rational study. The scientific method should be applied to religion above all things, for nothing so much as what a man believes controls his activities.

"Thinking people will not stand for an unscientific presentation of religion any longer. There may be great emotional waves, but if the people stick the truth must be told and the teachings must square with the facts as they are revealed by careful investigation.

"Doctor Mott says that the most successful religious workers are abandoning the old dogmatic methods and ideas and are yielding to the results of scientific inquiry concerning evolution, history and sociology.

"More emphasis is being placed on this point of view now than ever before, especially among college students. This is true of America, Europe and Asia.

"The trouble has been that we have emphasized belief in preference to investigation. Belief must follow investigation and when preachers try to reverse the process and tell people what to believe instead of telling them what is the actual condition, the people reject religion. There is no use in trying to deny the truth and the sooner Christian workers realize this and act accordingly the better it will be for the spread of the gospel."

Had "Kerr's Discoveries" instead of "the gospel" been used I could have indorsed nearly all his statements. Dr. Mott should "suspend judgment, call time and investigate" Kerr's Discoveries before proceeding to confirm the Kansas University in its heathenism. These discoveries are the highest criticism religions can ever have. They are the last word and always will be of science on religion. There is an uncompromising and irreconcilable conflict between them. Will Dr. Mott make his religion yield to these scientific truths as he says it must do? Science proves in Kerr's Discoveries there is no real god, soul or future life for the dead. Will the Dr. stand by his statement that "there is no use in preachers trying to persuade people to believe something else regardless of convincing evidence to the contrary?"

"The more important a subject, the more important it is to carry on rational study," he says. That's just what I did on religious subjects and Kerr's Discoveries are the result. Will the Dr. accept them? "The scientific method should be applied to religion above all things," he says. That's just what I did and Kerr's Discoveries are the result and will be the result all will reach who takes his advice. Will he himself follow his own advice and accept the result? "Thinking people will not stand for an unscientific presentation of religion any longer" he says. Well then, why does he stand for his own if he is one of the thinking people since Kerr's Discoveries prove it to be unscientific? Why does he "try to deny the truth" since he says "there is no use in it?"

ONE COLLEGE ALLOWED ITS STUDENTS TO SEE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Contrary to the actions of most colleges I have heard from the Adrian College of Adrian, Michigan, must be allowing its students an opportunity to see The Light of Truth as the following letter would indicate:

Adrian, Michigan, Feb. 17, 1915.
W. H. Kerr,
Great Bend, Kansas.
Dear Sir:—

I have read much concerning the church of Humanity, as explained in your paper, "The Truth About God and Life." I found the paper on our college library table and it sure was a joy to find such a level-headed paper.

It seems to express my thots and ideas exactly. It is beyond my power of comprehension how any one can believe in a god or that one has a soul. I think you are doing the world a great good by circulating your great discoveries, and I think there is room for great work here in college. How does one join your Church of Humanity? Please write me, giving me further information, as I think I can persuade several students here to join your great movement. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours truly
LLOYD CHARLES,
Adrian College,
Adrian, Michigan.

P. S. If you have any matter which you wish to have put out among the students, mail it direct to me and I will gladly put it out for you.
L. C.

I forwarded the information my young friend wished and he promptly sent in his application for membership in the C. O. H. and his certificate of membership has been sent him. I shall mail him free as many copies of each back issue and of each succeeding issue of our church paper as he may wish to distribute among the students of Adrian college and in the city of Adrian.

I hope he will be able to get lots of members for the C. O. H. and organize a branch C. O. H. of the students who learn these new discovered truths of nature. And why not? Why shouldn't all colleges and universities allow, and even encourage and help their students to learn this most important of all knowledge and to organize societies of those who learn it? Must these greatest of all discovered truths of nature be outlawed in all educational institutions and be forced to the necessity of the slow process of building up and maintaining special institutions for their teaching and propagation?

Every college and university should establish and maintain a special chair of Kerr's Discoveries for the teaching of regular classes of students wishing to take a course in this most important branch of knowledge.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that created and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the ceasing forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

This is the shortest and the only true catechism ever put out by a church.

THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

Organization—The Church of Humanity was formally organized, incorporated and chartered by the state of Kansas in June, 1908, by its members.

Its Purposes—The purposes for which this corporation is formed are to teach Kerr's Discoveries in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death; organize and charter local propaganda societies of people who learn them; publish a periodical and other literature teaching these discoveries; maintain a college for the preparation of and organizers; receive fees, dues, assessments, donations, endowments teachers and instructors in these truths; provide and maintain lectures and bequests and administer the same for the Church of Humanity.

Invitation to Membership—All who have learned Kerr's Discoveries and favor the purpose of the Church of Humanity are urgently invited to send in the following application for membership in the society:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name _____

Address _____

EXCHANGING PLEADINGS.

For Ignorance, Heathenism and Idolatry.

By H. Thompson, 547 N. Allison St., W. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 6, 1915.
My Dear Mr. Kerr:
I am an invalid and have one of your papers in my possession.

Sir—I am positive that you have never listened to your conscience. Oh, dear brother, how I do pity you if you don't change your views. I have had so many wonderful things happen to me and so many, many prayers answered, that it hurts me to the heart to hear of the God I love so, being treated the way you do in your paper. I am praying and always will as long as I live for you that God will let you live until you confess Him as your God. Dear brother if you should die in your present ideas, I firmly believe you would be damned. Please listen to me a minute dear Mr. Kerr. If you'll just get on you knees and say this, "If there be a God, please show me." Now please do me a favor by just doing that and I'll promise you you'll have the surprise of your life.

Oh, dear brother, I'm in earnest—please—please do accept Jesus Christ the one I do so dearly love—and you'll have a peace of mind which I am positive you haven't got now. I'm going to pray for you earnestly dear brother that some day before God calls you—you'll see things differently and we'll meet at Jesus' feet. Take my advice and accept my dear Savior too and He'll wonderfully help and bless you. Your statement that there is no soul is absolutely false. Please, please accept Him before it's too late. God bless and keep you. In Jesus' name."

For Knowledge, Civilization and Enlightenment.

My Dear Mr. Thompson:—Though over 60 years of age I am healthy and happy and my conscience is as clear as crystal in its approval of everything I do to make known and accepted the enlightening truths of nature I was so fortunate to discover. So please do not worry and fret or do any praying for me. It is you, my poor invalid brother, who needs the aid and knowledge I can give. Take my hand, please, and let me raise you off your knees. You can't see and learn the truth from that position. Hold to me to steady yourself while I show you some common sights and tell you some truths that will awaken new thoughts and reasonings. Please, brother, don't be afraid. I guarantee and insure you from all harm from God and Satan and hell. They are only phantoms of the mind installed there by mistaken teachers, and have no existence in realty. Your own invalidism is proof of that truth. Were God a real being he would have cared for you. Listen to these facts dear brother and be convinced I am telling you the truth. Were your house on fire and you unable to get out and no one rescued you neither God nor Jesus would do it. You would be cremated as thousands have been who loved and served the same God and Jesus you do. Look over there at the Iriquois theatre in Chicago burning with seven hundred people dying in the flames and God and Jesus not saving any of them. Look over in Collinsville, Ohio, at a burning school house and see two hundred children being cremated and God and Jesus not saving any. Look over in New York and see the General Slocum loaded with Sunday school teachers and scholars being burned up and God and Jesus not there to rescue any of the hundreds of worshipers who perished so horribly. Look over at the Titanic going down with its hundreds of praying people and God and Jesus not there to answer one of them. See and hear the thousands of praying people crushed beneath their fallen houses in the Italian earthquake and God and Jesus not there to rescue any of them. Look at the horrible war in Europe where millions of praying people are murdering [illegible] and God and Jesus not there to protect any. Look around in your own city of Philadelphia and you will see over five hundred dying weekly. They are nearly all worshipers of your God and Jesus and all are prayed for but God and Jesus pays no attention to them. The reason is God and Christ are not real beings and if Jesus ever was he, like other people living then, has been dead a long time and can know and do nothing now. To know that your prayers have never been answered and never will be by God and Christ you need only to observe that no prayers of all those perishing people were answered, and to admit that theirs were as worthy of an answer as yours. A million volumes of a million pages each would not hold the unanswered prayers made to your God and Jesus, and Kerr's Discoveries explain the reason they are not. Now, dear Mr. Thompson please—please do no more praying. That is a degrading vice of heathens that you should be ashamed to practice. Be a civilized and enlightened man by accepting the only truths that can make you such. Dear brother, please do me the favor of repeating this sentence whenever the desire to pray comes on you: "Through the eyes of the newspapers I see hundreds of people dying daily who are as worthy as I am, and as God and Christ does not answer their prayers, or those of their dearest relatives, to save their lives, they would not answer mine either, therefore I shall not degrade myself by praying to them, but shall accept Kerr's Discoveries that there is no real god, soul or future life. Repeat that sentence silently daily in place of your usual prayers and blessings at meals and you'll have the surprise of your life in finding out there is no god to knock you down for saying it.

Now, please, brother, remember those scenes and repeat that sentence every time any one asks you to be a Christian or tries by word or pen or printed literature to prove to you that God, soul and immortality are realities in nature, and you will grow into a civilized and enlightened citizen and bless me for lifting you from your knees.

A GOOD OREGON BILL THAT SHOULD BE MADE A FEDERAL LAW.

Senate Bill No. 128 in the Oregon legislature provides a heavy penalty for publishing lies. Section two provides that in case of the publication of any false statement, allegation or rumor, the publisher must publish on demand of the person or persons affected any statement or article setting forth the truth in regard to the matter, and section three provides for the publication within forty-eight hours, or in the next issue, of a demand statement refuting a false statement in same ink, same type, same position and with similar display of heading, and without cost.

That bill should be enlarged to include publishers and authors of books and all public speakers and teachers, and be made a Federal law. Then I could force the liars on nature to tell and teach the truth about God and life. If such a law could be enacted and then enforced it would soon kill the heathenizing business. All religions are founded on lies on nature, spread and perpetuated by lies on nature, and if the heathens could only be forced to discontinue teaching and publishing lies they could not spread and perpetuate their idolatry of heathen idols. The Billy Sundays would have to go out of business because their principal mission is to recite lies on nature. The Bible, Koran and all other "sacred" books could not be published and circulated because they are filled with lies on nature. Heathenizing churches, Sunday schools and religious societies of all kinds would have to shut up shop because they exist only to teach lies on nature and heathenize each succeeding generation. Public schools, colleges and universities would have to revise their text books and cut out the religious lies therein. All religious publications would have to suspend.

It seems strange to me that people will denounce lying as a wicked, immoral vice and then devote their lives to lying on nature and to inducing others to do likewise. But when I consider the prostitute, the thief the tobacco user, the booze drinker, the soldier murderer who take such a pride in their professions, vices and crimes that they teach them to their children I can realize that the teaching of religious lies on nature and heathenizing their children is only another proof of the total depravity of the people in general. It seems they just must have some vice or crime to center their affections on, and idolatry of heathen idols such as God and Christ is the lowest and vilest of all.

STUDYING THE PHENOMENA OF MODERN HEATHENIZING AGGREGATIONS.

The most unaccountable and inexcusable freak of mental aberration in human beings of our day is undoubtedly the phenomenology of idolatry of heathen idols by the supposed highly educated. In order to observe a modern heathen-making plant in full operation I subscribed for three of the largest Philadelphia dailies during the Billy Sunday operations in that city. They contained from two columns to a full page write up of each day's doings and sayings of the Billy Sunday aggregation. I read page after page of the foolishness and lies poured out in torrents by Mr. Sunday and am amazed beyond expression that supposed educated people have no more sense than to be driven to the "saw dust trail" by it. The only reasonable explanation is that all were heathenized in childhood and never applied any good sense to religious subjects. Not knowing Kerr's Discoveries any old or new lie on those subjects can easily be worked off on the people for truth.

But knowing the standard truths on those subjects I could instantly detect any lie Billy uttered on them and was thoroughly protected from being heathenized.

Parents, protect your children from being heathenized by liars on nature by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

American idolaters have given me what they believe is a knockout argument by asking how I would like to live in a non-Christian country. When I read of their frantic efforts to get out of the thoroughly Christianized countries of Europe when war began. I see they are not fond of living in Christian countries at times themselves.

The system of lies on nature named Christianity is partly responsible for the European war because it teaches the existence of the most savage being conceived in the brain of ignorant heathens, and that is the savage murderer appointed all the rulers of Europe and will aid each of them to slaughter all the others and their subjects. They are now asking and expecting that savage monster named God to aid them in the work of human slaughter. That proves Kerr's Discoveries that no real god exists in the universe as no real god would remain silent under such circumstances.

If Christians had any sense of shame they would never again send missionaries to non-Christians with the lies that Christianity brings peace and safety to life and property after the spectacle of these Christians begging Japan and Turkey to come and help them slaughter each other.

This world war should mark the beginning of the downfall of all systems of lies on nature called religions. It is clearly demonstrated by this war that no religion can civilize man in the least. So give it up you liars on nature and try the civilizing effects of teaching truth by beginning with Kerr's Discoveries.

The people of the allied countries will not exercise good sense if they continue worshiping God after counting their murdered relatives whom the Kaiser says God aided him to murder. As God does [illegible] so it proves that he is only a myth and that no real god exists.

Some have expressed fear that the world war now raging will destroy civilization. But there is no danger since no people are really civilized. The worship of heathen idols named God and Christ that some mistake for civilization is in reality theathenism.

If the worship of God and Christ ceases after the war as it should do since it proves them useless and nonexisting and the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is substituted it will be the beginning of true civilization.

Christians will cite me to the activities of the Red Cross in the war and exclaim "See what Christianity is doing to alleviate suffering! I cite them to the battlefields and exclaim, see what Christianity is doing to cause suffering.

I have been asked: "How do you explain that all higher civilization is found in Christian countries?" I now ask the Christians to explain how it comes that the most fiendish, barbaric, world wide war of all the ages is raging in Christian countries and Christians are forcing non-Christian nations to help them slaughter each other. I have told you all along that Christianity is a heathenizing instead of a civilizing institution, and so is all other religions. This war proves it.

HOW SOME OBITUARIES WOULD READ IF TRUTHFUL.

John Doe was heathenized in early childhood by liars on nature and never had sense enough to learn that the objects of his idolatry are only characters of fiction like Santa Claus. He lived a consistent heathen and never would hear or read a word or allow a thought to enter his mind that in any way tended to enlighten him. In early youth he united with a heathenizing church and took an active part in teaching Sunday School classes the lies on nature he had learned. He was so stuck on his idols that he gave large sums to missionaries to go to foreign lands to persuade, bribe or intimidate worshippers of other idols to worship his. Being united in marriage to a female heathen he raised fifteen little idolaters of his idols. John Doe is dead now and of course his life and consciousness is ended forever. But the evil he has done by causing fifteen heathens to grow where only two grew before will be a blight to the world until they can be changed into a blessing through learning Kerr's Discoveries.

MORAL—The John Does should learn Kerr's Discoveries and raise blessings instead of blights for the world.

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I invite all who wish this little educator to continue going to the above lists to contribute to the C. O. H. "Educational Fund" to enable it to do so. You can use the following blank in sending in your donation to that fund:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.
I herewithin close draft for $_____ for the C. O. H. Educational Fund.

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THE PRICE OF PROGRESS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF NATURE.

As of old the price of progress in the knowledge of the truths of nature that conflict with religious lies is vilification of those who are successful in discovering them and try to make them known.

At a cost of about $100.00 I mailed copies of T. A. G. & L. to over 20,000 publications in the United States recently that their editors might know of Kerr's Discoveries and pass this most valuable of all knowledge along to their readers.

In return I have received marked copies of fifteen different publications containing editorial criticisms, but not one expressing appreciation of this great modern achievement. Here is a sample of one of the worst of them from the Carnegie (Pennsylvania) Signal-Item of December 12 under the heading, "Another Kansas Lunatic."

"The Truth About God and Life" is the title of a sheet printed at Great Bend, Kas., by an escaped lunatic, or, at least, by a lunatic who is running at large. The unfortunate wretch declares that he has discovered that the universe contains "no real God;' that man contains no soul, and that life is ended forever in each person at death—that all Gods, Saviors, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory etc., are purely mythical, having no real existence in Nature."

"This "looney" fellow's name is Kerr, and if Kerr peeps into a mirror he will discover a fellow who was born as one of God's creatures but who has degenerated into a thing; with no brains, no sense, no nothin'. The only faculty he possesses is nerve. We are glad that such idiots are few and far between."

In a paragraph the editor, Mr. John B. Knepper, remarks:

"Today is the twelfth day of the twelfth month of 1912—in short, 12-12-'12. We cannot write it that way again for 100 years—and we can't do it even then, for all of us will have passed away and solved the great mystery."

This is an admission that he does not know the true nature of God, soul and death or what will become of him then.

As a result of twenty years of experience, observation, investigation and study of these subjects I solved "the great mystery" by discovering the truths about them, and in the joy of my success I pass the knowledge along to the editors free of cost that they may know the solution of these great mysteries before they die and be enabled thereby to enlighten their readers. But you see what this one does to me for being successful, and interested in his behalf, when he should have received this vital knowledge with gladness, and cheerfully have passed it along to his subscribers as the greatest achievement of modern times.

The vilification by pinheaded idolaters is the price one must receive for being successful in solving the mysteries of God, soul and death through discovering the truths about those subjects and making them known. Yes, I am the only one who has "nerve" enough to stand up for, proclaim, defend and teach these vital truths in the face of the abuse and ridicule of such ignoramuses who are silly enough to believe that dead people can know more and solve greater mysteries than live people can. Verily, it ought to be an easy task to recognize the "lunatic" and "idiot" in this case.

I hereby give a written notice to all idolaters that I have honestly and truly solved the great mysteries of God, soul and death for them in the discoveries that the universe contain no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends in each person forever at death. I guarantee that if they fail to learn these truths during life that they will never know them because dead people can not possibly know anything, not even that they are dead or that they ever lived. I know the value of this knowledge to the world because only it can redeem our race from idolatry of heathen idol gods and make of it an enlightened and civilized race of beings. I also know that I must be the target for the venom of the halfwits who can no more comprehend these great scientific discoveries in nature than a hog can a mathematical problem.

But I can endure it better than any- [illegible] pile on me all [illegible] when simpletons and reserve none of it for others who take up this work of enlightening the people.

I remember reading of the discoveries in nature made by Bruno and Galileo and of their punishment for making them known because they conflicted with religious lies on nature. Ignorant heathens having learned nothing from the mistakes of their ancestors would welcome a "Holy Inquisition" to apply to me all the old instruments of torture used on them.

But while I am willing to take all the criticism and ridicule for discovering these truths I would like to have all those who know a mistake was made in torturing other scientists to learn Kerr's Discoveries and aid me to teach them to the people by joining the C. O. H., distributing these lessons and organizing branch churches to continue the teaching when I have to retire from active work.

THE STANDARD TRUTHS BY WHICH THE BILLY SUNDAY LIES ARE EASILY DETECTED.

Unless one learns the standard weights and measures of things and commodities he can easily be cheated by unscrupulous dealers though he sees the articles weighed or measured. Likewise, unless one has learned the standard truths about God and life he is easily deceived by ignorant or unscrupulous teachers who can pass off on him any lies on nature he wishes to for truths on those subjects. That accounts for the ease with which evangelists of all religions in all countries can round up the mavericks and brand them with the name of their particular sect of heathens. The Liberals, Infidels, Atheists, Freethinkers, Agnostics, Rationalists, Materialists, Pantheists, Monists, etc., not having learned the standard truths about God and life are about as quick to hit the "sawdust trail" to the branding pen of Billy Sunday as any others. No people can possibly know they are being lied to until they learn what the truth is on the subject, and then using it as the standard can easily detect the lies. There are hundreds of heathenizing sects teaching lies about God and life, with small and great differences, for want of knowledge of the standard truths on those subjects by the people. Those truths never having been discovered before in all the ages there was no standard of truth known for the people to learn.

At last, in Kerr's discoveries, the people have the standard truths about God and life to guide them by on all occasions. It only remains for the people to learn them to be able to protect themselves from being imposed on by the teachers of any lies on those vital subjects. Every parent who reads this article should be able to understand it and recognize the supreme importance of having his children learn Kerr's Discoveries. If they do not, as sure as they live they will be victimized and heathenized. None can possibly escape it in any other way.

Mr. W. A. Sunday is demonstrating how easily it is for a vehement and persistent ignoramus or liar on nature to deceive the people and drive them into heathenizing societies. Doctors, lawyers, scientists and educators hit the "sawdust trail" with the illiterate rabble as eagerly to be labeled idolaters and heathens as the most ignorant, and all for lack of knowledge of the standard truths that learning Kerr's Discoveries would give them.

PROPOSED LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM BEING HEATHENIZED.

The greatest necessity in legislation is a drastic Federal law to protect minors from being heathenized by those infatuated with the characters of fiction named God and Christ and other heathen idols. Those who have the honesty, intelligence and ability to learn Kerr's Discoveries should have their children protected from [illegible] heathenized by idolaters who do not want to know those discovered truths and will not try to learn them. Legal protection for this purpose must come in time and the sooner the subject is agitated and people aligned in favor of it the sooner it will be enacted and children protected by law from being heathenized. The way is clearly pointed out and has been followed by those who want their children protected by law from being taught to use tobacco, liquor and narcotics by those who deal in those goods. A far greater evil than all those combined is the heathenizing of the children. They should be and must be protected by drastic laws from being taught idolatry by those addicted to that vice or those who teach it for a salary. If the Federal or state constitutions are in the way of such a law owing to the guarantee of religious liberty and the free exercise thereof then such constitutions must be amended to conform with the rights of the people to have their children protected from being heathenized owing to these new discovered truths in nature that no real god exists, that man has no soul and that death ends consciousness forever. Those who learn these newfound truths must deny the right of any person, society or the state itself to heathenize their children, and prohibit them by law from doing so.

It is ascertained that practically all people are heathenized in childhood and those who are not are much harder to heathenize owing to their fixed habits of mind and actions. If children can be protected from the teachers of idolatry until they are twenty-one years old the chances are a large majority of them never could be heathenized and that they could easily be taught Kerr's Discoveries and won for civilization and enlightenment the balance of their lives.

The prohibitory laws against heathenizing minors would probably have to be enacted by the states first until the demand got strong enough to make it a Federal law as the liquor prohibition laws and the equal suffrage laws are being enacted.

Parents should be prohibited from heathenizing their own children the same as they are now from giving or teaching them to use narcotics, and in prohibition states from giving or teaching them to use intoxicating liquors. It is being recognized that children have some rights that even their parents must respect if they have to be forced by law to do so. And what greater rights do they need than to be allowed to grow up to be civilized and enlightened citizens? And they should be protected in that right against the desire of their parents to heathenize them.

If you are in favor of such protection for the children I invite and urge you to join the C. O. H. at once and aid in its educational work of making known Kerr's Discoveries. Nothing can be done in this direction until large numbers learn those discovered truths of nature as none except such people will want the children protected from being heathenized.

THE NEUTRAL NATIONS CAN AND SHOULD STOP THE EUROPEAN WAR.

A Petition to President Wilson.

Whereas the great nations of Europe and their colonies are engaged in a war more destructive to life and property than any in history, and which endangers life and property of all nations, and which may continue for years owing to the vast resources in men and wealth of the beligerents, it is therefore the duty of the neutral nations to organize and take such action in unison as may force the cessation of the war in the interest of the human race in general.

With this object in view the Church of Humanity, through its president, respectfully petitions the president of the United States to invite all neutral nations to appoint delegates to a permanent convention to meet in Washington and devise ways and means of ending the war.

W. H. KERR,
President of the Church of Humanity.

INCREASE OF CRIMES AND DEATHS IN PHILADELPHIA PROVES ITS BILLY SUNDAY SPASM WORTHLESS.

The increase of crimes and deaths in Philadelphia while its Billy Sunday spasm is in full heat should prove to anyone capable of using good sense that the gods Billy worships are not worth the lead it takes to write their names as aids or protectors of the people who worship them.

I shall let the police tell the story of Philadelphia's robberies as follows:

"From January 1 until yesterday 1133 robberies were committed in this city. The total losses involved were $119,446.48.

Not only was there an extraordinary increase in the total compared with previous years but the daring character of the robberies running the whole gamut of theft, has served to spread fear throughout the city.

"Outstanding in the list is the fact that there were forty-seven highway robberies during the first fifty days of the year, which are covered by the official police reports. In addition to these, close to one day, there were five other cases, in which storekeepers were held up and robbed in their business places, several bound and gagged.

Were Mr. Sunday's God and Christ real beings they could make themselves useful as members of the police force.

Deaths from diseases have also increased over previous years when Billy wasn't there as the following report shows for the week ending February 20.

"Deaths from the so-called winter diseases, pneumonia and kindred complaints, sent the total of deaths up to 533 this week, eleven more than last week and forty-one more than the corresponding period last year."

Were Mr. Sunday's God and Christ real being they could make themselves useful as doctors also.

Were I as handy at swearing as Billy is I would be tempted to remark that gods who will not aid the police and doctors in protecting the people from criminals and diseases are not worth a darn.

SOME IFS.

If you wish to be a civilized and enlightened human being you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

If you wish to raise civilized and enlightened children they must be taught Kerr's Discoveries.

If you wish your children protected from being heathenized by liars on nature you must join the Church of Humanity and aid it all you can in its educational and organizing work so it can provide the necessary teaching of Kerr's Discoveries everywhere for their protection wherever they live.

If you wish an enlightened world for your posterity to live in you must aid in the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries which is the only knowledge that can ever accomplish that object.

If you wish the people enlightened, your children protected from the heathenizers, a civilized world for you rposterity to live in you must aid in having your wishes realized, if not, you are a fool.

WHO WANTS ONE?

As soon as I receive 500 advance orders for them I shall publish a book of four or five hundred pages entitled "The Truth About God and Life" teaching Kerr's Discoveries and composed of selected articles from the files of our church paper, and designed for a text book on this most important of all knowledge. Price will be $1.50 post paid. If you will take a copy please let me know by a return card containing full address.

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A WARNING AND A REQUEST:—The true character of God and soul and what becomes of people after death is now discovered and is being taught in this paper. I warn all who do not wish to know the truth about these vital subjects to not read it. I wish only to aid those who are intelligent enought to desire the truth about these subjects and to kindly appreciate the services of those who aid them in learning it. I am no candidate for martrydom and do not wish to try to enlighten the fool who is enraged at the sight or hearing of the teaching of this most important of all knowledge.

AN AFFIDAVIT.—To encourage the people to have full confidence that I know Kerr's Discoveries to be true and that I never shall deny or repudiate them and thus bring ridicule on this knowledge and on those who learn it, I subscribe to the following statement under affirmation which makes myself liable to prosecution for perjury should anyone prove it untrue.

I, W. H. Kerr, truly discoveredand know it to be true that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life, mind and consciousness ceases forever in each person at death, and I shall never voluntarily deny nor repudiate these truths.—W. H. KERR.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 18th day of October, 1913.—H. C. COLEGROVE, Notary Public.Commission expires September 8, 1916.

INTRODUCTORY—A Cheerful Greeting and Best Wishes for a Long, Happy and Wealthy Life to All. This little Educator is Published by the Chuch of Humanity to introduce to All People Kerr's Great Discoveries in Nature That the Universe Contains NoReal God, That Man Contains No Soul, and That Life Ends Forever in Each Person at Death—That All Gods, Saviors, Saints, Spirits, Angels, Hell, Purgatory, etc., Are Purely Mythical, Having No Real Existence Whatever in Nature. This Church Has Over 300 Enrolled Members in the United States and Is Duly Organized and Incorporated to Teach These Discoveries. Ernest Haeckel, the Great Biologist, Is a Member of This Church. All Are Invited to Subscribe for This Little Educator That It May Come to Their Homes Monthly to Teach Them These Wonderful Modern Discoveries, and as Soon as They Learn Them They Are Invited to Join the Church of Humanity, and Aid it All They Can, Both Personally and Financially in Its Educational and Organizing Work. Rates—Single Subscription 25 Cents; In Club of 10 or More 15 Cents; In Bundles of 100 copies 35 Cents; 500 Copies $1.75; 1,000 Copies $3.50 I appoint All Who Wish the People to Know the Truth About God and Life Circulation Boosters for This Little Educator. Please send in All Subscriptions and Orders You Possibly Can Each Month. Address W. H. Kerr, 2210 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas.

These three facts constitute the greatest discoveries in physical science ever made and will revolutionize the ideas of our race on these subjects by destroying the basis of all religions forever when they become generally known. They are named "Kerr's Discoveries" for convenience in teaching.

"Discoverer 1. One who discovers; one who first comes to the knowledge of something; one who discovers an unknown country, or a new principle, truth or fact." Webster.

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"Discover 3. To obtain for the first time, sight or knowledge of, as of a thing existing already, but not perceived or known; to find out; to ascertain, to espy; to detect." Webster.

A CHALLENGE TO THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE:—Having affirmed the truth of Kerr's Discoveries I challenge the entire human race to prove me a perjurer in this case. Here is a good chance for the believers in fake gods, and savers of imaginary souls to appear in court and tell what they know about such things, not what they believe, and produce the proof to the jury of the existence of gods and souls or immortality they teach exists. They know they have no proof of the existence of real gods, souls or immortality that would be admitted as such in any impartial court or they would accept this challenge. They will not even dare to swear that the ancient heathen lies on nature they inherited are true. Such teachers should be required to know that what they teach is true and be required to present the proof of it instead of hell-scaring, and heaven-bribing children to believe it without proof.

SIR OLIVER LODGE, THE HEATHEN SCIENTIST

In the Sunday Boston American of Jan. 3, a full page is given to Sir Oliver Lodge, the English scientist, to exploit his belief in immortality under the caption, "I Have Talked with the Dead." He starts on a false foundation to build up a plausible theory and then uses his basic errors to prove those theories true. He begins with:

"We read at the beginning of the Epistle of the Hebrews: 'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.'

What if that be true?

What if inspiration is a fact, and if the saints and prophets of all times have not been befooled, but have gathered something of the real truth and set it forth to us?

It is a possibility; it is I believe, a fact. If it be a truth, what a vista it opens up!

If God really does exist, does communicate with man, does help man; if man is not alone in the universe, a helpless biped of this out-of-the-way planet in space, but is surrounded by an army of helpers and of sympathizers; if he is assisted by the very highest in his efforts toward truth and goodness, then I say the conception is a magnificent one.

If it be true it must eclipse all other truths in importance."

This, his opening statement, is enough to discredit all his conclusions on the subject he is treating. As the Bible is untrue in every statement teaching the existence of a god and souls it necessarily follows that every conclusion, theory or belief based on them is untrue, and a scientist who goes to them for the proof of his theories is a fake scientist on such subjects. No scientist worthy of the title will consult the Bible on anything except the science of lies on nature called theology or religion, and when he accepts those lies for truths he is not a scientist but a victim of heathenism.

He uses "if" eight times in the above assumptions that are not true to nature and builds his beliefs on them which makes them necessarily untrue also. He assumes it to be a fact that there is a real god who had a son and communicates with man and that [illegible] as a soul that is immortal, then he theorizes that there should be some way of communicating with those nonmaterial beings until his mind is so befuddled that he thinks he actually does.

Another extract is:

"The spiritual and the material interact; they are not far apart, they are much closer than we know. Mind and consciousness are not limited to the brain. That is an extraordinary doctrine that people have—that the brain is the mind. Why do they think that? Because if you destroy the brain your mind appears to go. What goes? Not your mind really out of existence. Your consciousness is still there, but it can no longer manifest itself, for it has lost its instrument of manifestation.

You can take a hammer and smash an organ, but you have not destroyed the organist. Of course, you can smash the organist, too, but in the case of the soul of man you cannot get at the organist. You can only smash the organ, and thereby prevent any manifestation. You can only thrust it out of its earthly terrestrial existence into another; it is merely a transition from one state to another."

That is not the language of a scientist investigating nature but of a victim of false education who by sophistry tries to prove the lies of his religion true. I do not dispute that Sir Oliver Lodge is a scientist on some subjects, but he certainly is not on this subject. A very grievous and common mistake is the idea that a scientist in any branch of research is a scientist in all matters he is interested in. That mistake I observe in practically all Freethinkers, Agnostics and Rationalists as well as in the masses who blindly follow a scientist in his religious superstitions. To believe he could cut a man's head off without in any way affecting his mind and consciousness is a result of blindly accepting religious lies and not of a scientific investigation.

Of course, the brain is not the mind but it is the primary organ at least that generates or produces mind, thoughts and ideas, and at its death it ceases forever to perform that service as the nerves cease to produce feeling.

Another excerpt is:

"It is out of our power to destroy the soul. The soul [illegible] the brain. Why do you do things? Why do you go to war for instance? You do anything because you have made up your mind. our mind works your body, not vice versa."

He is so confused in his ideas that he identifies the soul as the mind. The mind must always be kept separate and distinct from what is understood by the name "soul." I know man has a mind while I as certainly know he has not a soul. Were the soul simply the mind there would be no controversy over its existence and probably none over its ceasing at death. And were the mind actually a soul then all animals and probably all insects would have souls as they have minds similar to man's minus his artificial addition through education. The mind of any animal works its body as truly as man's mind work his. But the minds of all animals cease at death the same as man's does.

He continues:

"Once you realize that consciousness is something outside the particular mechanism which it makes use of, you will realize that survival of existence is natural, that it is the simplest thing. It is unreasonable that the soul should jump out of existence when the body is destroyed. We ourselves are not limited to the few years that we live on this earth; we shall go on without it; we shall certainly continue to exist; we shall certainly survive."

But I affirm as positively that we shall certainly cease our conscious existence forever at death, and I am a scientist in this matter giving expert testimony, having made it a life study, when Sir Oliver Lodge is simply following false theories. Consciousness is not separate and apart and outside of our organism and it will not survive. We have no such entity, organism or personage within us as a soul to jump out of existence or out of us at death as a bird out of a cage. The soul is a fictitious or non-existing character like imps, devils, spirit, God, Christ, Holy Ghost, and other fictitious characters that are believed by the insane to inhabit man.

Continuing he says: [illegible] m the Kaiser says God aided him to murder. As God does not deny doing

"Why do I say that? I say it on definite scientific ground. I say it because I have talked to them. Communication is possible. One must obey the laws, find out the conditions. I do not say it is easy, but possible, and I have conversed with them as I could converse with anyone through the telephone."

I do not dispute your honesty in believing you have talked with the dead but you are utterly mistaken, Sir Oliver Lodge. You do not understand the source of your thoughts or the condition of your brain or part of it when you are receiving supposed telephone messages from the dead. The receiver, transmitter, wires, wheels and talker were all within your own mind in your brain similar to the things and characters in a dream. No one else could sense your phone messages any more than they could your dreams. I know some people who have had similar experiences in daytime and apparently awake but the explanation is that some part of the mental apparatus was in the same state as when dreaming.

A man told me God walks and talks with him daily and he consults him on all important matters and follows his advice, but God is a myth like Santa Claus. The poor fellow was deceived through not understanding the source of his ideas. A neighbor relates seeing a big dog going into a hay stack while doing the chores in broad daylight, but there was no hole in the stack. A part of his brain must have been dreaming. An old lady saw a company of soldiers march up to her house and go in a box beside the door. She dashed a kettle of boiling water on them, but no one else saw them, they were not realities nor souls. It was only the result of the condition of part of the old lady's brain that produced the phantoms.

Why, man! Had men souls that survive death with mind and consciousness able to phone intelligently to the living a world [illegible] to make themselves [illegible] nal Fund.

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Have you learned Kerr's Discoveries? If not you are away behind the times. If you wish to be up-to-date in learning new scientific discoveries in nature you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

When you begin to learn Kerr's Discoveries see that your neighbors have a chance to learn them also, because if you do not they will not be ready to have them taught in your public school when you are.

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the fate of empires resting on the information they could phone the generals no patriotic soul on either side would neglect so grand an opportunity to make himself useful. To perpetrate an Irish bull, I declare every dead soldier to be a living witness that you were mistaken when you thought you were receiving phone mesages from the dead.

Another important witness to your mistake is my dear old mother who loved me as much as mothers can their sons. She died on March 20, 1913, aged 83½ years, in full possesshandsion of her mental faculties until life had nearly ceased, with her hand in mine, a very firm believer in the Christian superstitions. I had mailed her a copy of every paper published teaching my scientific discoveries that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever at death.

Can you believe that had she a soul or any consciousness that survived she would not have informed me of my mistake? I cannot believe she would have neglected so important a duty since she knew I was spreading the knowledge of my discoveries over all the world. It is absurd for Sir Oliver Lodge to believe his casual friends talked to him when the billions of mothers who loved their children more than life had no knowledge, inteligence or power that survived death to communicate with them.

Actual physical demonstrations that people have no souls or any kind of mind, intelligence or consciousness that survive death are the many cases of death where resuscitation was artificially accomplished after many minutes or even hours of total unconsciousness and suspended vital organic functions. But no survival of consciousness was experienced by any of them.

A recent noted case is that of Mrs. Walter W. Akers of Los Angeles, California. From a double page write up of the case in the Kansas City Sunday Post of Jan. 10, I reproduce the folowing extract:

"Medical science now claims in the case of Mrs. Walter W. Akers, of Los Angeles, literally to have raised her from the dead, not by the exercise of spiritual force but by manipulation of her heart after it had ceased beating.

Mrs. Akers, while undergoing an operation for gall-stones, died. She remained dead for ten minutes.

Three minutes after he saw that life had pa[illegible] Dr. S. S. Hutchinson, [illegible] ous [illegible] p[illegible]ornia surgeon, who [illegible] thrust his hand [illegible] her emission[illegible] from [illegible] intestines and other organs until he had grasped her heart.

This he began to manipulate, pressing it to counterfeit its normal pulsation, while the assisting surgeons, Drs. W. P. Williams and W. S. Holman, carried out the usual movements of artificial respiration.

At the end of ten minutes Mrs. Akers came back to life. Her heart began to beat and she breathed. The operation continued, and she is now on the road back to health.

Her case was not one of suspended animation or coma. There were all the signs of true death. On this point the three surgeons agreed.

Mrs. Akers was dead—and she was brought back to life.

Better than any layman could describe the case Dr. Williams tells its details for this newspaper. He says: 'If the science of medicine teaches anything, it teaches the trained observer how to determine when the seal of death has been placed on one who has passed on. This woman was dead. There is no question about it. Her heart was silent and as lifeless as it will ever be; the pulse, of course, was stilled; the eyes became fixed and took on the gloss of dissolution; the skin was ashen; the patient failed to respond to every test that could be immediately applied; artificial respiration produced no result. We summoned the husband to the death room. We had lost our battle."'

During that temporary death Mrs. Akers had no soul to leave the body and investigate conditions of a supposed future world and life. She had no mind or consciousness that kept in working order during that period of death. That is an objective, physical proof that people have no such things in them as souls and that their mind and consciousness ends at death.

A PREACHER MAKES A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR KERR'S DISCOVERIES UNKNOWINGLY.

"Lawrence, Kansas, March 8.—Religion must yield to science when a conflict comes between them, in the opinion of Dr. John R. Mott, one of the foremost religious workers in the world, who is conducting a revival at the university.

Dr. Mott holds that if science proves one thing there is no use in preachers trying to persuade people to believe something else regardless of convincing evidence to the contrary.

"When contradiction between science and religion appear, the thing to do is to suspend judgment, call time and investigate," he says. "Truth in one quarter never belies truth in another and the truth must prevail.

"Many persons object to higher criticism of religion. But higher criticism is being applied to other spheres of human knowledge every day. The more important a subject, the more important it is to carry on rational study. The scientific method should be applied to religion above all things, for nothing so much as what a man believes controls his activities.

"Thinking people will not stand for an unscientific presentation of religion any longer. There may be great emotional waves, but if the people stick the truth must be told and the teachings must square with the facts as they are revealed by careful investigation.

"Doctor Mott says that the most successful religious workers are abandoning the old dogmatic methods and ideas and are yielding to the results of scientific inquiry concerning evolution, history and sociology.

"More emphasis is being placed on this point of view now than ever before, especially among college students. This is true of America, Europe and Asia.

"The trouble has been that we have emphasized belief in preference to investigation. Belief must follow investigation and when preachers try to reverse the process and tell people what to believe instead of telling them what is the actual condition, the people reject religion. There is no use in trying to deny the truth and the sooner Christian workers realize this and act accordingly the better it will be for the spread of the gospel."

Had "Kerr's Discoveries" instead of "the gospel" been used I could have indorsed nearly all his statements. Dr. Mott should "suspend judgment, call time and investigate" Kerr's Discoveries before proceeding to confirm the Kansas University in its heathenism. These discoveries are the highest criticism religions can ever have. They are the last word and always will be of science on religion. There is an uncompromising and irreconcilable conflict between them. Will Dr. Mott make his religion yield to these scientific truths as he says it must do? Science proves in Kerr's Discoveries there is no real god, soul or future life for the dead. Will the Dr. stand by his statement that "there is no use in preachers trying to persuade people to believe something else regardless of convincing evidence to the contrary?"

"The more important a subject, the more important it is to carry on rational study," he says. That's just what I did on religious subjects and the Dr. accept them? "The scientific method should be applied to religion above all things," he says. That's just what I did and Kerr's Discoveries are the result and will be the result all will reach who takes his advice. Will he himself follow his own advice and accept the result? "Thinking people will not stand for an unscientific presentation of religion any longer" he says. Well then, why does he stand for his own if he is one of the thinking people since Kerr's Discoveries prove it to be unscientific? Why does he "try to deny the truth" since he says "there is no use in it?"

ONE COLLEGE ALLOWED ITS STUDENTS TO SEE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Contrary to the actions of most colleges I have heard from the Adrian College of Adrian, Michigan, must be allowing its students an opportunity to see The Light of Truth as the following letter would indicate:

Adrian, Michigan, Feb. 17, 1915.
W. H. Kerr,
Great Bend, Kansas.
Dear Sir:—

I have read much concerning the church of Humanity, as explained in your paper, "The Truth About God and Life." I found the paper on our college library table and it sure was a joy to find such a level-headed paper.

It seems to express my thots and ideas exactly. It is beyond my power of comprehension how any one can believe in a god or that one has a soul. I think you are doing the world a great good by circulating your great discoveries, and I think there is room for great work here in college. How does one join your Church of Humanity? Please write me, giving me further information, as I think I can persuade several students here to join your great movement. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours truly
LLOYD CHARLES,
Adrian College,
Adrian, Michigan.

P. S. If you have any matter which you wish to have put out among the students, mail it direct to me and I will gladly put it out for you.
L. C.

I forwarded the information my young friend wished and he promptly sent in his application for membership in the C. O. H. and his certificate of membership has been sent him. I shall mail him free as many copies of each back issue and of each succeeding issue of our church paper as he may wish to distribute among the students of Adrian college and in the city of Adrian.

I hope he will be able to get lots of members for the C. O. H. and organize a branch C. O. H. of the students who learn these new discovered truths of nature. And why not? Why shouldn't all colleges and universities allow, and even encourage and help their students to learn this most important of all knowledge and to organize societies of those who learn it? Must these greatest of all discovered truths of nature be outlawed in all educational institutions and be forced to the necessity of the slow process of building up and maintaining special institutions for their teaching and propagation?

Every college and university should establish and maintain a special chair of Kerr's Discoveries for the teaching of regular classes of students wishing to take a course in this most important branch of knowledge.

The Church of Humanity Catechism. Commit it to Memory.

Question. What is God?

Answer. God is an imaginary character—a myth—a creation of fiction believed by idolaters to be a real being that created and governs all things.

Q. Is there a real God?

A. The universe contains no real God.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is an imaginary character believed by idolaters to live in people and at their death to leave them and take all their senses, mind and knowledge and live on forever.

Q. Has man a soul?

A. Man contains no soul.

Q. What does dying mean?

A. Dying means the decay forever of all organs of the body to perform their functions.

Q. What is death?

A. Death is the name of the condition or state of an organism when life ceases.

Q. Will dead people ever come to life again?

A. Dead people will never come to life again.

Q. Who are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature?

A. All the human race are idolaters and believers in religious lies on nature except those who learn Kerr's Discoveries and regulate their lives in harmony and accord with that knowledge and aid in teaching it to others.

Q. What are Kerr's Discoveries?

A. Kerr's Discoveries are the truths that the Universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life ceases in each person forever at death.

Q. What do Kerr's Discoveries prove?

A. Kerr's Discoveries prove that all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical—having no real existence whatever in nature.

Q. How can Kerr's Discoveries be learned?

A. Kerr's Discoveries can be learned by thorough study of the evidence offered in proof of them by teachers of them.

Q. What should people do when they learn Kerr's Discoveries?

A. When people learn Kerr's Discoveries they should join the Church of Humanity as a public notice that they have done so and to enable them to aid more efficiently in having them taught to others.

Q. What is the Church of Humanity?

A. The Church of Humanity is an organized and incorporated society to systematically and efficiently spread and perpetuate the knowledge of Kerr's Discoveries.

Q. Will there be any changes in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will not be the slightest change in nature's process when all people learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries because those truths were always true and ever will be true but the people do not know them.

Q. Will there be any changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries?

A. There will be some changes in people and societies when all learn and teach Kerr's Discoveries. All people will cease idolatry and belief in all religions, and their societies and schools will teach those discoveries in place of religious lies on nature. This will put an end to all religious hatred, strife and wars.

This is the shortest and the only true catechism ever put out by a church.

THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY.

Organization—The Church of Humanity was formally organized, incorporated and chartered by the state of Kansas in June, 1908, by its members.

Its Purposes—The purposes for which this corporation is formed are to teach Kerr's Discoveries in nature that the universe contains no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness cease forever in each person at death; organize and charter local propaganda societies of people who learn them; publish a periodical and other literature teaching these discoveries; maintain a college for the preparation of and organizers; receive fees, dues, assessments, donations, endowments teachers and instructors in these truths; provide and maintain lectures and bequests and administer the same for the Church of Humanity.

Invitation to Membership—All who have learned Kerr's Discoveries and favor the purpose of the Church of Humanity are urgently invited to send in the following application for membership in the society:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas:

Having learned Kerr's Discoveries I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Church of Humanity. Please forward certificate of membership.

Name _____

EXCHANGING PLEADINGS.

For Ignorance, Heathenism and Idolatry.

By H. Thompson, 547 N. Allison St., W. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 6, 1915.
My Dear Mr. Kerr:
I am an invalid and have one of your papers in my possession.

Sir—I am positive that you have never listened to your conscience. Oh, dear brother, how I do pity you if you don't change your views. I have had so many wonderful things happen to me and so many, many prayers answered, that it hurts me to the heart to hear of the God I love so, being treated the way you do in your paper. I am praying and always will as long as I live for you that God will let you live until you confess Him as your God. Dear brother if you should die in your present ideas, I firmly believe you would be damned. Please listen to me a minute dear Mr. Kerr. If you'll just get on you knees and say this, "If there be a God, please show me." Now please do me a favor by just doing that and I'll promise you you'll have the surprise of your life.

Oh, dear brother, I'm in earnest—please—please do accept Jesus Christ the one I do so dearly love—and you'll have a peace of mind which I am positive you haven't got now. I'm going to pray for you earnestly dear brother that some day before God calls you—you'll see things differently and we'll meet at Jesus' feet. Take my advice and accept my dear Savior too and He'll wonderfully help and bless you. Your statement that there is no soul is absolutely false. Please, please accept Him before it's too late. God bless and keep you. In Jesus' name."

For Knowledge, Civilization and Enlightenment.

My Dear Mr. Thompson:—Though over 60 years of age I am healthy and happy and my conscience is as clear as crystal in its approval of everything I do to make known and accepted the enlightening truths of nature I was so fortunate to discover. So please do not worry and fret or do any praying for me. It is you, my poor invalid brother, who needs the aid and knowledge I can give. Take my hand, please, and let me raise you off your knees. You can't see and learn the truth from that position. Hold to me to steady yourself while I show you some common sights and tell you some truths that will awaken new thoughts and reasonings. Please, brother, don't be afraid. I guarantee and insure you from all harm from God and Satan and hell. They are only phantoms of the mind installed there by mistaken teachers, and have no existence in realty. Your own invalidism is proof of that truth. Were God a real being he would have cared for you. Listen to these facts dear brother and be convinced I am telling you the truth. Were your house on fire and you unable to get out and no one rescued you neither God nor Jesus would do it. You would be cremated as thousands have been who loved and served the same God and Jesus you do. Look over there at the Iriquois theatre in Chicago burning with seven hundred people dying in the flames and God and Jesus not saving any of them. Look over in Collinsville, Ohio, at a burning school house and see two hundred children being cremated and God and Jesus not saving any. Look over in New York and see the General Slocum loaded with Sunday school teachers and scholars being burned up and God and Jesus not there to rescue any of the hundreds of worshipers who perished so horribly. Look over at the Titanic going down with its hundreds of praying people and God and Jesus not there to answer one of them. See and hear the thousands of praying people crushed beneath their fallen houses in the Italian earthquake and God and Jesus not there to rescue any of them. Look at the horrible war in Europe where millions of praying people are murdering there to protect any. Look around in your own city of Philadelphia and you will see over five hundred dying weekly. They are nearly all worshipers of your God and Jesus and all are prayed for but God and Jesus pays no attention to them. The reason is God and Christ are not real beings and if Jesus ever was he, like other people living then, has been dead a long time and can know and do nothing now. To know that your prayers have never been answered and never will be by God and Christ you need only to observe that no prayers of all those perishing people were answered, and to admit that theirs were as worthy of an answer as yours. A million volumes of a million pages each would not hold the unanswered prayers made to your God and Jesus, and Kerr's Discoveries explain the reason they are not. Now, dear Mr. Thompson please—please do no more praying. That is a degrading vice of heathens that you should be ashamed to practice. Be a civilized and enlightened man by accepting the only truths that can make you such. Dear brother, please do me the favor of repeating this sentence whenever the desire to pray comes on you: "Through the eyes of the newspapers I see hundreds of people dying daily who are as worthy as I am, and as God and Christ does not answer their prayers, or those of their dearest relatives, to save their lives, they would not answer mine either, therefore I shall not degrade myself by praying to them, but shall accept Kerr's Discoveries that there is no real god, soul or future life. Repeat that sentence silently daily in place of your usual prayers and blessings at meals and you'll have the surprise of your life in finding out there is no god to knock you down for saying it.

Now, please, brother, remember those scenes and repeat that sentence every time any one asks you to be a Christian or tries by word or pen or printed literature to prove to you that God, soul and immortality are realities in nature, and you will grow into a civilized and enlightened citizen and bless me for lifting you from your knees.

A GOOD OREGON BILL THAT SHOULD BE MADE A FEDERAL LAW.

Senate Bill No. 128 in the Oregon legislature provides a heavy penalty for publishing lies. Section two provides that in case of the publication of any false statement, allegation or rumor, the publisher must publish on demand of the person or persons affected any statement or article setting forth the truth in regard to the matter, and section three provides for the publication within forty-eight hours, or in the next issue, of a demand statement refuting a false statement in same ink, same type, same position and with similar display of heading, and without cost.

That bill should be enlarged to include publishers and authors of books and all public speakers and teachers, and be made a Federal law. Then I could force the liars on nature to tell and teach the truth about God and life. If such a law could be enacted and then enforced it would soon kill the heathenizing business. All religions are founded on lies on nature, spread and perpetuated by lies on nature, and if the heathens could only be forced to discontinue teaching and publishing lies they could not spread and perpetuate their idolatry of heathen idols. The Billy Sundays would have to go out of business because their principal mission is to recite lies on nature. The Bible, Koran and all other "sacred" books could not be published and circulated because they are filled with lies on nature. Heathenizing churches, Sunday schools and religious societies of all kinds would have to shut up shop because they exist only to teach lies on nature and heathenize each succeeding generation. Public schools, colleges and universities would have to revise their text books and cut out the religious lies therein. All religious publications would have to suspend.

[illegible] will denounce lying as a wicked, immoral vice and then devote their lives to lying on nature and to inducing others to do likewise. But when I consider the prostitute, the thief the tobacco user, the booze drinker, the soldier murderer who take such a pride in their professions, vices and crimes that they teach them to their children I can realize that the teaching of religious lies on nature and heathenizing their children is only another proof of the total depravity of the people in general. It seems they just must have some vice or crime to center their affections on, and idolatry of heathen idols such as God and Christ is the lowest and vilest of all.

STUDYING THE PHENOMENA OF MODERN HEATHENIZING AGGREGATIONS.

The most unaccountable and inexcusable freak of mental aberration in human beings of our day is undoubtedly the phenomenology of idolatry of heathen idols by the supposed highly educated. In order to observe a modern heathen-making plant in full operation I subscribed for three of the largest Philadelphia dailies during the Billy Sunday operations in that city. They contained from two columns to a full page write up of each day's doings and sayings of the Billy Sunday aggregation. I read page after page of the foolishness and lies poured out in torrents by Mr. Sunday and am amazed beyond expression that supposed educated people have no more sense than to be driven to the "saw dust trail" by it. The only reasonable explanation is that all were heathenized in childhood and never applied any good sense to religious subjects. Not knowing Kerr's Discoveries any old or new lie on those subjects can easily be worked off on the people for truth.

But knowing the standard truths on those subjects I could instantly detect any lie Billy uttered on them and was thoroughly protected from being heathenized.

Parents, protect your children from being heathenized by liars on nature by teaching them Kerr's Discoveries.

American idolaters have given me what they believe is a knockout argument by asking how I would like to live in a non-Christian country. When I read of their frantic efforts to get out of the thoroughly Christianized countries of Europe when war began. I see they are not fond of living in Christian countries at times themselves.

The system of lies on nature named Christianity is partly responsible for the European war because it teaches the existence of the most savage being conceived in the brain of ignorant heathens, and that is the savage murderer appointed all the rulers of Europe and will aid each of them to slaughter all the others and their subjects. They are now asking and expecting that savage monster named God to aid them in the work of human slaughter. That proves Kerr's Discoveries that no real god exists in the universe as no real god would remain silent under such circumstances.

If Christians had any sense of shame they would never again send missionaries to non-Christians with the lies that Christianity brings peace and safety to life and property after the spectacle of these Christians begging Japan and Turkey to come and help them slaughter each other.

This world war should mark the beginning of the downfall of all systems of lies on nature called religions. It is clearly demonstrated by this war that no religion can civilize man in the least. So give it up you liars on nature and try the civilizing effects of teaching truth by beginning with Kerr's Discoveries.

The people of the allied countries will not exercise good sense if they continue worshiping God after counting their murdered relatives whom the Kaiser says God aided him to murder. As God does not deny doing so it proves that he is only a myth and that no real god exists.

Some have expressed fear that the world war now raging will destroy civilization. But there is no danger since no people are really civilized. The worship of heathen idols named God and Christ that some mistake for civilization is in reality theathenism.

If the worship of God and Christ ceases after the war as it should do since it proves them useless and nonexisting and the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries is substituted it will be the beginning of true civilization.

Christians will cite me to the activities of the Red Cross in the war and exclaim "See what Christianity is doing to alleviate suffering! I cite them to the battlefields and exclaim, see what Christianity is doing to cause suffering.

I have been asked: "How do you explain that all higher civilization is found in Christian countries?" I now ask the Christians to explain how it comes that the most fiendish, barbaric, world wide war of all the ages is raging in Christian countries and Christians are forcing non-Christian nations to help them slaughter each other. I have told you all along that Christianity is a heathenizing instead of a civilizing institution, and so is all other religions. This war proves it.

HOW SOME OBITUARIES WOULD READ IF TRUTHFUL.

John Doe was heathenized in early childhood by liars on nature and never had sense enough to learn that the objects of his idolatry are only characters of fiction like Santa Claus. He lived a consistent heathen and never would hear or read a word or allow a thought to enter his mind that in any way tended to enlighten him. In early youth he united with a heathenizing church and took an active part in teaching Sunday School classes the lies on nature he had learned. He was so stuck on his idols that he gave large sums to missionaries to go to foreign lands to persuade, bribe or intimidate worshippers of other idols to worship his. Being united in marriage to a female heathen he raised fifteen little idolaters of his idols. John Doe is dead now and of course his life and consciousness is ended forever. But the evil he has done by causing fifteen heathens to grow where only two grew before will be a blight to the world until they can be changed into a blessing through learning Kerr's Discoveries.

MORAL—The John Does should learn Kerr's Discoveries and raise blessings instead of blights for the world.

FINE EDUCATIONAL WORK BEING DONE WITH THE C. O. H. "EDUCATIONAL FUND."

I have on the regular mailing list of T. A. G. & L. to the credit of our "Educational Fund" the following lists: 178 school teachers; 524 U. S. congressmen (when in session); 52 governors of states and insular possessions; 50 rulers of foreign nations, 9 copies each; 756 Kansas publications; 161 magazines; 276 agriculture publications; 2210 daily papers; 408 colleges and universities, 20 copies each; 4,000 distributed in cities; total 17,500 copies.

It costs $65.00 monthly to carry on this branch of the C. O. H. educational work, and its "Educational Fund" needs a constant supply of donations by its members and those interested in this magnificent work.

I invite all who wish this little educator to continue going to the above lists to contribute to the C. O. H. "Educational Fund" to enable it to do so. You can use the following blank in sending in your donation to that fund:

W. H. Kerr, Great Bend, Kansas.
I herewithin close draft for $-----
for the C. O. H. Educational Fund.

Name ----------

Address

THE PRICE OF PROGRESS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF NATURE.

As of old the price of progress in the knowledge of the truths of nature that conflict with religious lies is vilification of those who are successful in discovering them and try to make them known.

At a cost of about $100.00 I mailed copies of T. A. G. & L. to over 20,000 publications in the United States recently that their editors might know of Kerr's Discoveries and pass this most valuable of all knowledge along to their readers.

In return I have received marked copies of fifteen different publications containing editorial criticisms, but not one expressing appreciation of this great modern achievement. Here is a sample of one of the worst of them from the Carnegie (Pennsylvania) Signal-Item of December 12 under the heading, "Another Kansas Lunatic."

"The Truth About God and Life" is the title of a sheet printed at Great Bend, Kas., by an escaped lunatic, or, at least, by a lunatic who is running at large. The unfortunate wretch declares that he has discovered that the universe contains "no real God," that man contains no soul, and that life is ended forever in each person at death—that all Gods, Saviors, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory etc., are purely mythical, having no real existence in Nature."

"This "looney" fellow's name is Kerr, and if Kerr peeps into a mirror he will discover a fellow who was born as one of God's creatures but who has degenerated into a thing with no brains, no sense, no nothin'. The only faculty he possesses is nerve. We are glad that such idiots are few and far between."

In a paragraph the editor, Mr. John B. Knepper, remarks:

"Today is the twelfth day of the twelfth month of 1912—in short, 12-12-12. We cannot write it that way again for 100 years—and we can't do it even then, for all of us will have passed away and solved the great mystery."

This is an admission that he does not know the true nature of God, soul and death or what will become of him then.

As a result of twenty years of experience, observation, investigation and study of these subjects I solved "the great mystery" by discovering the truths about them, and in the joy of my success I pass the knowledge along to the editors free of cost that they may know the solution of these great mysteries before they die and be enabled thereby to enlighten their readers. But you see what this one does to me for being successful, and interested in his behalf, when he should have received this vital knowledge with gladness, and cheerfully have passed it along to his subscribers as the greatest achievement of modern times.

The vilification by pinheaded idolaters is the price one must receive for being successful in solving the mysteries of God, soul and death through discovering the truths about those subjects and making them known. Yes, I am the only one who has "nerve" enough to stand up for, proclaim, defend and teach these vital truths in the face of the abuse and ridicule of such ignoramuses who are silly enough to believe that dead people can know more and solve greater mysteries than live people can. Verily, it ought to be an easy task to recognize the "lunatic" and "idiot" in this case.

I hereby give a written notice to all idolaters that I have honestly and truly solved the great mysteries of God, soul and death for them in the discoveries that the universe contain no real god, that man contains no soul and that life and consciousness ends in each person forever at death. I guarantee that if they fail to learn these truths during life that they will never know them because dead people can not possibly know anything, not even that they are dead or that they ever lived. I know the value of this knowledge to the world because only it can redeem our race from idolatry of heathen idol gods and make of it an enlightened and civilized race of beings. I also know that I must be the target for the venom of the halfwits who can no more comprehend these great scientific discoveries in nature than a hog can a mathematical problem.

But I can endure it better than anyone I know of. So pile on me all you have of you heathen simpletons [illegible] and reserve none of it for others who take up this work of enlightening the people.

I remember reading of the discoveries in nature made by Bruno and Galileo and of their punishment for making them known because they conflicted with religious lies on nature. Ignorant heathens having learned nothing from the mistakes of their ancestors would welcome a "Holy Inquisition" to apply to me all the old instruments of torture used on them.

But while I am willing to take all the criticism and ridicule for discovering these truths I would like to have all those who know a mistake was made in torturing other scientists to learn Kerr's Discoveries and aid me to teach them to the people by joining the C. O. H., distributing these lessons and organizing branch churches to continue the teaching when I have to retire from active work.

THE STANDARD TRUTHS BY WHICH THE BILLY SUNDAY LIES ARE EASILY DETECTED.

Unless one learns the standard weights and measures of things and commodities he can easily be cheated by unscrupulous dealers though he sees the articles weighed or measured. Likewise, unless one has learned the standard truths about God and life he is easily deceived by ignorant or unscrupulous teachers who can pass off on him any lies on nature he wishes to for truths on those subjects. That accounts for the ease with which evangelists of all religions in all countries can round up the mavericks and brand them with the name of their particular sect of heathens. The Liberals, Infidels, Atheists, Freethinkers, Agnostics, Rationalists, Materialists, Pantheists, Monists, etc., not having learned the standard truths about God and life are about as quick to hit the "sawdust trail" to the branding pen of Billy Sunday as any others. No people can possibly know they are being lied to until they learn what the truth is on the subject, and then using it as the standard can easily detect the lies. There are hundreds of heathenizing sects teaching lies about God and life, with small and great differences, for want of knowledge of the standard truths on those subjects by the people. Those truths never having been discovered before in all the ages there was no standard of truth known for the people to learn.

At last, in Kerr's discoveries, the people have the standard truths about God and life to guide them by on all occasions. It only remains for the people to learn them to be able to protect themselves from being imposed on by the teachers of any lies on those vital subjects. Every parent who reads this article should be able to understand it and recognize the supreme importance of having his children learn Kerr's Discoveries. If they do not, as sure as they live they will be victimized and heathenized. None can possibly escape it in any other way.

Mr. W. A. Sunday is demonstrating how easily it is for a vehement and persistent ignoramus or liar on nature to deceive the people and drive them into heathenizing societies. Doctors, lawyers, scientists and educators hit the "sawdust trail" with the illiterate rabble as eagerly to be labeled idolaters and heathens as the most ignorant, and all for lack of knowledge of the standard truths that learning Kerr's Discoveries would give them.

PROPOSED LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM BEING HEATHENIZED.

The greatest necessity in legislation is a drastic Federal law to protect minors from being heathenized by those infatuated with the characters of fiction named God and Christ and other heathen idols. Those who have the honesty, intelligence and ability to learn Kerr's Discoveries should have their children protected from being heathenized by idolaters who do not want to know those discovered truths and will not try to learn them. Legal protection for this purpose must come in time and the sooner the subject is agitated and people aligned in favor of it the sooner it will be enacted and children protected by law from being heathenized. The way is clearly pointed out and has been followed by those who want their children protected by law from being taught to use tobacco, liquor and narcotics by those who deal in those goods. A far greater evil than all those combined is the heathenizing of the children. They should be and must be protected by drastic laws from being taught idolatry by those addicted to that vice or those who teach it for a salary. If the Federal or state constitutions are in the way of such a law owing to the guarantee of religious liberty and the free exercise thereof then such constitutions must be amended to conform with the rights of the people to have their children protected from being heathenized owing to these new discovered truths in nature that no real god exists, that man has no soul and that death ends consciousness forever. Those who learn these newfound truths must deny the right of any person, society or the state itself to heathenize their children, and prohibit them by law from doing so.

It is ascertained that practically all people are heathenized in childhood and those who are not are much harder to heathenize owing to their fixed habits of mind and actions. If children can be protected from the teachers of idolatry until they are twenty-one years old the chances are a large majority of them never could be heathenized and that they could easily be taught Kerr's Discoveries and won for civilization and enlightenment the balance of their lives.

The prohibitory laws against heathenizing minors would probably have to be enacted by the states first until the demand got strong enough to make it a Federal law as the liquor prohibition laws and the equal suffrage laws are being enacted.

Parents should be prohibited from heathenizing their own children the same as they are now from giving or teaching them to use narcotics, and in prohibition states from giving or teaching them to use intoxicating liquors. It is being recognized that children have some rights that even their parents must respect if they have to be forced by law to do so. And what greater rights do they need than to be allowed to grow up to be civilized and enlightened citizens? And they should be protected in that right against the desire of their parents to heathenize them.

If you are in favor of such protection for the children I invite and urge you to join the C. O. H. at once and aid in its educational work of making known Kerr's Discoveries. Nothing can be done in this direction until large numbers learn those discovered truths of nature as none except such people will want the children protected from being heathenized.

THE NEUTRAL NATIONS CAN AND SHOULD STOP THE EUROPEAN WAR.

A Petition to President Wilson.

Whereas the great nations of Europe and their colonies are engaged in a war more destructive to life and property than any in history, and which endangers life and property of all nations, and which may continue for years owing to the vast resources in men and wealth of the beligerents, it is therefore the duty of the neutral nations to organize and take such action in unison as may force the cessation of the war in the interest of the human race in general.

With this object in view the Church of Humanity, through its president, respectfully petitions the president of the United States to invite all neutral nations to appoint delegates to a permanent convention to meet in Washington and devise ways and means of ending the war.

W. H. KERR,
President of the Church of Humanity.

INCREASE OF CRIMES AND DEATHS IN PHILADELPHIA PROVES ITS BILLY SUNDAY SPASM WORTHLESS.

The increase of crimes and deaths in Philadelphia while its Billy Sunday spasm is in full heat should prove to anyone capable of using good sense that the gods Billy worships are not worth the lead it takes to write their names as aids or protectors of the people who worship them.

I shall let the police tell the story of Philadelphia's robberies as follows:

"From January 1 until yesterday 1133 robberies were committed in this city. The total losses involved were $119,446.48.

Not only was there an extraordinary increase in the total compared with previous years but the daring character of the robberies running the whole gamut of theft, has served to spread fear throughout the city.

"Outstanding in the list is the fact that there were forty-seven highway robberies during the first fifty days of the year, which are covered by the official police reports. In addition to these, close to one day, there were five other cases, in which storekeepers were held up and robbed in their business places, several bound and gagged.

Were Mr. Sunday's God and Christ real beings they could make themselves useful as members of the police force.

Deaths from diseases have also increased over previous years when Billy wasn't there as the following report shows for the week ending February 20.

"Deaths from the so-called winter diseases, pneumonia and kindred complaints, sent the total of deaths up to 533 this week, eleven more than last week and forty-one more than the corresponding period last year."

Were Mr. Sunday's God and Christ real being they could make themselves useful as doctors also.

Were I as handy at swearing as Billy is I would be tempted to remark that gods who will not aid the police and doctors in protecting the people from criminals and diseases are not worth a darn.

SOME IFS.

If you wish to be a civilized and enlightened human being you must learn Kerr's Discoveries.

If you wish to raise civilized and enlightened children they must be taught Kerr's Discoveries.

If you wish your children protected from being heathenized by liars on nature you must join the Church of Humanity and aid it all you can in its educational and organizing work so it can provide the necessary teaching of Kerr's Discoveries everywhere for their protection wherever they live.

If you wish an enlightened world for your posterity to live in you must aid in the teaching of Kerr's Discoveries which is the only knowledge that can ever accomplish that object.

If you wish the people enlightened, your children protected from the heathenizers, a civilized world for you rposterity to live in you must aid in having your wishes realized, if not, you are a fool.

WHO WANTS ONE?

As soon as I receive 500 advance orders for them I shall publish a book of four or five hundred pages entitled "The Truth About God and Life" teaching Kerr's Discoveries and composed of selected articles from the files of our church paper, and designed for a text book on this most important of all knowledge. Price will be $1.50 post paid. If you will take a copy please let me know by a return card containing full address.

The following orders have been received for copies:

Wm. Milburn, Wis.; Henrich Kraus, Utah; C. E. Case, Utah; Chas. A. Clark, 2 copies, Ia.; F. C. Dommeyer, N. Y.; Otto Schmidt, N. Y.; Carl Grimm, N. Y.; The G. A. M. Band, N. Y.; Frank Zmst, 2 copies, Kans.; Frank H. Derby, 2 or 3 copies, Pa. Total 13 copies.

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